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JUN 28 Former U. R. Students Wedded



Lt. and Mrs. David Shepard Baldwin, whose marriage took place in Hampshire House, New York City, Sunday afternoon, are graduates of the University of Rochester. Mrs. Baldwin is the former Halee Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris of New York, and Lt. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baldwin of Palisades Park, this city, was graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine this month.

—Photo by Stetiner

Dr. Baldwin Weds Halee Morris Sunday

The Cottage of Hampshire House, New York City, was the setting of the wedding last Sunday afternoon of Miss Halee Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris of New York, and David Shepard Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baldwin of Palisades Park. The Rev. Aaron Eiseman of New York who had married the bride's parents, performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a bouffant gown of candelight satin. The deep Bramley collar was fashioned of rose point lace and had been worn by the bride's mother at her wedding. The bride's veil of heirloom princess lace was arranged in Madonna style. She carried a bouquet of gladioluses with ivy and rhododendron leaves.

Miss Margot Hellbrunn of this city was the bride's only attendant. Her gown was of yellow dotted marquette and she carried a bouquet of rubrum lilies and ivy leaves.

Dr. Olvin Ureles of this city was best man.

The bride and her attendant were both graduates of the University of Rochester and are members of Theta Eta sorority. The bride was also a member of Marsiens and during the past winter was on the staff of Radio Station WOR in New York.

Dr. Baldwin did his undergraduate work at the U. of R. and also received his medical degree from the UR Medical School on June 16. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honorary society. He holds a commission of Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps Reserve.

After a wedding trip to Cold Springs, N. Y., Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin will leave for St. Louis, Mo., where Dr. Baldwin will serve his internship at Barnes General Hospital.



Douglas Bly



George Brown

Two Entertainers Added To 'Stage Door' Benefit

Two more local entertainers have been added to program of the Stage Door Canteen Revue to be given in Immaculate Conception auditorium on Sunday,



May 20, under sponsorship of the New York Central Station Military Service Center.

Known as the sentimental baritone, Alfred Bradshaw, featured singer of the Stage Door January, 1944 will present a program of popular song hits while Pfc Stanley Wardynski, Co. A of the N. Y. Guard will offer several impersonations.

Last year Bradshaw covered 3,500 miles in army camp hospital tour at his own expense. He is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II and has appeared in nearly 200 shows for members of the armed forces.

He will begin his second annual Military Hospital Tour on July 1 when he visits the Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. His tour will be financed through funds raised at the May 20th entertainment.

Pfc. Wardynski has been put-

ting on shows at USO centers for the past two years. Among the impersonations he will offer at the Stage Door Canteen Revue will be those of Lionel Barrymore, Jimmy Fidler, Jerry Colonna, Ned Sparks, Fred Allen and the Late Ben Bernie and Frank D. Roosevelt.

Other features billed for the show included the Liederkans Male Chorus and the Sergeant & Greenleaf Melody Hour.

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Canteen Marks 1st Anniversary

Stage Door Canteen will mark its first anniversary by presentation of its 52d weekly vaudeville show at 7 p. m. Sunday at New York Central Service Center.

Alfred Bradshaw, the "Sentimental Baritone," the Mula Sisters and the Four Belles will be starred. Pfc. Abe Thurmin will present his conception of hypnotism with Mary Joyce as subject. An "All-Star Variety Review of Song and Dance" will round out the program. Jimmy Devine will enter his second season as master of ceremonies. The Air Corps Mothers will serve dinner at 6, with members of the University of Rochester V-12 unit guests of honor.

Singer in Hospital Show on Tour

Alfred Bradshaw, the Sentimental Baritone, featured singer since January, 1944, of the stage Door Canteen, Military Service Center, New York Central Station, will present a program of popular song hits at the Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., on Sunday, July 1.

The Stage Door Canteen second annual army camp hospital tour will make its first stop at that time.

Last year Bradshaw covered a 3500 mile army camp tour at his own expense and was well received by the men of the armed forces in each of the camps he visited. He is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II and has appeared in nearly 200 shows for the armed forces. He devotes his spare time and donates his services to this cause. He has won a host of friends for his generous attitude and modest manner.

A benefit performance by the Stage Door Canteen featuring the Liederkranz Choral Society will be held at the Immaculate Conception Auditorium on Sunday evening, May 20, 8 p. m. The entire proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of this hospital tour.

Flyer Cited for Heroism In Freeing Dangling Bomb

Bombs were away—but one bomb was hanging by its arming wire in the bomb bay and in momentary danger of exploding.

Capt. Frank A. Celentano, navigator-bombardier on the Flying Fortress, "The Battle Wagon," discovered the hanging bomb, and at great personal risk, without his parachute, he



CAPT. F. A.
CELENTANO

balanced himself over the open bomb bay and with his hands twisted the arming wire until it broke, allowing the bomb to fall free.

That's part of the story contained in the citation which accompanied the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, received by Captain Celentano for "extraordinary achievement while serving as navigator-bombardier on the leading aircraft of his squadron on a bombing mission" over Germany on Oct. 4, 1943.

Captain Celentano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Celentano, 8 Miller St., is stationed somewhere in England. The award was presented by Col. J. K. Lacey, commanding officer.

Heroism Commended

The citation continues:

"Captain Celentano assisted in driving off repeated enemy attacks and released his bombs directly on the target and helped destroy an important military objective . . . Due to the courage and responsibility of Captain Celentano, the aircraft and crew safely returned from the mission. The example of skillful airmanship you displayed on this mission was a credit to

yourself and the group. It is through such acts that we are able to continually press home our blows to the enemy."

18 Raids Completed

Enlisting in the Air Forces the day after Pearl Harbor, Captain Celentano has now completed 18 raids over enemy territory. He is a graduate of Franklin High School and Cornell University and was first year law student at Cornell when he enlisted.

Two brothers are also in the Air Forces. Pfc. John is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill., and Corp. Dominick is serving as a radio operator at Hensley Field, Dallas, Tex.

The captain's wife is the former Patricia Rice of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

DFC Awarded To Navigator

Navigator-bombardier aboard a Flying Fortress, Capt. Frank A. Celentano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Celentano, 8 Miller, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" on a bombing mission over Germany Oct. 4.

