



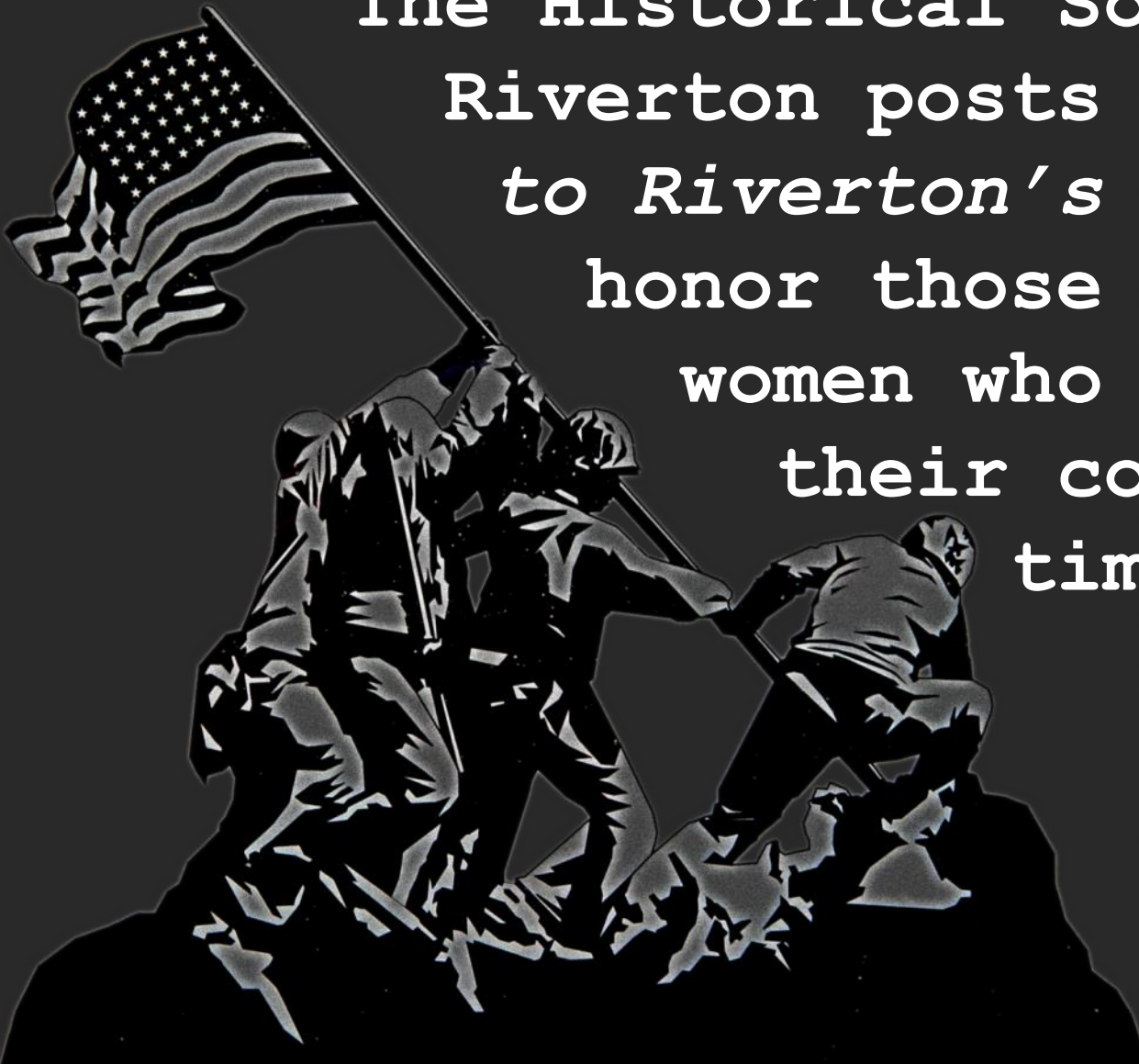
Honor Roll Album

A SALUTE TO
RIVERTON
VETERANS



Introduction

The Historical Society of
Riverton posts this *Salute*
to Riverton's Veterans to
honor those men and
women who have served
their country in
time of war.





Riverton Veterans' Memorial

The following names are listed on
the Memorial as of 11/2013.

ALLEN, JOSEPH W.
ARMSTRONG, VIRGINIA*
ATKINSON, DAVID J.
AYRES, JOHN F.
BAILEY, CHARLES H., JR.
BARCLAY, RICHARD M.
BARCLAY, WALTER S.
BARTLEY, ROBERT R.*
BARTO, HOWARD S.
BIDDLE, JAMES, W.*
BISHOP, CHARLES A.
BISHOP, GEORGE W.
BISHOP, HAROLD R.
BLYLER, DAVID N.
BORDEN, HENRY R.
BOTTGER, ROBERT H.
BRANIN, FRANCIS
BROWN, CHARLES R.
BROWN, JAMES W.
BRUNT, T. BAYARD, JR.
BURGUNDER, BUDD, JR.
BURHOE, JOHN M.*
BURHOE, ROBERT*
BURNS, ARTHUR, JR.
BURNS, JAMES H.
BURNS, JOHN A.

BURNS, JOHN J.
BURNS, WILLIAM J., JR.
CALDWELL, PORTER B.
CALDWELL, RICHARD
CARDEA, CHARLES J.
CARDEA, THOMAS A.
CARHART, ROBERT W.
CHATBURN, GEORGE*
CLELLAND, LOUIS, JR.
CLELLAND, ROBERT
CLEMENT, DONALD
CLEMENT, LEANDER M.
COBAUGH, LAWRENCE
CODDINGTON, CHARLES*
COE, BERNARD
COE, GILBERT R.
COLE, FRANCIS C.
CONWAY, BURTON K.*
CONWELL, IRVING
COOK, WILLIAM W., JR.
CRAIN, GRANT S.
CROWELL, JAMES G.
CROWTHER, HARRY J.
CUMPSTON, GEORGE
CUMNSTON, MAY A.*
DARE, GRANVILLE F.*

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DEITRICH, WILLIAM J.*
DEVITT, JOHN G.
DICKINSON, LARRISON
EVAUL, ROBERT H.
ELLIOTT, FRANK B.
ELLIOTT, HOWARD, JR.
ELLIOTT, MICHAEL B.
ELLIOTT, ROSS, JR.
FARROW, RUSSELL C.
FAUNCE, MICHAEL E.*
FLOWER, ROBERT T.*
FORD, JOHN F.
FORD, THOMAS J.
FOULKS, FREDERICK, JR.
FOWLER, THOMAS W.
FREEMAN, FREDERICK, JR.
FULLER, JOHN R.
GEISS, JOHN C.
GIBSON, HOWARD W.
GOOD, WILLIAM E.
GOODNOW, EDWARD G.
GOODNOW, WESTON, JR.
GOODWIN, BERNARD E.
GOODWIN, JAMES J.
GOOTEE, HARRY S.
GOOTEE, SHERMAN

GOULD, DAVID F.
GOULD, ROBERT E.*
GOWELL, ARTHUR G.
GRAY, LEON E.
GROOME, HARRY V.
GROOME, REGINA S.
HAAS, CLEMENT A.*
HAAS, WILLIAM B.*
HABERERN, WENDELL A.
HALLINAN, JOHN C.*
HAMELMAN, WILLIAM C.
HAMLIN, JAMES S.
HARDING, WILLIAM
HEBREW, EDWARD*
HEBREW, HARRY
HEISLER, ROY V.
HEMPHILL, JAMES
HICKS, FRED H.
HIGGINS, JAMES L.
HOLMES, WILLIAM W.*
HOPKINS, WILLIAM A.*
HORNER, GEORGE E.
HOYT, EDWARD N.
HOYT, L. ARTHUR
HULLINGS, JOHN N., JR.
HUNN, EDWARD J.

HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM B.
HYLTON, STANLEY J.
JAY, BURKE W.*
JONES, HARRY F.
JONES, NATHAN W.
JONES, THOMAS F.
KERNS, THOMAS K.
KING, BRUCE
KING, THALBERG, JR.
KNIGHT, GILES
KNIGHT, JOHN D.
KNIGHT, ROBERT, JR.*
LANE, NATHAN, JR.
LANGENBERG, FREDERICK*
LAVERTY, JOHN M.
LEZENBY, PHILIP R.
LEZENBY, WALTER J.
LILLEY, RICHARD C.*
LILLEY, ROBERT*
LONGSTREET, JOHN M.
LOREAU, ROBERT
MAGUIRE, JAMES A.*
MARTIN, BERNARD*
MASON, ROBERT W.
MATHEWS, FRANCIS
MATHEWS, JAMES F.