According to the story told in the citation which accompanied the captain's decoration, when a bomb hung by its wire from the bomb bay, after other bombs had been dropped, Celentano, "at great personal risk, without his parachute," balanced himself over the open bomb bay and broke the wire allowing the bomb to fall.

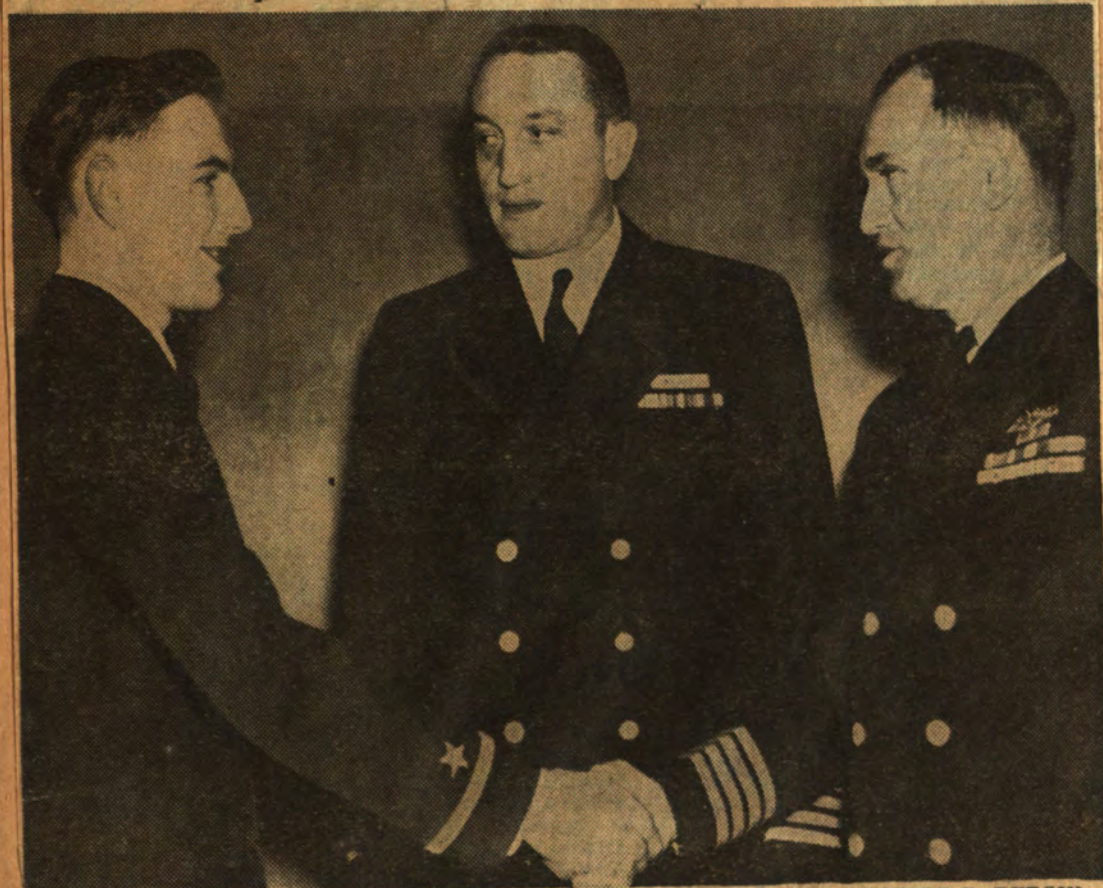
"Captain Celentano assisted in driving off repeated enemy attack and released his bombs directly on the target and helped destroy an important military objective. . . . Due to the courage and responsibility of Captain Celentano, the aircraft and crew safely returned from the mission," the citation added.

Graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and Cornell University, the officer enlisted in the Army Air Forces the day after Pearl Harbor while he was in his first year at Cornell Law School. Two brothers, Pfc. John and Corp. Dominick, also are in the air forces. The captain's wife is the former Patricia Rice of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Somehow the boy next door never seems a very likely candidate for heroic citation. Friends of Capt. Frank A. Celentano, navigator-bombardier of a flying fortress, however, are pretty proud of his most recent achievement. Captain Celentano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Celentano, of Rochester, has made 18 raids over enemy territory. On a recent sortie he discovered that after the bombs had been released, one bomb accidentally still hung by its hanging wire and was in danger of exploding momentarily. The captain balanced himself over the open bomb bay, without a parachute, and released the bomb from its wire. Col. J. K. Lacey, commanding officer, in giving the citation, said of Captain Celentano: "The example of skillful airmanship you displayed on this mission was a credit to yourself and the group. It is through such acts that we are able to continually press home our blows to the enemy."

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 1946

Diplomas with Bit of Braid



ENS. ROBERT E. CURTIS

CAPT. GEORGE C. TOWNER

CAPT. EDWARD R. DURGIN

4 Navy Officer Sources Cited at UR Graduation

Four possible future sources of Navy officers were outlined today by Capt. Edward R. Durgin, Washington, D. C., director of training and assistant chief of Navy personnel.

He spoke at the graduation of the first class of midshipmen to complete the full eight terms of college here under the Navy V-12 program. The ceremonies were held in Upper Strong Auditorium, River Campus.

Quoting from the Holloway Board recommendation to Congress for legislation to provide for officer training, he said that the four methods of training could include the Naval Academy, the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, a six-month indoctrination course for college graduates, and an NROTC program for the aviation branch.

Precedence lists for rank would be compiled on an individual, rather than institutional, rating, giving members of all four groups equal opportunities for advancement. Capt. Durgin explained.

One Rochester man, Robert E. Curtis, 296 Winchester St., was among the 19 graduates. Of the 800 men who started in the first

V-12 course at the university on July 1, 1943, only one "survived the rigors of the university and Naval transfers" to graduate with this class, Dean J. Edward Hoffmeister pointed out. He is Johann Stapelfelt, Breton Woods, N. J. All other members of this graduating class transferred here from V-12 units at other schools.

The men received their certificates of graduation and commissions as ensigns from Capt. George C. Towner, their commanding officer. They will be given academic degrees at the regular university commencement in June.

Except for one man, who will go to the Navy Supply Corps School at Harvard University, the new officers will go to Newport, R. I., for further training.

The Rev. Stephen T. Crary delivered the benediction. Tomorrow evening there will be a battalion dance in Cutler Union.

Airman Gets Fifth Award

Capt. Frank A. Celentano, 25, a Flying Fortress navigator with the Eighth Air Force in England, has



FRANK A. CELENTANO

been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal.

Captain Celentano is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Celentano, 8 Miller St. His wife lives at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. The airman enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor while in his first year at Cornell University Law School. He was sent overseas last May.

The award was made for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in 20 bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe."



Robert E. Curtis



Wilson H. DaBoll, Jr.

Germans Hold Son In Same Area As Dad in War I

PFC. WILSON H. DABOLL JR., 21, is a prisoner of the German government near the same area where his father was captured and held prisoner in World War I.



Prisoner that area.

His father, Marine Pvt. Wilson H. DaBoll, 203 Kenwood Ave., was held by the Germans for a year after he had been captured at Belleau Woods. As a prisoner he was forced to work in an enemy ammunition dump just back of the lines at Fere en Tardenois, where for seven weeks he was under constant artillery and airplane fire from American troops.

DaBoll Jr. is a graduate of Madison High and was attending the University of Rochester when he enlisted in the Army Reserves in December, 1942. He has been overseas since last October with a communications division of the First Army.

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr. Freed from Nazis

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr., 21, was one of the Americans liberated from the Bad-Orb prison camp, his

father, who lives at 203 Kenwood Ave., has learned in a letter from his son. The father also was a prisoner of the German Army in World War I.

Young DaBoll had been reported missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20. He is a graduate of Madison High and was attending the University of Rochester when he enlisted in the Army Reserve in December, 1942.



WILSON H. DABOLL JR.

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. DaBoll 203 Kenwood Ave., has been missing in infantry action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20.

He is a graduate of Madison High, enlisting in the Army Reserve in December, 1942, while a student at the University of Rochester, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.



Missing

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He entered service in June, 1943, and studied at City College of New York under the Army Specialized Training Program until it was discontinued. He was transferred to the infantry and went overseas last October with a communications division of the First Army.

Same Father

aged much," a father and wars decided after swapping stories of their treatment.

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr. was released on Easter Sunday from Bad Orb prison camp, the first camp liberated on the Western Front. His father was captured at Belleau Wood and imprisoned in the same area in the first World War.

"Dad's and my stories are different in places, but the gist is the same," Pfc. DaBoll said. "I think they even saved the same bread for us to eat—ours was just about as hard as the souvenir piece Dad kept."

"One slice of that and a bowl of watery, grass soup was all the food we had each day. After the first week, we couldn't even nod our heads without blacking out. If a drop of soup was spilled while it was being ladled out, we scooped it up wherever it fell."

"I guess we all lost our pride after a while," he said, bowing his head a little.

"We were given no medicine whatsoever and our only were iodine and some unpaper bandages. An spinal meningitis bro still no medicine."

"After we"



PFC. DA BOLL



ENSIGN AND BRIDE

Ensign William C. Dutton, USNR, and his bride are making their home in Boston, where Ensign Dutton, a graduate of Harvard, is stationed at the University. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dutton of Field Street.

Pfc. Robert Elam Wounded in Germany

Pfc. Robert Elam, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Elam, 121 Chapin St., was wounded in action in Germany Dec. 16, his parents have elarned. A graduate of Benjamin Franklin High, he attended the University of California for two years and returned to Rochester to graduate from the art school of the Rochester Institute of Technology. He was employed as an artist at the Rundel Memorial Library



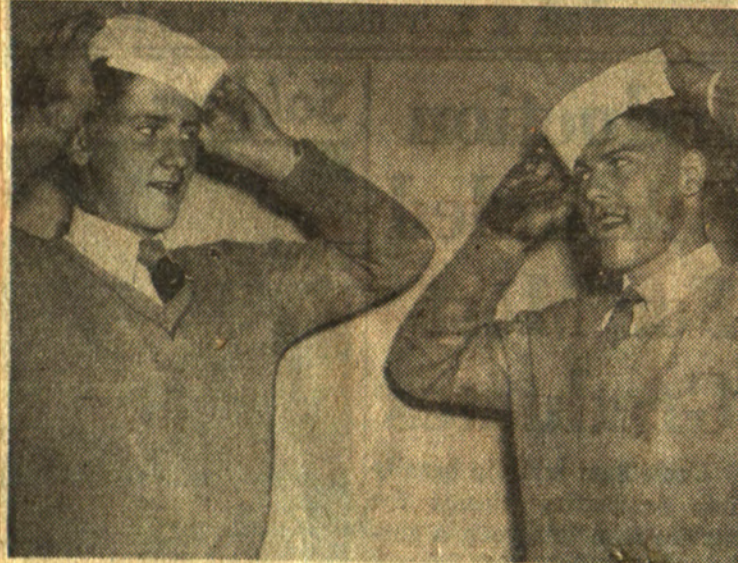
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when he was inducted in April, 1942, and went overseas early last year.

Tank Officer Advances

Lynn S. Fogg of 77 Primrose, has been advanced to first lieutenant in the Tank Corps.