MATHEWS, JOHN B.
MATHEWS, JOHN J.
MATHEWS, ROBERT F.
MATHEWS, WILLIAM G.
MATTIS, GEORGE S.*
MATTIS, ROBERT N.
MCCURDY, ROBERT G.
MCDERMOTT, CARL T.*
MCDERMOTT, JOHN J.*
MCDERMOTT, PAUL C.*
MCDERMOTT, WILLIAM J.*
MCVAUGH, EDWIN S.
MCVAUGH, JOHN, JR.
MEALING, LESLIE
MEASEY, CLYDE F.
MECRAY, PAUL M., JR.*
MERRILL OWEN P.
MILLER, JOSEPH F.
MILLER, ROBERT F.
MINGLE, PHILIP
MOORHOUSE, EMILIE L.
MOORHOUSE, FREEMAN
MOORHOUSE, JOSEPH E.
MOORHOUSE, ROBERT A.
MOORHOUSE, WALTER F.
MORELAND, MILTON, JR.

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MORZE, CHARLES*
MORZE, EDWARD*
MUSTARD, JOHN K.*
MYERS, WILLIAM, JR.*
PAYNE, RICHARD F.*
PERKINS, A. CHARLES
PFAFF, ANDREW J.
PFAFF, HELEN T.
PHELPS, LESTER L.
RADER, CHARLES M.
RADER, DONALD F.
RADER, WILLIAM, JR.
REEVES, ALBERT M.
REYNOLDS, HAROLD*
RICCIO WILLIAM V.
RIDDLE, HARRY E.
RIDLEY, CHRISTINE W.
ROBBINS, DAVID W.
ROBBINS, LEWIS M.
ROBBINS, RICHARD
ROBBINS, LINDLEY C.
ROBERTSON, ROBERT, JR.*
ROBINSON, CHARLES
ROBINSON, HERBERT
ROBINSON, WOOD
RODMAN, PETER P.

RUFF, GILBERT U.
RUPPERT, JOHN A.
SARGENT, GORHAM JR.
SCATTERGOOD, WALTER*
SCHUTT, MATHIAS*
SCHWARTZ, SAMUEL
SEEMULLER, CARLETTE
SEEMULLER, JOHN G.
SHERMAN, JOSEPH
SHOEMAKER, VICTOR
SHRADER, EARL A.
SIDDALL, JOHN R.
SIDDALL, WILLIAM J.
SIMS, WILLIAM RODNEY
SMITH, C. EDWARD*
SMITH, EDWARD E.
SMITH, HILTON M., JR.
SMITH, JOSEPH A.*
SMITH, OLIVE R.
SMITH, WALTER L., JR.*
SOMERVELL, PHILIP
SPEER, ROYDEN J.
SPICKLER, CHARLES G.
STEBBINS, MELVIN
STEEDLE, GEORGE, JR.
STEEDLE, MORRIS J.

STEEDLE, WILLIAM X.*
STEEN, WILLIAM J.
STICKEL, HARRY*
STROHLEIN, RAYMOND
SUTTERS, ELMER E.
SWAIN, FRANK H.
SWAIN, WILMER C.
TAYLOR, RICHARD
TERRELL, LEO CHARLES
TERRY, LOIS M.*
THEIS, HAROLD T.
THOMPSON, LOREN B.
TRAUTMAN, EDWARD F.
TRAUTMAN, GEORGE
TYLER, DOUGLAS B.*
UNLAND, HARRY, JR.*
UNLAND, ROBERT B.*
VILE, EDWARD T.*
WAHL, WILLIAM F.
WALLACE, CHARLES F.
WALLACE, EDWARD L.
WALLACE, JOHN A.
WALLACE, JOSEPH L.
WALLACE, ROBERT P.
WALLACE, WILLIAM J.
WASHINGTON, WILLIAM D.

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WATERS, ARTHUR B.*
WATERS, ROBERT M.
WATERS, WILLIAM H.
WEBB, JAMES B., JR.
WEIGLE, PHILLIP, JR.*
WIGMORE, WILLIAM*
WILLE, HARRY A.*
WILLETS, CLARENCE
WILLIAMS, JOSEPH
WILLIAMS, JOSEPH M., JR.
WILLIS, ROBERT C.
WOLFSCHMIDT, JANE E.
WOOD, JAMES N.*
WOODWARD, FREDERIC L.
WRIGHT, DONALD G.
WRIGHT, ROBERT T.
YEARLY, JOSEPH L.*
YEARLY, LESTER R.*
YERKES, CLARENCE
YOST, JOHN H.
YOUNG, JOHN T. W.
YOUNG, MARY E.*
YOUNG, OLIVER F.*
YOUNG, WILLIAM H.*
ZELLER, JOHN P.

ADAMS, JOHN C.,JR.
AUGUSTYN, JOSEPH J. *
BANDINE , GENE J., JR.
BISHOP, EARL J.
BISHOP, NEIL
BRADLEY, JAMES A.
BROWN, WILLIAM C., JR.*
CIAMBELLA, RONALD L.
DALY, PAUL V., JR.*
DANIEL, ALFRED N.
DANIEL, JOSEPH N.
DANIEL, MICHELLE A.
DEPEW, CLIFFORD H., JR.
D'OLIER, FRANKLIN
FEENEY, JOSEPH
FENTON,ROBERT P.
GOFFREDO, DANIEL*
GWYNN, ROBERT LEE
HARRIS, NORMAN E.
HARRIS, ROLAND G.
MARTUCCI, PETER A., JR.
MARTUCCI, PETER A., SR.
MYERS, JEFFREY V.
PHELPS, RUSSELL P.
PIOTROWSKI, CASIMIR F.

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RICHMAN, HARRY W.
RAUTH, RICHARD A.
SMYTH, ROBERT E.
SOUDER, JAMES S.
SZULCZEWSKI, RAYMOND
WARK, JASON C.
WELDON, GERALD J., JR.
WILLIAMS, GEORGE D.

ADDED 11/2011

BAKER, GEORGE H.
BISHOP, CHARLES E.
BURNS, MICHAEL E.
CAIRNS, THOMAS A., JR.
COOK, WILLIAM W., SR .
EDSELL, GERARD C.*
FOUNTAIN-SCHOPP, J.E.
“BETTY” (“JEF”)*
MARTIN, JOHN J.
MASON, ALLAN P.
RABIL, MITCHELL J.
RAGOMO, RALPH J.*
SHAW, JOHN B.
SMYTH, EDWARD D.
STANTON, JAMES G.
STEVENSON, ROBERT B.

ADDED 5/2012

BIANCHINI, ARMAND J.
CREIGHTON, JR., JOSEPH A.*
HECK, ROBERT I.
HORNER, JR., GEORGE E.
HUBBS, DONALD R.
JOHNSON, ELWOOD C.*
LATIMER, JOHN S.
MATERA, JOSEPH
NORCROSS, BRYAN H
QUATTROCCHI, FRANK C
SCHWERING, ROBERT W.
STEEDLE, MONROE O.
TAYLOR, DONALD R.*
WHITELOCK, THOMAS C.

ADDED 11/2012

CATOE, ELTON
D'AMATO, DONALD
DEVECE, ALFRED W.
HOAD, PAUL M.
MACK, GEORGE A.
ULRICH, WILLIAM
WELLENS, ANTHONY R.

ADDED 5/2013

RICHARD N. BUCKALEW*
THERESA BUCKALEW*
JAMES HAMLIN
WILLIAM A. KUPPER JR.
GEORGE J. MACK JR.
ELLIOT RICHARDSON III
ROBERT E. RICHARDSON
FRANK SIEFERT
HERMAN R. TROUT JR.
SAMUEL WARGNY

ADDED 11/2013

JEFFREY R. COLE*
EDWARD J. LOHAN JR.
FRANK G. LOCKHART
WILLIAM G. LOCKHART
HARRY WATKINS



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Honor Roll Eligibility



Any present or former resident of the Borough of Riverton, living or deceased, who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, during a time of war, is eligible to have their name placed on the memorial.

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To verify eligibility, you must present a copy of your DD-214 (discharge papers) or a copy of your military orders.

Honor Roll Eligibility



Contact either

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jyd9168@verizon.net or

Bob Smyth Chairperson of the Riverton
Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
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Riverton Veterans Photo Album

Veterans' photos as of 11/17/2013 follow. We welcome receiving additional photos, scans, and information as well as any corrections to errors. Please contact the HSR.



CHARLES MORZE

SHERMAN GOOTEE

Sherman Gootee, U. S. Navy, has been promoted from Pharmacists Mate, third class, to Pharmacists Mate, second class. He is the son of Chief and Mrs. William Gootee, Lippincott avenue, Riverton.

New Era July 29, 1943

GOOTEE HOME AFTER LONG PACIFIC DUTY

Sherman Gootee, Ph. M. 1-c, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gootee, Lippincott avenue, Riverton, following 18 months active duty in the Pacific battle area.