Twins Await Navy Service at 18



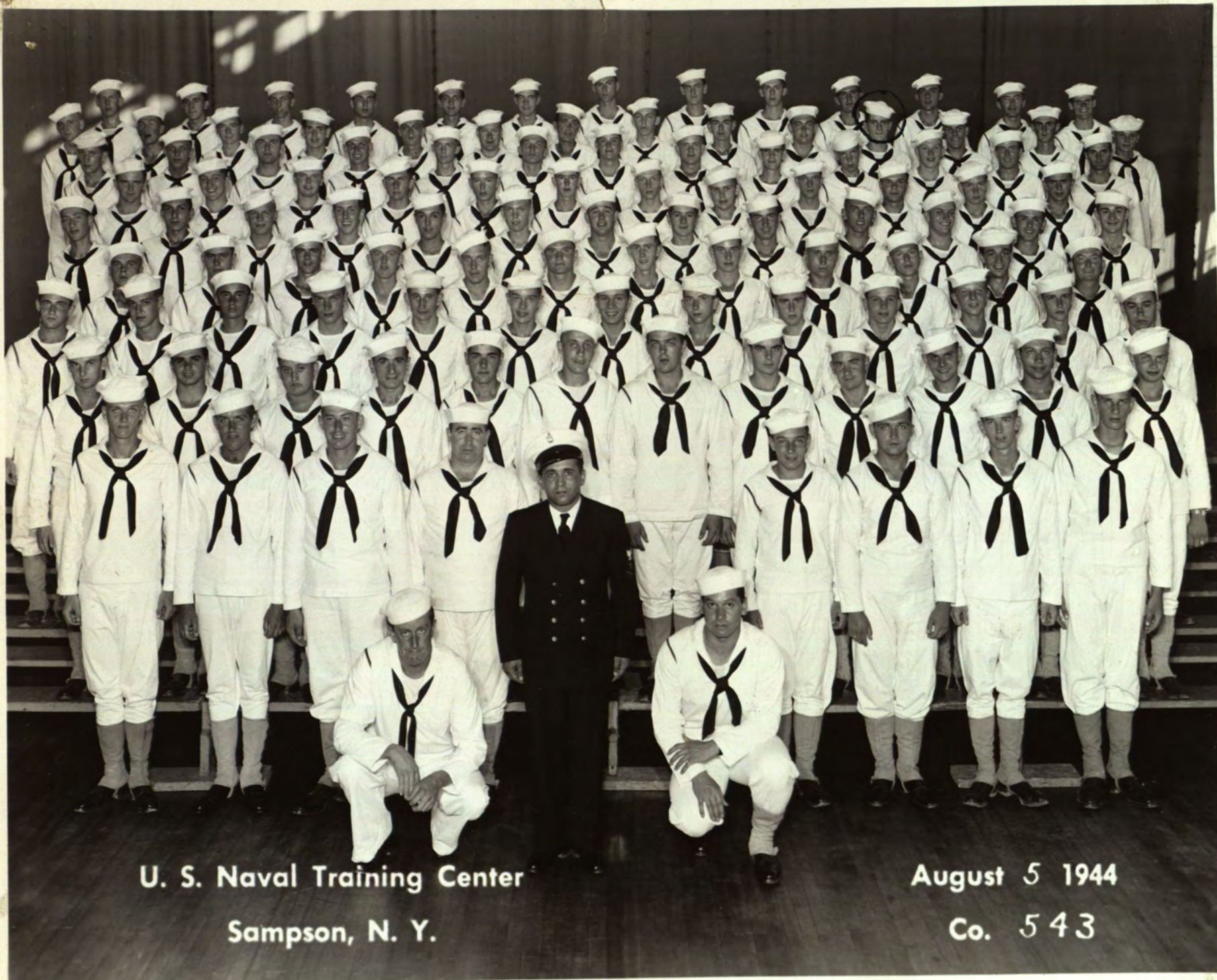
Donald Haeefe (left) and his twin brother, Robert, got an anticipatory thrill out of trying on a couple of sailor hats today when they applied for enlistment in the Navy. They'll be called when they pass their 18th birthdays next month.

Twins Hope For Dual Roles In Navy

Assigned for Navy physical examinations June 23, a pair of Rochester twins today had high hopes to remain together when they enter service.

The youths, Donald and Robert, 17, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Haeefe, 407 Garden Pk., applied for enlistment in the Navy together because they like the water, and, as their father expressed it, "They are uneasy when separated."

Both have won honors as expert swimmers. Robert has broken records on the John Marshall High School team and Donald is sectional diving champion. Robert recently became an accredited Red Cross instructor. They will be graduated from Marshall June 26.



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Donald Haeefe

Officer Takes Yale Course

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Lieut. Thaddeus W. Kucharski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Kucharski, 47 Manchester, is studying engineering with the Army at Yale University.

Lieutenant Kucharski was graduated from the University of Michigan in January, 1943. With a commission of second lieutenant dating back to May, 1942, he became a member of the Officer Reserve Corps. In February, he was called to active duty with the Corps of Engineers and sent to Yale for training.



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Engineer



William Kingston



William Kingston



Thaddeus W. Kucharski

Kucharski Made Supply Officer '44

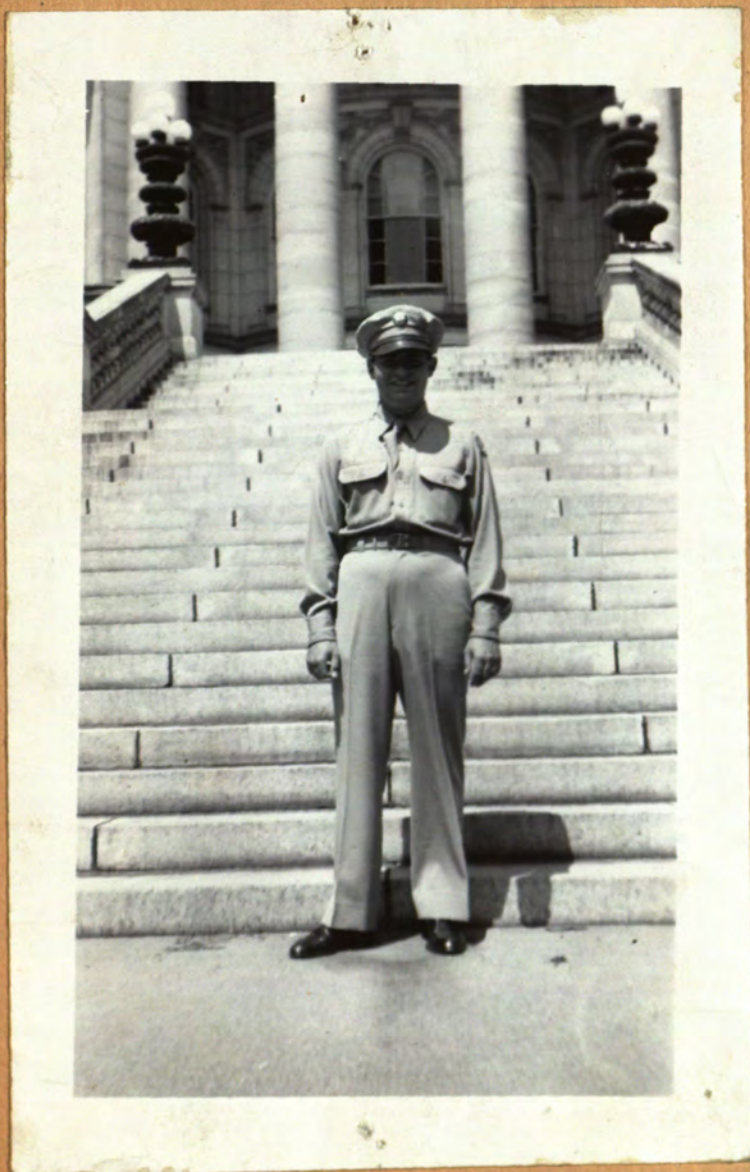
2d Lt. Thaddeus W. Kucharski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Kucharski, 47 Manchester, has been appointed technical supply officer at Great Bend Army Air Field, Tucson, Ariz.