He has been in the service for three years. Upon completion of his leave he will report for duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

New Era, April 5, 1945

Sherman C. Gootee, pharmacist's Mate 1-c, has ended a 30-day furlough with his parents, Police Chief and Mrs. William G. Gootee, 608 Lippincott avenue, Riverton. His visit came after 20 months duty in the South Pacific. He has served in the American, European, Asiatic and Philippine theatres of war and has had 31 months sea duty.

New Era, May 17, 1945

Aviation Student C. Edward Smith, of Riverton, has been transferred from Newport Army Air Field, Arkansas, to the University of Tennessee to continue his studies.

New Era, April 27, 1944



C. EDWARD SMITH

Mrs. C. Edward Smith, 110 West Broad street, is spending several weeks in Knoxville, Tenn., where her husband is an aviation student at the University of Tennessee.

New Era, June 22, 1944

CHARLES W. KIPP

Mrs. Charles W. Kipp, who with Mr. Kipp, has been spending the winter at the Hotel Butler Arms, St. Petersburg, Florida, wishes to thank her friends for the many birthday cards and letters which she received on her anniversary. Mrs. Kipp writes that she enjoyed a very happy day which was climaxed by a stunt party given by the hotel. Since the Kipps arrived in Florida on November 14, the sun has failed to shine on only two days.

New Era, March 18, 1943

SAMUEL J. COSTA

Arrival at a British port of a big American freighter, in April, brought a long awaited "liberty" for Gunner's Mate Samuel J. Costa, 19, of Riverton, N. J.

Assigned to a Navy gun crew aboard the merchant vessel, Costa's last trip ashore was in Africa where he had an opportunity to see the results of the Allied landing there.

"It was very interesting," he said, "but I've always wanted to see the British Isles and I'm not going to miss the chance now."

Costa is the son of Mrs. Frances Martello, Burlington Pike, Riverton. His brother, Anthony, 20, is in the Army.

New Era, May 6, 1943

LETTER FROM SPICKLER

The following are excerpts from a letter received from Charles Spickler, S 1-c, by his grandmother, Mrs. Ella Fogarty, Main street, Riverton.

At Sea

My Dearest Grandmom:

Just a few lines to say "hello" and to let you know that I am well. I miss you more every day. How are you feeling? How is everything at home?

Well, at last I can tell you where I have been lately. First, when we left California, we went to Pearl Harbor and there I was put on my ship. From there I have been at Eniwetok, a small island. I have also been at Saipan and now I just came back from the invasion of Iwo Jima, which you have most likely read about.

We sure did give the Japs plenty of trouble. The Marines did a wonderful job of mopping them up. At one time our ship was so close to the island that we could see the Marines and Japs with our naked eye and also see Old Glory flying high. And don't you think our Navy didn't give those Japs plenty of headaches. We kept shelling them day and night. Boy, what a sight!

I have some news for you. I saw Florence's (Mrs. W. M. Riccio, of Riverton) husband's ship, but I couldn't get to see him.

Give my regards to all my friends and write real, real, soon.

Charly.

CHARLES SPICKLER

New Era, April 26, 1945



JOHN D. KNIGHT

WILLIAM SIDDALL

Corporal Technician William Siddall is spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Siddall, after which he will be stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

New Era, March 11, 1943



FREDERICK C. FREEMAN, JR.



Boeing B-17
Flying Fortress

HENRY BORDEN

At the meeting of the Riverton Fire Company held on Tuesday night of this week, letters of thanks for packages of cigars and cigarettes were read from Corporal Henry Borden, who is in Africa and from Private William Wigmore, who is stationed in Australia. The gifts were sent to the men in service from the fire company.

New Era, March 11, 1943

ROBERT W. CARHART

Mr. and Mrs. John Carhart, of Riverton, recently received a V-Mail letter from their son, P.F.C. Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marines, saying that he is in fine health. Private Carhart is on active duty "somewhere."

New Era, March 11, 1943

SGT. FRED FREEMAN, OVERSEAS VETERAN, HOME FOR 30 DAYS

S-Sgt. Fred C. Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Freeman, of 420 Linden avenue, Riverton, arrived home last week after 14 months of overseas duty.

S-Sgt. Freeman, a ground crew chief with the Eighth Air Force was based in England but participated in several raids over France.

During his stay overseas Freeman acted as chief of five Flying Fortresses which were credited with eighty four missions in all. He also possesses the Presidential Citation and six battle stars.

Sgt. Freeman is a graduate of Palmyra High School and before entering the service in October, 1942, was employed by the Kieckhefer Container Company, in Maiden, Massachusetts.

He will remain at home for thirty days.

New Era, June 21, 1945

J.D. RANSOME

Flight Commander J. D. Ransome, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ransome, of Golf Road, Riverton, spent a brief furlough with his parents last week. He is stationed at Decatur, Alabama.

New Era, March 11, 1943



DOUGLAS B. TYLER



WILLIAM B. HAAS

Private William B. Haas, a student at the U. S. Army Motor Transport School, Miller Field, New York, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Haas, of Riverton.

New Era, May 14, 1942

HOWARD S. BARTO

Howard S. Barto, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Barto, of Riverton, received his commission last week as 2nd Lieutenant, U. S. Army, after graduating from the Officers' Training School at Camp Davis, N. C. Lieutenant Barto, who is in an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit, is now stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga.

New Era, March 11, 1943

GORHAM P. SARGENT

Pfc. Gorham P. Sargent is spending a sixteen-day furlough at his home on 100 Main street, Riverton. He returned from the European

Theatre of war on Tuesday, August 21.

New Era, August 30, 1945

NATHAN LANE, JR.

Nathan Lane, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lane, of Riverton, was recently promoted from Second Lieutenant to the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

New Era, March 4, 1943

TREES PLANTED FOR RIVERTON'S FALLEN

Riverton Public School Plants
Trees In Memory of Gold
Star Boys

(Issue New Era, April 18, 1919)

The following article was written for The New Era by Bessie Clark, one of the pupils in the Riverton Public School at the time the trees were planted.

Arbor Day exercises at the Riverton Public School included the planting of six trees for Riverton's gold star boys. The trees were placed in line with the other shade trees in front of the building and at one side.

Morris Steedle dedicated the first tree for Raymond Pratt. Raymond was born January 2, 1901. He enlisted. Influenza caused his death on October 1, 1918.

James Bradley's tree was dedicated by Richard Wanger, who gave a few facts about the hero's life. James Bradley was a sergeant-major in the Sixteenth United States Infantry. He was killed in action October 28, 1918.

Wallace Sullivan dedicated the tree and told a few facts about Raymond McGivney. Raymond was born in Kingston, N. Y., April 18, 1893.

He was a private in the 311th Ambulance Corps. He was killed on April 28, 1918.

Charles Kelly's tree was dedicated by Joseph Joyce. He said Charles Kelly enlisted in the Canadian Army and that he died October 12, 1918, of influenza.

Thomas Roberts Reath, who represented Riverton's first gold star, had a tree planted in his honor, which was dedicated by Malcolm Dickinson. This hero was killed on June 12, 1918. He was sergeant in the Fifth United States Marines.

Walter Kennedy was born October 1, 1892. He enlisted in the Marines and was killed on October 10, 1918. The tree for Walter Kennedy was dedicated by Raymond Bradshaw.

I know Riverton will never regret having planted those six trees. Every one who attended the Arbor Day exercises will feel that Riverton made a success of Arbor Day, 1919.

BESSIE CLARK.

WORLD WAR I GOLD STAR BOYS

It is requested that residents display their flags on Sunday in respect for Walter Kennedy, Riverton's only son who gave his life in the World War who has been brought home to be buried. Walter Kennedy was well known in Riverton and Palmyra, and was one of those upright, conscientious young men who are the hope of the future of our country. The funeral services will be held in Christ Church, Riverton, at 2.30, conducted by Archdeacon R. Bowden Shepherd, former rector of Christ Church, and who confirmed Walter when he was a boy.

Walter Kennedy

New Era, Sept. 16, 1921

- **RAYMOND PRATT**
- **RICHARD WANGER**
- **RAYMOND MCGIVNEY**
- **CHARLES KELLY**
- **THOMAS ROBERTS REATH**
- **WALTER KENNEDY**

*New Era, July 2, 1931 - reprinted
from 4/18/1918*

The funeral of Corporal Walter M. Kennedy will be held at 2.30 in Christ Church, Riverton, the procession leaving the home at 411 Elm avenue at two. A band from Camp Dix and a detail of Marines from the Navy Yard will join the James A. Bradley Post, of Riverton, in the exercises. Interment will be made at Berlin, N. J., the old home of the Kennedy family, where a handsome Marine monument has been erected at the grave where the dead hero is to lie.