Lt. Kucharski joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1938 while attending the University of Michigan and received his commission in June, 1942. He was activated upon graduation from the university last January.

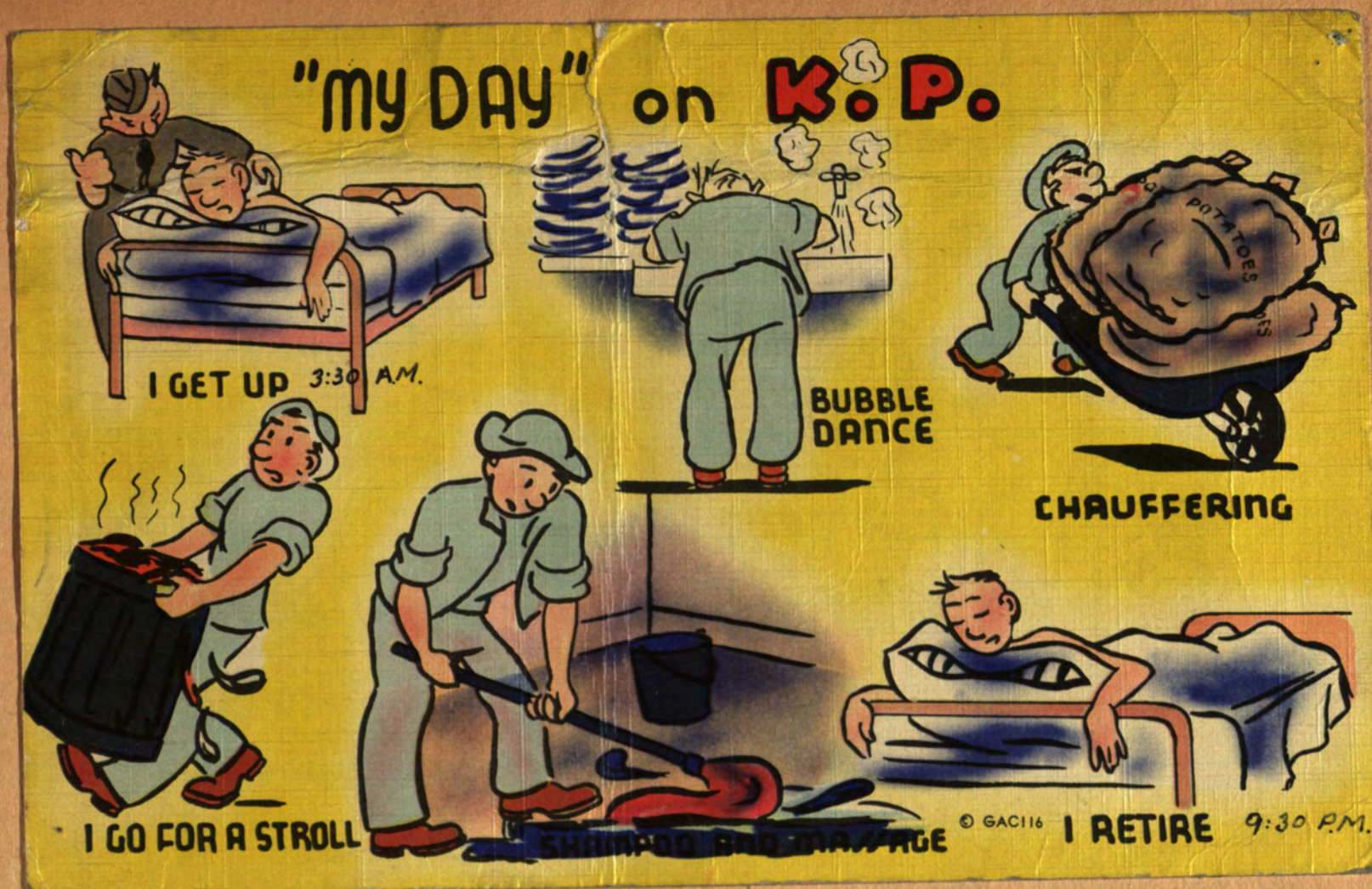
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Promoted by Air Corps
Thaddeus W. Kucharski, 47 Manchester, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Air Corps.



Philip Neivert



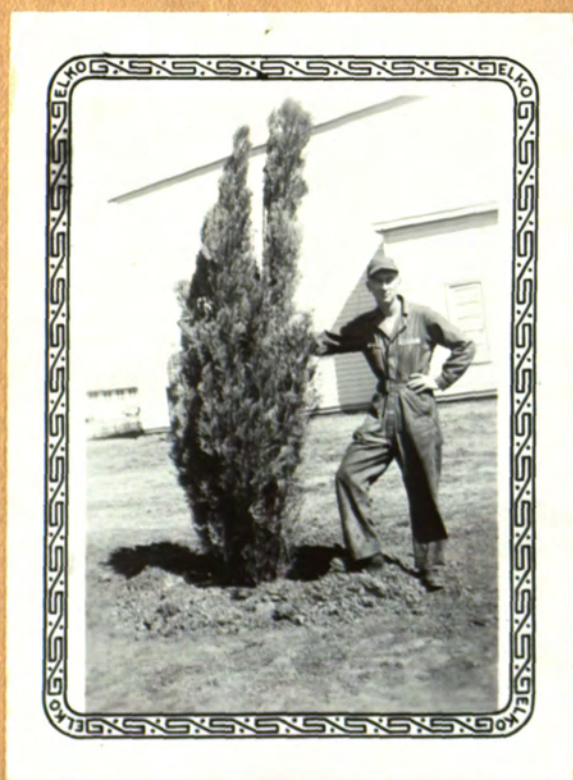
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Camp Sheppard

George Smith



Camp Sheppard



Fort Knox



George Smith

Area Men Win Awards In Services

Awards for outstanding service in the armed forces have been made to several Rochester area men. They include:

Bronze Star:

Pvt. Ferdy Epstein, 28 Cornell St.
Sgt. George L. Latt, 175 Rosedale.
Pvt. John H. Street, 57 Marion.
Pvt. Zygmund Nowak, 350 Taft.
Cpl. Ralph H. Hall, 28 Seager.
First Lt. Phil A. Tischner, 30 Homer.