Corporal Kennedy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kennedy. He was born October 7, 1892, and was killed in action October 10, 1918. He volunteered May 16, 1917, in the Fourth Brigade, Second Division, Marine Corps. His unit sailed on the Henderson in September after a summer of training at Paris Island. He took part in all the brilliant actions with which the Marines distinguished themselves, being twice cited in the Belleau Wood battles of June, 1918. He was also cited at Soissons in July and again in the Champagne drive in early October. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre at Chateau Thierry and Marbach.

He had five battle clasps for the defensive sector, St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne, Aisne Marne and Aisne. He met his death while helping blow up a German machine gun nest in the Champagne offensive on October 10, 1918.

Walter Kennedy

New Era, Sept. 16, 1921

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

RICHARD REED

Corporal Richard Reed returned to Camp Lee, Va., Wednesday, after spending two weeks at home.

New Era, Jan. 24, 1919

HOWARD A. WASHINGTON

Howard A. Washington landed in Philadelphia Monday and spent Thursday in Riverton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Washington. Mr. Washington is a member of the 103d Trench Mortar Battery of the Iron Division. The Trench Mortar Battery performed vallant service with the Twenty-eighth Division at Fismes and Fismette, on the Vesle river, and in the Argonne forest. Then it was detached and sent to the Verdun front to operate with the French. From there it was sent into Belgium with an American division to join the army of pursuit, and there it was when the war ended.

New Era March 28, 1919

WALTER E. WODDILL

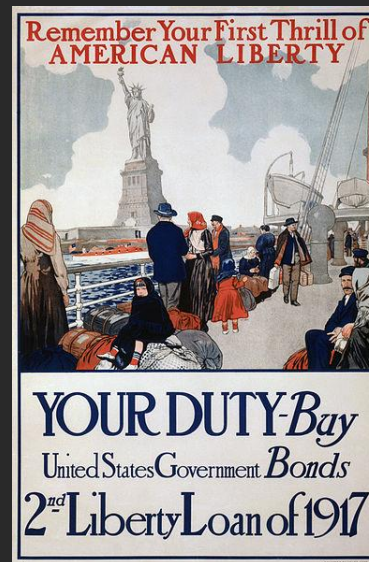
We have received a letter from Sergeant Walter E. WodJill, who is stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, in which he states he has been promoted to the rank of battalion sergeant major. He wants to be remembered to all his friends in Riverton.

New Era, March 28, 1919

BENEDICT SHOWELL

Benedict Showell is home on a fifteen-day furlough. He returned from overseas Sunday.

New Era, Jan. 24, 1919



Service Men Join in Celebration

A feature of Riverton's biggest celebration was the parade of service men, with a hundred and eighty-one in line, in addition to float, lodges, etc.

The Hon. Charles A. Wolverton, the advertised speaker, could not be present, and the address was delivered by Judge John Kates, of Camden, who was introduced by Mayor Killam E. Bennett.

The service men were entertained at lunch at the Community Hut. The spacious lawns were decorated with the flags of the nations, and refreshments were served by the ladies of the Hostess Committee, under the shade of the trees.

Prizes were awarded for the best-decorated baby coaches, velocipedes and bicycles in the children's flag parade. The awards were made as follows: Patriotic decoration of baby coaches, Arthur Hall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hall, who wore a service cap his father sent from overseas; artistic decoration, Bobbie Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rogers; honorable mention, Lillian Jones, emblematic of peace. Bicycles, Catharine Graff; honorable mention, Virginia Good. Velocipedes, Samuel L. Biddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Biddle, Jr. While there had been no prize provided for floats, the one Richard Payne put in line bearing a submarine chaser model, the "Cushing," attracted so much attention that special prize was given for it by Charles M. Biddle, Jr.

The part of the celebration under the supervision of the committees from the borough council and citizens consisted of the children's flag parade, the band concert on the lawn, the address and patriotic singing, the evening service on the lawn, and the fireworks, all of which was carried out without a hitch.

The parade was a grand success. Despite the climbing thermometer, the various organizations gathered in full force at the Hut and the spectacular procession moved off to the music of two bands for a tour of the shady streets to Riverton, including the bank, and then a long drill down the sunny Broad street of both towns.

The Service men marshalled under the command of Lieut. Col. D'Olier and did themselves and the Service credit by the fine spectacle they presented all along the line, and they received a great hand everywhere. The wounded marines, veterans of the great drives over there, also were cheered to the echo. The Veterans of '61, the Red Cross, the Yeowomen, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Palmyra Fire Department, the combined lodges and
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the various committees all shared the appreciations of the hundreds that lined the route.

The combined lodges had a beautiful float representing Liberty and Victory that attracted attention everywhere. Another appropriate float was created by the P. O. S. of A., and a third, a motorized Hut, typified the spirit and work of the Community Hut abroad and at home.

The Spirit of '76, arranged by George J. Seel, Jr., was another fine bit of pageantry.

Palmyra's fine new flagpole was dedicated at the close of the parade.

After the parade was the Army-Navy ball game and in the evening the celebration was wound up with the splendid fireworks display on the Riverton water front and band concerts in both towns.

New Era, July 11, 1919

This undated photo may
be from that 1919 parade.





2 photographs (color) of signet ring given to servicemen-women after World War I by borough of Riverton. (date, circa 1919-20)

Ring given to Frederick MacLean-Jones, who then lived at 101 Main St., Riverton. Now in possession of his daughter, Shirley Fuselier of Bodega Bay, CA 94923, who loaned it to Betty Hahle, who had been searching for one after reading about tribute in old newspaper. Ring photographed (slides) by John Hartmann, and (bbh) had prints made for Historical Society collecti

(see also Xeroxed copies of photos of 101 Main taken same era, also from Ms. Fuselier to bh)

Subscribe for Liberty Bonds

(Issue New Era, November 9, 1917)

A letter from Captain Franklin D'Olier, American Expeditionary Forces, serving "somewhere in France" says that he was designated by his commanding officer as chairman of a Liberty Bond Committee, having charge of the entire matter.

Captain D'Olier writes: "In a few days I succeeded in having every man

at this station, officer and enlisted man, subscribe, to at least one bond—100 per cent. subscriptions! The result pleased the commanding officer so much that he wired to General Pershing who replied at once, congratulating us. We are most anxious to have you people at home know how splendidly the soldiers have backed the Loan, so that you will realize how the boys expect the people at home to support them and back them up!"

Captain D'Olier adds, "Please knit as hard as you can, socks, sweaters, and then more socks and sweaters! I am sleeping in my campaign hat, and overcoat, and writing with my gloves on."

The knitting committee reports 21 sweaters, 9 pairs of socks, 23 mufflers, 8 wristlets and two blankets received this week.

(Issue New Era, August 31, 1917)

The first sewing day of the Riverton Branch of the Burlington Chapter of the American Red Cross was held on March 22, 1917. Two boxes have already been sent, Nos. 1 and 4, and No. 6 is nearing completion.

Box 1 contained 689 articles, comprising gauze bandages, compresses, rolls, wipes, knitted wipes, drains, laparotomy pads and absorbent cotton, and is known as "Gauze Box."

Box 4, or the "Muslin Box" held 1122 articles, made up of muslin bandages, crinoline and flannel bandages, ~~four tailed head T bandages~~, triangular slings, abdominal binders and basswood splints.

Box 6, which is about to be sent, will contain 180 garments as follows: 48 pairs pajamas, 24 bath robes, 24 hospital bed shirts, 60 pairs of socks and 24 pairs of ward slippers.

In addition to this list, have been completed 1000 other articles to go in various other boxes.

FRANKLIN D'OLIER

New Era, Nov. 9, 1917

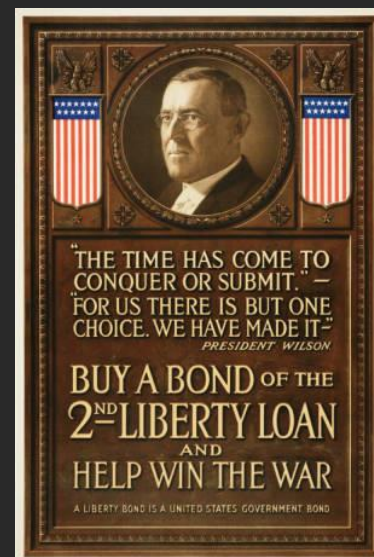
D'OLIER GOING TO GERMANY

The War Department has announced that Colonel Franklin D'Olier, New Jersey industrialist and insurance executive, will head a new mission to survey the damage to Germany's industrial machine by American bombing raids.

The announcement yesterday said President Roosevelt had authorized the survey. D'Olier's assignment was expected to last for six months. He is president of the Prudential Insurance Co.

Colonel D'Olier is a former resident of Riverton.

New Era, Nov. 9, 1944





JOHN C. HALLINAN

—○—
 Ensign John J. Hallinan has been promoted to Lieut. (j.g.) He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hallinan, of Linden avenue, Riverton.
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New Era, July 20, 1944

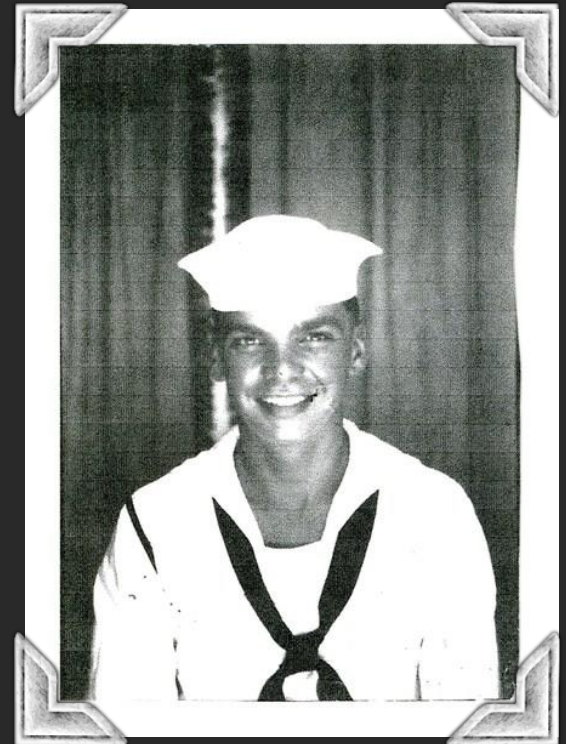
**LT. JOHN HALLINAN
 HOME FROM PACIFIC**

Lt. (j.g.) John Hallinan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hallinan, 605 Linden avenue, Riverton, returned home last week for a thirty day leave after serving for seventeen months in the Pacific area.

Lt. Hallinan, a member of the submarine service is an engineering officer. He entered the service in February, 1943, after completing a course of study at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

He is a graduate of Villanova College and before entering the service was employed at the Kieckhefer Container Company, Delair, as an engineer.

New Era, July 12, 1945



**DONALD ROGERS
 TAYLOR**

ROBERT T. WRIGHT

—○—
 Robert T. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Wright, of Linden avenue, Riverton, was recently made Second Class Seaman in the Seabees. He is stationed at Williamsburg, Va., at present.
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New Era, March 25, 1943

JAMES A. BRADLEY

LEGION POST NAMED FOR ARGONNE HERO

James A. Bradley Post, American Legion, was chartered Oct. 29, 1919. Named after Sgt. Bradley, of Riverton, who was killed in action Oct. 30, 1918 in the Argonne campaign, the post included ex-servicemen from Riverton and Cinnaminson.

Original officers were Dr. Harry L. Rogers, commander; Walter C. Wright, vice commander; John F. Flynn, adjutant; William H. Baker, Jr., finance officer; Robert K. Jones, historian; Emerson Wolfschmidt, chaplain; Edward Yerkes, insurance officer and Howard M. Rogers, employment officer.

After a few years the post allowed its charter to lapse and most of the members joined the Rodgers post in Palmyra.

TOWN TO BUY WAR BONDS

Riverton Citizens Request Council to
Subscribe \$10,000

Special to The Inquirer.

RIVERTON, N. J., May 1.—Federal officials were today apprised by Mayor Edward H. Flagg of the action of a town meeting, last night, that directed the Borough Council to subscribe immediately for \$10,000 worth of the forthcoming United States Government war bonds.

The town meeting voted unanimously for the subscription to the loan when the matter was presented in the form of resolutions at the close of a thrilling meeting. These resolutions extended to President Wilson the unqualified support of citizens "in his patriotic stand for true Americanism."


*Philadelphia Inquirer,
May 2, 1917*

Memorials to soldiers of the World War were actively considered in Riverton during the early part of 1919. Included among the ideas advanced were the following: Fountain, sewage disposal plant (very unpopular), park, hospital, monument, athletic field, nurses' home, community house, athletic field, etc.

New Era, July 1, 1939

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IF YOU CAN'T ENLIST-INVEST
Buy a
Liberty Bond



**DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY
WITH YOUR DOLLARS**

New York American

Phila. Inquirer, May 2, 1917

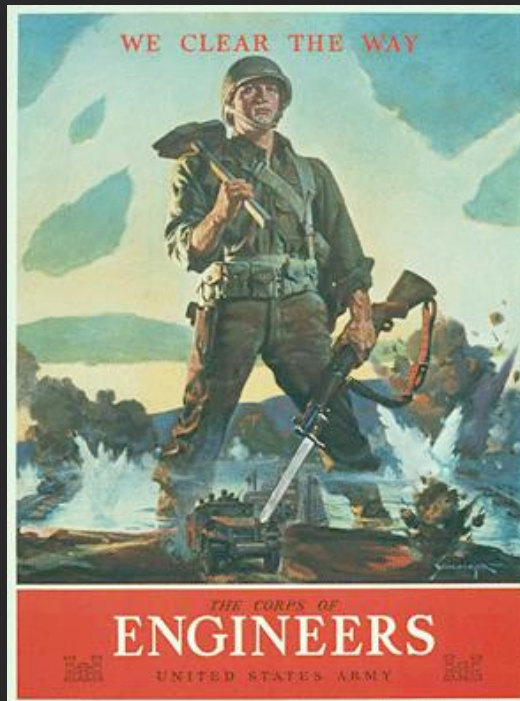
BRUCE KING

P.F.C. Bruce King, of the Army Air Force, is spending several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thalberg King, of Main street, Riverton. Private King is stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

New Era, March 11, 1943

Bruce King, of 404 Main St., Riverton, stationed at the Air Depot Training Station, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been promoted from the rank of Private to the rank of Corporal.

New Era, April 29, 1943

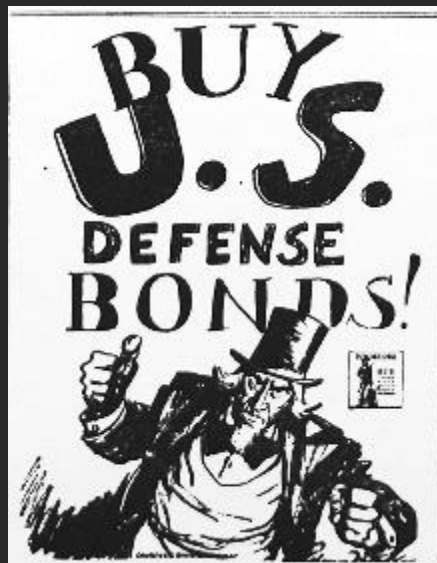


Riverton Civil Defense Council will meet in the control center on Thursday night of next week.

New Era, March 11, 1943



JOHN M. BURHOE



New Era, Jan. 15, 1942

Among those in the service who have been home on leave recently were Corporal John Burhoe and Lt. Robert Burhoe, U. S. Army; Richard Kercher, U. S. Coast Guard; Robert Wright, of the Seabees; and Mary L. Kercher, of the Waves.

New Era, April 22, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Burhoe, 300 Midway, Riverton, have received word that their son, 2nd Lt. John Burhoe has been promoted to a First Lieutenant. Lt. Burhoe is stationed somewhere in Belgium with the Engineers' Aviation Battalion. He has been overseas for 17 months.

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

CLEMENT A. HAAS III

82nd Airborne Division drop near Grave in the Netherlands during Operation Market Garden. (National Archives)



—O—
P.F.C. Clement A. Haas has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, according to word received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Haas, of Riverton. Corporal Haas was one of the first paratroopers to land in Sicily.
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New Era, August 19, 1943

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Sgt. Clement A. Haas is reported recovering in a U. S. Army Hospital in England, following an operation after having been wounded in his chest and foot.

Sgt. Haas, a Paratrooper, was with a unit of the 82nd Airborne Division when it jumped near Nijmegen, Holland, in mid-September and proved instrumental in capturing the main bridge across the Waal River. He was wounded near Aachen in hand to hand fighting. His unit has spear-headed invasion in Sicily, Italy and France.

Word has been received from Private Clement A. Haas, 3rd, stationed at Camp Croft, South Carolina, with the Paratroops, that he is a member of the Camp Croft Baseball team, under the direction of Zeke Bonura, now in service, but formerly with the Giants and Washington. Clem is hitting .365 and playing shortstop.

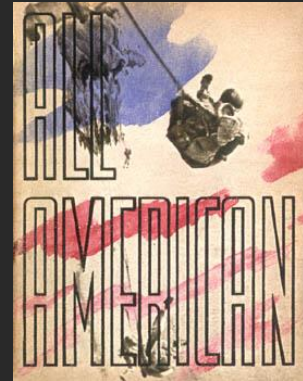
New Era, May 14, 1942

New Era, Dec. 24, 1944



"All American"

is a small booklet covering the history of the 82nd Airborne Division.