Sgt. Eugene E. Wahl, 111 Asbury.
Tech. Fifth Grade Robert C. Brown, 442 Beahan Rd.

Bronze Star and Clusters:

Staff Sgt. Patrick G. Smaldone, 587 Dewey.
Tech. Sgt. James H. King, 373 Alexander.

Distinguished Flying Cross with Cluster:

Lt. Col. William E. Bailey, 900 East Ave., third cluster.

Air Medal:

Second Lt. Arthur W. Steinfeldt, 870 Monroe Ave.
Sgt. John J. Canfield, 56 Earl.
Second Lt. Edward A. Bietzer, 15 Webster Cres.

Air Medal with Clusters:

Second Lt. Manuel E. Agnello, 47 Clairmont, second cluster.
First Lt. Roy E. Brockman, 102 Barton, fourth cluster.
Staff Sgt. A. L. Botting, 61 Kron, third cluster.

Second Lt. Michael Carlotta Jr., 15 Sander, one cluster.

First Lt. Richard C. Hutchinson, 1179 Genesee St., second cluster.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Wilting, 164 Wilsonia, fourth cluster.

First Lt. Harrison P. Donahue, 351 Gregory, third cluster.

Tech. Sgt. William E. Rice, 107 Kansas St., fifth cluster.

Second Lt. Douglas E. Benedict, 2797 Chill Rd., second cluster.

Purple Heart:

Pfc. James Sanders Jr., 127 Knickerbocker, posthumously.
Marine Pfc. Robert J. Cronin, 293 Brooks Ave.

Pvt. LaVerne S. McIntyre, 511 Glide.

Tech. Fifth Grade William R. Neubieser, East Rochester.

Unit Citation:

Cpl. James E. Dittmar, 546 Augustine.

Tech. Sgt. Erwin V. Martens, 676 Joseph Ave.

Distinguished Unit Badge with Cluster:

Sgt. Leo S. Dronzekski, 77 Kosciusko, one cluster.

Second Lt. Robert A. Balin, 60 Hazelwood Ter., one cluster.

Croix de Guerre:

Sgt. Eldridge R. Muir, 17 North Road, Scottsville.

Several Area Fighters Win Decorations

Several Rochester area men have received decorations for outstanding service in the armed forces. They are:

Distinguished Flying Cross:

First Lt. Donald L. Hastings, 517 Clay.

Air Medal:

Second Lt. Arthur W. Steinfeldt, 870 Monroe Pl.

Sgt. William J. Lewis, 188 Congress.

Air Medal with Clusters:

First Lt. Harrison P. Donahue, 351 Gregory, third cluster.

First Lt. Richard C. Hutchinson, 1179 Genesee St., second cluster.

Second Lt. Theodore F. Scanlan, 630 University, one cluster.

Tech. Sgt. Emanuel J. Cappello, 299 Lyell, third cluster.

Distinguished Unit Badge:

Pfc. Robert J. Heier, 79 Cope-land.

Sgt. Kenneth E. Maynard, 752 Culver.

Meritorious Service Ribbon:

Vincent A. Sica, 248 Davis.

JANUARY 9, 1945

Engines Hit, Flyer Lands 'Fort' Safely

Second Lt. Arthur W. Steinfeldt, 20, son of George F. Steinfeldt, 870 Monroe Ave., was bombardier aboard an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress which recently crash-landed near the Dutch-Belgium frontier after three flak-damaged engines had quit and the fourth engine started smoking.

Over Berlin, flak knocked out the No. 2 engine, and the crew began the long journey back to England on only three engines. Two hundred miles from Berlin another flak-damaged engine quit and the "Fort" started losing altitude, according to an Army communication from the lieutenant's base.

Last Engine Smokes

Then, as they came along the Dutch coast avoiding German ground fire as much as possible, the No. 3 engine quit and the plane began losing altitude rapidly, although it still plowed on homeward.

When the fourth and last engine began smoking badly, the pilot, First Lt. Kenneth O. Burkheimer of New Franklin, Mo., decided it was time to land, and he brought the bomber in for a crash-landing in a field. It was a smooth landing, crew members agreed, and no one was hurt. The plane wasn't even damaged as badly as they usually are after such landings.

Cared for by British

British forces nearby took care of the crew that night and later they were flown back to England.

Lieutenant Steinfeldt is a member of the 388th Bombardment Group, a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its shuttle mission to Africa when Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg were bombed.

Flyer Safe After Crash On Continent

Second Lt. Arthur W. Steinfeldt, 20, of 870 Monroe Pl., was bombardier on an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress that recently crash-landed near the Dutch-Belgium frontier after three flak-damaged engines had quit and the fourth started smoking.

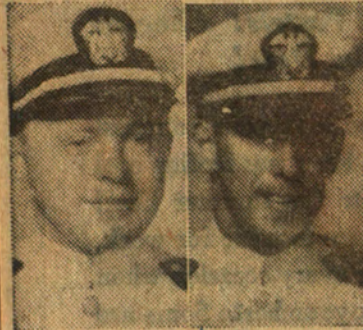
Over Berlin, flak knocked out No. 2 engine, and 200 miles from Berlin on the trip back to England another one quit and the Fortress started losing altitude. Avoiding German ground fire as far as possible, the ship reached the Dutch coast just as No. 3 conked out. The altitude needle began to fall more rapidly.

Even with only one engine pulling, the plane was ploughing along homeward. But when No. 4 started smoking, there was nothing for the pilot, 1st Lt. Kenneth O. Burkheimer of New Franklin, Mo., to do but crash-land in a field. After a night on the continent, the crew was flown back to England to continue duties.

The bombardier is the son of George F. Steinfeldt.

2 Naval Ensigns Get 'Wings of Gold' ✓

Navy "Wings of Gold" and commissions as ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve have been received by two Rochester men following completion of their train-



James H.
Wirth

Martin L.
Suter

ing at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla. The two are James H. Wirth, 21, of 121 Masseth St. and Martin L. Suter of 248 Field St. D+C-6-26-44

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'We Hit a Ship'**City Soldier Tells
Of Collision at Sea**

"We hit a ship in the North Sea—collided with it—and sank it."