Clement A. Haas, S 1-c, U.S.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Haas, 422 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has returned home on leave from a tour of Pacific battle duty aboard the Navy's storied aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Hornet. The ship is now undergoing typhoon-damage repairs at a West Coast Naval base.

New Era, August 16, 1945

Haas continued next slide



CLEMENT A. HAAS III

PARATROOPER HAAS IMPROVES IN ARMY HOSPITAL, ENGLAND

Sgt. Clement O. Haas, U. S. Army Paratrooper, is still confined to a U. S. Army Hospital in England convalescing from a chest operation which he underwent on November 14. His condition is believed to be excellent.

Sgt. Haas, who is 21 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Haas, Sr., of 110 Broad street, Riverton. He was wounded in action in Aachen in the latter part of October. In addition to a shell fragment in his chest, he also suffered a foot injury. He is now completely recovered from the latter wound.

Sgt. Haas enlisted in the paratroopers on February 20, 1942 and received his infantry training at Camp Croft, S. C. He won his wings at Ft. Benning, Ga., in July, of the same year. The young sergeant was first

sent overseas in February 1943 and was back in this country for a very short time. He was sent overseas again in April 1943 and has been in the European Theatre continuously since that time.

Sgt. Haas has taken part in the Sicilian, Italian, Normandy, and Holland invasions. He is a part of the 82nd Airborne Division, which was awarded the Presidential Citation at the Anzio Beachhead in February, 1944, by General Mark W. Clark, after sixty-nine days of continuous fighting.

Paratrooper Haas was graduated from Palmyra High School in 1940 and was employed by the R.C.A. at the time he enlisted in the armed forces. His brother, Private William B. Haas is a member of a bomber squadron ground crew and has been based in England since June 1943.

The boys' mother is Postmaster at Riverton.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. William Bancroft, of Wigston Magna, Leicester, England, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera M., to Tech. Sergeant Clement A. Haas, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Haas, Jr., of Riverton, New Jersey.

T-Sgt. Haas is a member of the famous 504th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division and is stationed at present in Germany. He enlisted in January, 1942, received his training at Camp Croft, S. C. and then went to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received his Paratrooper's Wings. In April, 1943, he arrived at Casa Blanca, and attended the invasion school in North Africa. He participated in the first airborne invasion of this war in Sicily in July, 1943. Since then he has been in the invasions of Salerno, Cassino, France, Anzio, Holland and Germany. He is the recipient of seven battle stars and the Presidential Citation.

It is anticipated that the wedding will take place in England sometime during August as Sgt. Haas' outfit is due back in the States in September.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

New Era, July 26, 1945

GEORGE F. STROHLEIN

George F. Strohlein, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Strohlein, Fulton street, Riverton, has enlisted in the Navy and expects to be called to active duty in the near future. His twin sister, Anna M. Strohlein, is enrolled in the Cadet Nurse Corps and will report for training in September.

Another son of the Strohleins, P.M. 2-c, Raymond G. Strohlein, is in the Pacific aboard a U. S. Navy cruiser.

New Era, August 9, 1945

RAYMOND G. STROHLEIN

Raymond G. Strohlein, Hospital Attendant Second Class, U. S. Navy, is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bainbridge, Maryland.

New Era, March 4, 1943

JULIA K. LANE

Miss Julia K. Lane, of Riverton, is leaving to accept a position as assistant chief nurse for the duration of the war in a hospital in one of the Hawaiian Islands, where she will be associated with Red Cross and Civilian Defense work.

New Era, March 4, 1943



**ROBERT
ROBERTSON, JR.**



**WILLIAM H.
WIGMORE**

THOMAS F. CARDEA ARTHUR HOYT

Thomas F. Cardea, son of Mrs. B. Cardea, of Elm avenue, Riverton, and Arthur Hoyt, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arthur Hoyt, of Second street, Riverton, have enlisted as Naval Aviation Cadets. Both are members of the senior class at Palmyra High School and will not be called for duty until after the close of the school year. They will go through pre-flight training before they begin to take flight lessons.

New Era, March 4, 1943

GEORGE CONOVER, JR.

Midshipman George Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Conover, 607 Elm terrace, Riverton, left Monday for Morrisville, Pa., where he will enter officer's training at the Pennsylvania Marine Academy.

New Era, April 26, 1945



ELMER E. SUTTERS



**CHARLES A.
DELANEY III**



**JOHN J.
McDERMOTT**

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Machinists Mate 2-c John McDermott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDermott, Cinnaminson street, Riverton, is spending a two week furlough here, prior to returning to duty at Norfolk.

New Era, Oct. 26, 1944

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John McDermott, M. M. 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDermott, of 710 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, arrived home on leave Wednesday evening.

He enlisted in the Navy November 25, 1942 and took his Boot training at Bainbridge, Md., then went to Machinist School in Norfolk, Va., On August 18, 1943, McDermott was placed on a newly built destroyer at New York. Since that time he has seen service in the Bermuda Trinidad area and along the 'West Coast.

On his return to duty, April 6, he will begin an Electrician's Course at Syracuse, New York.

McDermott was graduated from Palmyra High School in 1941 and was locally employed before entering the service.

New Era, April 6, 1944

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Private John H. McDermott, who has been transferred from Camp Stewart, Georgia, to 422nd C.A. (A. A.) Comp. Bn; Headquarters Battery, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, was home on leave this past weekend.

New Era, Feb. 5, 1942



RICHARD F. PAYNE

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with us
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WAR BONDS

New Era, Sept. 7, 1944

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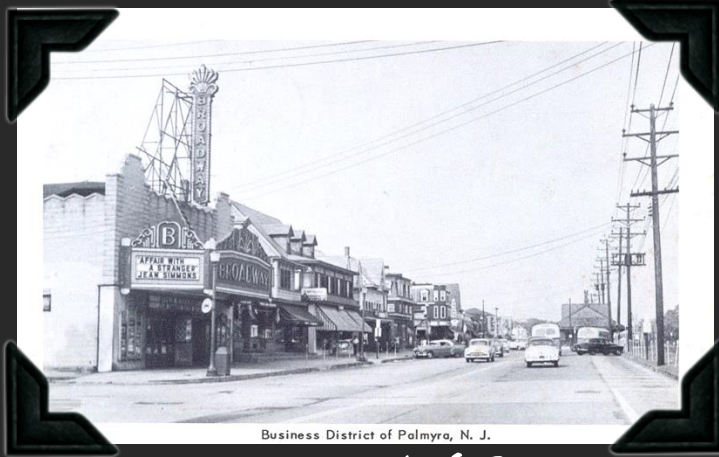
Schwering's

Broad and Maple
Palmyra

New Era, March 11, 1943

The first Victory Garden lecture held on Monday night of this week in the Riverton Public School was attended by a most enthusiastic audience. The speaker was H. O. Yates, a member of the faculty at Camden Vocational School. He told what quantity of seeds to buy and what varieties, together with suggestions when to plant.

New Era, March 11, 1943



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MAY A. CUMPSTON

Miss May Cumpston, a member of the WAVES, will leave on Saturday for Officers' Training School, at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

New Era Sept. 23, 1943



Waves
lapel pin



**J.E. "BETTY" ("JEF")
FOUNTAIN-SCHOPP**



**MARY E.
YOUNG-ISAACS**



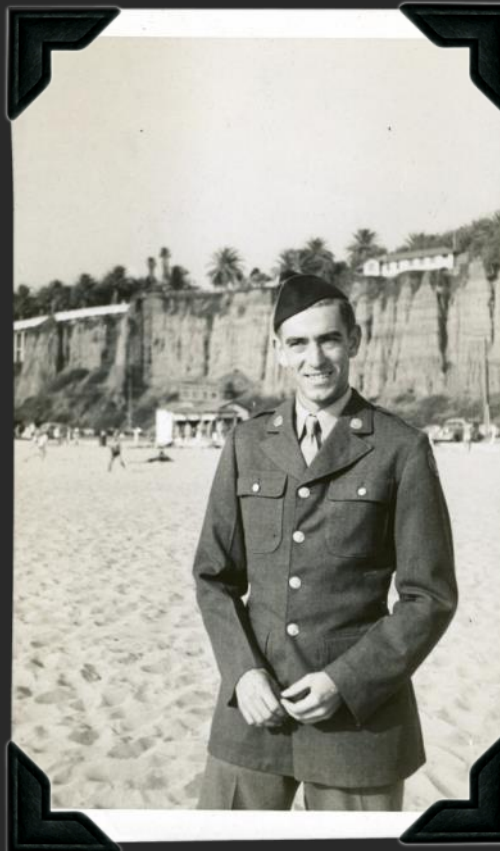
—O—
Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, of Riverton, visited her son, Midshipman Robert M. Waters, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., over the weekend.
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New Era, March 25, 1943

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Corp. Arthur B. Waters, Jr., of Riverton, wrote his wife recently that he attended a presentation of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" starring Kathrine Cornell and Brian Aherne, at a theatre somewhere in Italy.
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Corp. Waters is serving with the Army Air Forces.
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New Era, Oct. 12, 1944



ARTHUR B. WATERS

Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, Jr., of 209 Howard street, Riverton, was greatly surprised on Monday morning of this week when she received a long distance phone call from her husband Sergeant Arthur B. Waters, of the Army Air Corps. His call was from Virginia where he had just arrived, after two years in Italy and North Africa.

Sgt. Waters expects to be home shortly on a 30-day leave, following which he will report to a base in San Antonio, Texas.
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New Era, May 3, 1945

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Sgt. Arthur B. Waters, Howard street, Riverton, returned to Kelly Field, Texas, this week, after spending a 15-day furlough with his wife.

From Kelly Field he will be assigned to Fort Dix.

Sgt. Waters was a member of the 15th Air Force serving in Italy and North Africa for two years and just recently returned to the United States.

New Era, July 26, 1945

Waters continued next slide

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Arthur B. Waters, Jr. of Howard street, Riverton, has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Elsie S. Waters. Sergeant Waters has been overseas for two years and is at present stationed in Italy with the Army Air Force.

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New Era, March 1, 1945

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Ensign R. M. Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, of 627 Thomas avenue, is home on a short leave from his ship, U. S. S. Vicksburg.

He attended a dinner party September 12th at the home of Miss Elizabeth Sargent Robinson, of Chestnut Hill, Pa.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944

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Arthur B. Waters, Jr., of 209 Howard street, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal from that of Private First Class. Corporal Waters is the husband of Mrs. Arthur Waters of the same address and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, of 627 Thomas avenue, Riverton.

Corporal Waters has been a member of the United States Army since June 3, 1942, when he was inducted at Fort Dix. He is now a member of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command. He is a graduate of Palmyra High School in Palmyra, New Jersey. His civilian occupation was that of Insurance Engineer.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944

ARTHUR B. WATERS



WATERS PROMOTED

Arthur B. Waters, Jr., husband of Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, Jr., 209 Howard street, Riverton, has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, according to a recent announcement by his commanding officer in Italy. Sergeant Waters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, Sr., of Riverton.

An insurance engineer for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia in civilian life, the Riverton soldier is now an airplane engine mechanic assigned to an air service squadron of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command.

Entering the army three years ago, Sergeant Waters has been overseas since August, 1943, and has seen service in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy for which he wears the European-African-Middle East theatre ribbon and the airplane mechanic Army Air Forces Technician Badge.

New Era, April 12, 1945

ROBERT M. WATERS

Midshipman R. M. Waters, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, of 627 Thomas avenue, Riverton. On New Year's eve he attended the Charity Ball at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, and on New Year's day was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Chestnut Hill at the Chestnut Hill Country Club tea.

New Era, Jan. 6, 1944

Ensign R. M. Waters, U.S.N., is spending a short leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Waters, of 627 Thomas avenue, Riverton. Ensign Waters is stationed on the U.S.S. Vicksburg, a light cruiser.

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

Ensign Robert M. Waters, U.S.N., recently graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., is home on a thirty day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters of Thomas Avenue, Riverton.

New Era, June 15, 1944



USS Vicksburg (CL 86) Off the U.S. East Coast, 17 October 1944

WILLIAM H. WATERS

William H. Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, of Riverton, left on Friday for Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Virginia, for boot training with the Seabees.

New Era April 22, 1943

Somewhere in the South Pacific a most happy meeting took place recently when Ensign R. M. Waters, U.S.N., on a U. S. Cruiser, met his brother, Seaman First Class William H. Waters, whom he had not seen for two years. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Waters, 627 Thomas avenue, Riverton.

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

Miss Virginia Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Armstrong, of 409 Linden avenue, will leave on Thursday for Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y., where she will receive her six weeks boot training in the Waves.

New Era, April 6, 1944

Virginia Ann Armstrong, A.S., a Wave at Hunter College, New York, is now a reporter for the Waves' newspaper, the "Cunning Tower."

New Era, April 27, 1944

CUNNING TOWER
U. S. NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL (WR)
CUNNING TOWER

VOL. 1, NO. 10 THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY AUGUST, 1943

From: Commanding Officer.
To: All Officers and Enlisted Personnel, (WR).
Subject: First Anniversary of the Women's Reserve of the United States Navy.


1. I should like to take this means of extending greetings to the members of the Women's Reserve of the U. S. Navy on your First Anniversary.

2. On July 30, 1942, when the bill passed which formed the Women's Reserve of the Navy, I was on convoy duty in the South Pacific and in January, 1943, I received orders to take command of the U. S. Naval Training School (WR), The Bronx. Since that time, approximately 20,000 recruits have had their boot training at this school. Each one left here expecting to fill a man-sized job. The reports which we have had regarding these young women indicate that they have filled these jobs capably and with enthusiasm.

WAR INFORMATION FOR WR

Every Wave recruit will now be sent to duty from USNTS (WR) with a knowledge of the war we are fighting — what sort of fighting is now going on, what tools and methods of war we are using, what we are fighting for — as the result of a program worked out together by the Officer in Charge of Seamen, the Instruction Officer and the Educational Services Officer. USNTS (WR) was the second great Naval Training School in the United States to start using Educational Services' "War Information."

The objectives of War Information are clear. "Americans know what they're fighting for," explained Lieut. Elizabeth Reynard, Instruction Officer. "Besides, the Navy has always insisted that its petty officers be well informed on current events, it makes our petty officers better leaders. The Waves try to live up to Navy traditions in drill, in military bearing and courtesy and in the performance of their special duties as women, pharmacist's mates, parachute riggers and



Virginia A. Armstrong has completed her Boot training and is now a H.A.2-c studying at the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School at Bethesda, Md.

New Era, May 25, 1944



**VIRGINIA ANN
ARMSTRONG -
GILLS**

Virginia A. Armstrong, 2-c H.A., graduated from the Naval Hospital Corps School at Bethesda, Maryland, on Monday, June 12. Due to Virginia's superior work at the hospital she has been advanced to Pharmacist's Mate 3-c, having skipped the intermediate rank. After an eight-day furlough at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, 409 Linden Ave., Virginia will be stationed at the Norfolk Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

New Era, June 15, 1944

Virginia Ann Armstrong, Ph M, 3-c, U.S.N.R. (Waves), stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, N.O.B., Norfolk, Va., spent a 5-day Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Armstrong, of 409 Linden avenue.

Capt. and Mrs. Syd Verto, of Davis Wharf, Va., also spent the holidays with them.

New Era, Dec. 28, 1944

Virginia Ann Armstrong, Ph. M. 3-c, WAVES, has returned to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va., after spending a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Armstrong, of Linden ave., Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

Armstrong-Gills continued next slide

Miss Virginia A. Armstrong, of the Waves, has been promoted from Ph M 3-c to Ph M 2-c.

New Era, Jan. 25, 1945

Friends of Virginia Armstrong, PM 2-c, will be glad to learn that she has been able to return to her base at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, after being confined in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., for three weeks with Scarlet Fever.

New Era, April 26, 1945

GILLS—ARMSTRONG

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, Linden avenue, Riverton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Ann, to William James Gills.

C. Ph. M., United States Navy, son of Mrs. W. J. Gills, of Farmville, Va.

Mrs. Gills is a Ph. M. 2-c of the Waves and both are stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, N.O.B.; Norfolk, Va.

The bride is a graduate of Palmyra High School and Chief Gills is a graduate of August Military Academy.

After a week's visit with the bride's family the couple will return to their base.

New Era, August 9, 1945

**VIRGINIA ANN
ARMSTRONG -
GILLS**



LOIS M. TERRY

Miss Lois Terry returned to duty last Thursday, after spending a few days at her home in Riverton. Miss Terry is serving with the WAVES in Washington, D. C.

New Era, May 27, 1943

Lois M. Terry, a member of the Waves is spending a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Terry, Main street, Riverton.

New Era, March 9, 1944

**S/SGT R. H. BOTTGER IN
SO. PACIFIC 34 MONTHS;
EXPECTS LEAVE**

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bottger, Linden avenue, Riverton, recently received two letters from their son, Staff Sergeant Robert H. Bottger, of the G-2 Section Advance Eschelon USA, FFE.

S-Sgt. Bottger has been in the South Pacific for 34 months; two and one half years in Australia and one month in New Guinea, and is now stationed somewhere in the Philippines with the Intelligence Headquarters of General MacArthur.