And with that a Rochester soldier now in Germany proceeded to give an eye-witness account of the collision Nov. 4 of the U. S. transport Gen. M. L. Hersey with the million-dollar Argentine luxury liner, Maipu. The liner sank but all 238 passengers and crew were saved.

The account was given in a letter from Pvt. Richard Gullo, 43d Signal Company, 43d Infantry Division, to his mother, Mrs. Rose Gullo of 29 High St. Pvt. Gullo was on the deck of the Hersey when the crash occurred.

EXCERPTS from his letter follow:

"I was standing on the bow on the starboard side watching this terrific fog roll in. Visibility was about 200 yards. Then our ship started blowing her whistle . . . and I heard this other boat in the fog answering.

"Then all of a sudden I saw the outlines of the ship off our starboard bow, right where I was standing.

"At first it looked like it was going away from us. Then to my surprise I saw it was coming towards us. I remarked to the guy beside me that it was going to be pretty close.

"It was getting closer and closer. All the while both ships were blowing their whistles. Then to our amazement we saw it was going to hit. It seemed so unbelievable that I didn't even get scared. I just couldn't believe it.

"I ran back and braced myself against a bulkhead and watched in amazement. We hit it with our bow right amidships. There was a flurry of sparks, a great crunching sound and wreckage flew.

"OUR BOAT rolled way over to starboard. That was when I got scared. I thought we were going to tip over. But she righted herself almost immediately and I knew then that we were okay.

"Our own ship was thrown into reverse and I could see a great gash in the side of the other boat and it was listing way over.

"You can imagine the confusion on our ship. The guys in the mess hall were thrown over and trays and food and all went flying all over. The guys in the bunks were thrown off. And to make it worse, when we hit, the



PVT. RICHARD GULLO

jolt made all the lights on the boat go out for a brief instant. . . .

"I WAS SURE GLAD to be on deck when it happened. You can just imagine the mess when 3,000 startled guys stampeded the stairways for the deck.

"Some people were jumping over the sides (of the other ship) and our boats were picking them up. There was oil slick everywhere and wreckage strewn for yards. . . . We had hit their refrigeration unit and you could see big hunks of meat floating around.

"Most of the survivors were in pajamas or underwear. One guy had shaving cream on his face. By this time the fog was so dense the ship was hidden from view so none of us actually saw it sink."

Pvt. Gullo told of the rescue of other passengers and of docking safely in Bremerhaven. He concluded with, "And that's it."



MOBILIZATION

Record number of Army and Air Force enlistees was set yesterday when 55 young men signed up for service, breaking previous

top enlistment figure of January, 1948. Lt. Thomas Gorman of recruiting office is shown signing up Joseph Graham, Penfield.

Recruiters Set Record With Signing of 55 Here

In a day described as "the biggest we've ever had," Army and Air Force recruiters yesterday established a new record for the Northern New York State district.

They signed up 55 men at the Federal Building. Thirty-eight went into the Air Force, and 17 enlisted in the Army. The old district record of 52 was set on a day in January, 1948, also by the Rochester station.

Lt. William Walters, assistant recruiting officer, said he did not believe the news of large Chinese armies in Korea had much to do with the record crowd. The enlistees, he said, "have all been lined up for weeks."

The list of Air Force enlistees follows:

Warren R. DeWitt, 20, of 2893 Buffalo Rd.; Richard Fyles, 20, of Webster; William B. Ames, 19, of 759 Flower City Pk.; Richard C. Voelkl, 19, of 345 Alexander St.; William F. Wagner, 20, of 495 Lake view Pk.; and Allan C. Trumble, 20, of 1258 Lake Rd., Webster; Nicolo J. Acciaio, 20, of 7 Lorimer St., Webster; Kerschner, 20, of 41 Heberle Rd.; Donald H. Hart, 19, of 22 Monroe Pkwy.; Frederick K. Leutung, 18, of 35 Seneca Ave.; Jerome B. Raffelson, 20, of 286 Fair Oaks Dr.; and Ronald A. Huscher, 20, of West Webster.

Robert A. Reichardt, 21, of 14 Danforth St.; John F. Walker, 20, of 90 Aldine St.; Donald P. Davis, 20, of 287 Barton St.; Francis W. Bucher, 20, of Palmyra Rd., Fairport; Louis J. Litzenger, 19, of 2 Treyer St.; Ralph R. Simolo, 20, of 122 Weld St.; Richard G. Van Geyten, 18, of 48 South Ave., Webster; Kenneth A. Berner, 20, of 824 Ridge Rd. E.; Robert R. Reed, 20, of 320 Weymouth Dr.; David A. White, 20, of Marion; Charles G. Van Neil, 20, of 1529 Penfield Rd.

John T. Long, 20, of Mt. Morris; Robert T. Reese, 20, of Ransomville; David B. Calman, 20, of Canandaigua; Lowell T. Coleman, 18, of Perkinsville; Claude A. Herman, 20, of Marion; Louis A. Wage, 20, of Marion; Charles R. Kise, 18, of Rose; Karl M. Crittenden, 19, of Whitesville; Lloyd W. Eastman, 20, of Leicester; Charles L. Sigel, 17, of Clyde; William J. Recktenwald, 19, of Perkinsville; George W. Lahue, 20, of Mt. Morris; Eldon J. Cansdale, 19, of Cohocton; William E. Stanton, 18, of Marion; and Donald C. Baker, 21, of Walworth.

The Army enrolled: Edward D. Hoch, 20, of 1401 Lake Ave.; Gerard J. McMahon, 20, of 108 Clay Ave.; Walter Dowhy, 20, of 31 Thomas St.; Lloyd J. Ulrich, 20, of 52 Judson St.; Carl A. Weegar, 18, of 614 Geensee Pk. Blvd.; Charles L. Russo, 20, of 28 Texas St.; Joseph C. Graham, 20, of Penfield; Alfred W. Pietzold, 27, of 273 Bronson Ave.

Vito A. Calzone, 20, of 180 Portage St.; Warren A. Barrett, 20, of Hilton; Raymond F. Vit, of 25 Fairgate St.; James K. Peck, 21, of 87 Brookdale Ave.; Charles F. Hartman, 20, of Canisteo; Shirley J. Bickford, 20, of Wayland; Austin R. Chamberlain, 20, of Roosevelt Highway, Hilton; William J. Sage, 20, of 518 Thomas Cove Rd., Penfield; Gerald E. Deuel, 20, of 39 N. Main St., Fairport.

Germans Still the Same, Freed Son Tells Father

"The Germans haven't changed much," a father and son who were prisoners in two wars decided after swapping stories of their treatment.

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr. was released on Easter Sunday from Bad Orb prison camp, the first camp liberated on the Western Front. His father was captured at Belleau Wood and imprisoned in the same area in the first World War.



"Dad's and my stories are different in places, but the gist is the same," Pfc. DaBoll said. "I think they even saved the same bread for us to eat—ours was just about as hard as the souvenir piece Dad kept."

"One slice of that and a bowl of watery, grass soup was all the food we had each day. After the first week, we couldn't even nod our heads without blacking out. If a drop of soup was spilled while it was being ladled out, we scooped it up wherever it fell."

"I guess we all lost our pride after a while," he said, bowing his head a little.

"We were given no medical care whatsoever and our only supplies were iodine and some unsterilized, paper bandages. An epidemic of spinal meningitis broke out, and still no medicine or doctors."

"After we were liberated and got into Bad Orb, we found more medicine in each German medicine cabinet than we had all the time we were imprisoned there."

Huddled on Floor

"Through all the sicknesses, we all slept in one room, on the floor. We were huddled so tight that there wasn't room for anyone to lie on his back."

Most of the atrocities were cases of the slow starvation, Pfc. DaBoll said. There was the Russian prisoner who ate eight packages of C rations on the night of liberation and died of the effects of so much food at once. There was an American prisoner who traded a bite of food each day with a Russian prisoner for cigarettes until he starved to death.

"The Russians got a Red Cross package each week," Pfc. DaBoll explained. "The Americans only got one shipment, and then we had to divide one box among 40 men."

Marched for 5 Days

When DaBoll was captured, on Dec. 17, he was marched with thousands of other prisoners for five days, from sunup to sundown, with only two slices of bread a day and just the water they could scoop up from horse troughs and puddles along the way.

"Then we were huddled in box-cars, 65 to a car, and carted for four days and nights without a bit of food or water, until we reached the camp," he recalled.

All this time, they had been strafed by American planes as the result of the Germans' failing to mark the trains, and "some of the officers were killed."

Pfc. DaBoll will spend 60 days with his parents at their home, 203 Kenwood Ave., after which he will report to the Army rest camp at Lake Placid. He is a graduate of Madison High and attended the University of Rochester before he entered the infantry in June, 1942. He went overseas last October.



V-E DAY REUNION

Former prisoners both: Pfc. Wilson DaBoll Jr. and his dad compare pieces of German prisoner of war bread, one saved by the father from World War I and the other saved by the son from World War II. The soldier's mother is in center.

Freed GI in No Mood for Joy; Recalls Nazi Camp Horrors

A five-day "exhibition march" through bitter cold . . . soup made with the flesh of dogs and cats . . . scant rations of hard black bread . . . no drinking water, and threats of death—

Those were a few of the memories of Nazi horrors that kept Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr. from observing a boisterous V-E Day celebration yesterday.

With the matter-of-fact manner of one telling the events of a vacation trip, 22-year-old DaBoll sat in the livingroom of his parent's home at 203 Kenwood Ave. and recalled his experiences during five months in the Nazi Bad-Orb prison camp.

Freed Apr. 2

"We did most of our victory rejoicing on Apr. 2 when we saw a tank with the white star of the United States forces coming up the road to the camp," he explained. "It was then we were sure of being liberated."

Many of the prisoners were almost too weak to stand but "managed to break into a good trot" when the tank appeared. Battle sounds from the surrounding area had reached them the night before, the former University of Rochester student told. A tense atmosphere pervaded the camp through the early morning hours until the liberators appeared, he said.

Many of the Nazi guards had previously been ordered to the front lines, and only a skeleton staff remained to be captured by the liberating Third Army unit.

Privation, Torture

DaBoll's story of his imprisonment is an account of physical privation and hardship as well as psychological torture which drove many of his fellow prisoners to near-madness.

He was among American captives paraded in an "exhibition march" through hamlets and towns on the German border near Luxembourg. During that time, the prisoners, captured Dec. 17 in the Belgian Bulge, were exhibited to townspeople and peasants as the proud battle booty of their arrogant captors.

"The Germans stole shoes and gloves from some of the fellows,"

the youth told. "And people by the roadside laughed and spit at us."

After five days with little food and drinking water gulped from half-frozen mud puddles, the men were herded into box cars. The cars which had been constructed for a capacity of 25 passengers were used to accommodate approximately 65 prisoners apiece.

Many of them clad in nothing warmer than Army field jackets, the prisoners spent Christmas Day being shuttled across Germany. There was no food, and Nazi guards laughed when the Americans begged them for a sip of water.

Because the cars did not bear required markings which designate prisoner of war trains, their human cargos were strafed and bombed by Allied planes, and an heroic effort to sing Christmas carols "fell flat," DaBoll admitted. At the camp the barracks were so crowded the prisoners slept on the floor.

"We had to sleep on our sides," DaBoll explained, "because there was no room to lie flat without crowding someone else."

Dog, Cat Soup

Dog and cat soup was among the dubious dietary attractions at the camp, and, at one point, the prisoners stood in formation for an entire morning while German authorities searched out two men who—in an effort to get food—had participated in the hatchet killing of a Nazi guard.

"The Germans told us we would go without food until they found the men," DaBoll told. "And when the pair was discovered, the Germans took them away and sent the rest of us into the barracks."

The young serviceman, who was serving with an infantry unit, was imprisoned in the same area as his father who was captured with a Marine Unit at Belleau Wood during World War I.

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Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll

Pfc. Wilson H. DaBoll Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. DaBoll 203 Kenwood Ave., has been

missing in infantry action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20.

He is a graduate of Madison High, enlisting in the Army Reserve in December, 1942, while a student at the University of Rochester, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.



Missing

He entered service in June, 1943, and studied at City College of New York under the Army Specialized Training Program until it was discontinued. He was transferred to the infantry and went overseas last October with a communications division of the Army.