He informed his mother he has now five gold stripes, several citations and medals, and that he expects to receive his first furlough about April 1 at which time he will return to the States for 30 days. He also stated that his rating entitled him to a priority to travel by plane to the states.

New Era, Feb. 8, 1945

ROBERT H. BOTTGER – FRANCES M. BROWN

BOTTGER—BROWN

Somewhere in the Phillipines: The distinction of being the first member of the Women's Army Corps to wed in Manila, Philippine Islands, goes to recently promoted Tec 4 Frances M. Brown of Fort Worth, Texas. The WAC sergeant, who is the daughter of Mrs. Lillie Pitts, 1502½ E. Lancaster street, was married at the United Nations Church, Manila, at 3:30 in the afternoon of April 7, 1945, to Staff Sergeant Robert H. Bottger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bottger, of Riverton, where the young couple will make their home after being discharged from the Army. The service was read by Major Earl Wolf of the Chaplains

Bottger-Brown

New Era, May 10, 1945

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Women's Army Corps
United States Army

ROBERT T. WRIGHT

Robert T. Wright, 2nd Class Seaman in the Seabees, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Wright, of Linden avenue, Riverton.

New Era, April 15, 1943



Seaman 1-c Robert T. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Wright, Linden avenue, Riverton, is home on a 30-day leave after nearly a year and a half duty in the Aleutian Islands with the Seabees. Seaman Wright will report at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island upon the completion of his leave.

New Era, Oct. 19, 1944

MICHAEL ELLIOT

Ensign Michael Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Elliott, 402 Fulton street, Riverton, has left to report to Jacksonville, Florida. He will continue to San Francisco, California, where he will be assigned to a destroyer.

New Era, July 19, 1945

JOSEPH WALLACE

JOSEPH WALLACE HOME

Joseph L. Wallace, 23, aviation machinist's mate, first class, USNR, of 212 Thomas avenue, Riverton, has returned on leave from the Pacific where he coped with the mechanical problems involved in the sorties of a carrier-based group of Navy fighter and torpedo planes operating as the Navy's Composite Squadron 96.

Wallace, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace, of Riverton, attended Palmyra High School. He was employed as a shipfitter before entering the Navy in February, 1942.

Hairline bombing and strafing missions over hard-won Okinawa formed a part of the every-day life aboard the trim transport support carrier

which fliers of Composite 96 called home for 84 fighting days.

Specializing in the close support of ground troops, these pilots and aircrewmen were called on time and again to obliterate Jap installations, located at times only 200 yards ahead of the troops.

Six enemy planes, encountered in the course of these operations, were shot down—four of them by a quartet of Composite 96 airmen on a single mission.

New Era, August 30, 1945

WILLIAM C. HAMELMAN

Hamelman Praised

William C. Hamelman, EM2-c, USCGR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamelman, 512 Cinnaminson street, has received the following letter of commendation from his commanding officer:

U.S.S. Admiral C. F. Hughes
c-o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California
Letter of Commendation

The Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. Admiral C. F. Hughes (AP-124) hereby commends

HAMELMAN, William C. (520-401)
EM2c USCGR

for the outstanding performance of and devotion to his duties during the voyage of this vessel from Marseilles, France to Manila, P. I. between the dates of June 15, 1945 and July 21, 1945, during which time this vessel performed the historic service of transporting by sea the first 5,000 United States Army troops direct from the European Theater to the Pacific Theater of Operations. This voyage, the longest transport of troops performed in the history of the United States Navy and Coast

Guard, totalled 15,500 nautical miles and consumed 34 days. This vessel crossed the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. During the entire trip there was no loss of life, no serious illness, and not a single case of disciplinary action.

Throughout the long and arduous voyage, a splendid spirit of comradeship existed between the members of the two Services.

Nor does this tell the entire story. In order to undertake the transportation of these troops this ship, leaving San Francisco on May 26, 1945 for Marseilles, France and returning from Manila, P. I. via Tacloban, Leyte; Biak and Hollandia, New Guinea, to San Francisco on August 19, 1945 stayed at sea continuously for 75 days and logged 31,604 nautical miles.

Your part in making this trip an outstanding success was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval and Coast Guard services, and it is with pride that the Commanding officer issues you this commendation.

A copy of this letter will be sent to Headquarters for inclusion in your permanent service record.

L. E. WELL, CAPTAIN, USCG,
Commanding Officer.

Fifth Day of August,
Nineteen-Hundred and Forty-five.



HARRY STICKEL



U.S.S. ADMIRAL C. F. HUGHES, SAN FRANCISCO, PORT OF DEPARTURE.

New Era, August 30, 1945

MADELINE PENNINGTON

MADELINE PENNINGTON WAC TRUMPETER

An alarm clock shrills—a hand gropes out to silence its strident chatter. Silence for awhile. Then a figure reluctantly emerges from under a nest of G. I. blankets. It is 6:15. Fourteen minutes later a silhouette in khaki stands on a nearby hill. The waning moon glints on the gold of an uplifted bugle. Reveille sounds. An Army day is born at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Such is the early morning drama enacted by T-4 Madeline Pennington of Riverton, WAC trumpeter at Fort Oglethorpe. In sun or rain, heat or cold, she ushers in the new day as musical timekeeper of the training center.

As the GI day advances she punctuates its progress with the notes of her bugle. At 7:45 a brass-throated warning . . . First Call . . . notifies company commanders to prepare their troops for the march out. Successively she sounds school, drill and fatigue calls and at the final note of Assembly, the band strikes up and the regiment moves off down Pallas Avenue towards the reviewing officer and the class rooms.

At noon after a morning rehearsal with the 402nd Army Band, the dark-haired WAC emerges to sound off the ever welcome Mess Call. Then she repeats the morning bugle calls at 12:45 and the regiment moves to

class again.

At 4:30 on Sgt. Pennington's musical clock, her Recall sends the basic trainees back from classes. Twenty minutes later, First Call and Assembly sound again, followed by the four staccato notes of Attention. The cannon booms and in the absence of the band, Sgt. Pennington plays To the Color. The flag is lowered as the regiment salutes. An official Army day is through.

But Sgt. Pennington's work is not over yet. There still remains the warning of Tattoo at 9 a.m., the signal that lights will go out soon. At 10:45 she gives the call to quarters.

At 11:00, the notes of Taps, bugled benediction of the Army, sound on the clear, night air. They float, endlessly sustained, over the darkened hills. There's a hush in your heart as you listen. Too soon, the last silver note dies away. Sgt. Pennington tucks her bugle underneath her arm and heads for home. The training center has gone to bed.

A special number on a Red Cross benefit show presented by WACs at the Third WAC Training Center, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., was a trumpet solo by T-4 Madeline Pennington, of Riverton, N. J. The show was given March 26, 27, and 28, and was a repetition, by request, of the 'Bombshell Revue' that was given last month. New number included Sgt. Pennington's impersonation of Clyde McCoy's 'Sugar Blues.' The WAC musician is a member of the 402nd Army Band.

New Era, March 30, 1944

T-4 Madeline Y. Pennington, of Front St., Riverton, having completed a year of exemplary service in the Women's Army Corps, has been awarded the army's Good Conduct ribbon at the Third WAC Training Center, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The red and white striped ribbon will be worn above the left pocket of the shirt or jacket.

T-4 Pennington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Pennington. Prior to enlisting in the Corps she was employed as sales clerk at John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, Pa.

New Era, March 23, 1944

New Era, May 4, 1944

Pennington continued next slide

MADELINE PENNINGTON

WAC OF THE WEEK

Madeline Pennington, Technician 4th Grade, daughter of Mrs. A. Pennington, 7 Front street, Riverton, has been selected as the 'Wac of the Week' by the paper published by the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California.

The article is as follows:

"T-4 Madeleine Pennington, New Jersey's addition to the trumpet section of the Wac band, may not have a musical heritage behind her but, if past activities and her music-making present mean anything she is on her way to a glorious future.

The dark-eyed, vivacious Wac, a member of the corps for two and a half years, can point to only one musician in her family—her grandfather who played the cornet in France years ago and still practiced when he immigrated to the United States.

Madeleine, on her own volition and without parental prodding, began taking crumpet lessons when she was 10; she played in high school band and orchestra and, upon graduation, got work in the record department

of Wanamakers' department store in Philadelphia.

Her every-day work in music was not enough. After hours Madeleine played in the store's band, the city's symphony orchestra for women, a 14-piece women's dance band that furnished music for school and hotel functions. She was also one of a trumpet-playing trio that whiled away the off-duty hours of Fort Dix soldiers.

In Des Moines, February of 1943, Madeleine was auditioned and assigned as trumpeter with the outfit which later became the Fort Oglethorpe Band.

At Oglethorpe she had all the thrills that the rest of the band experienced in playing for the visits of famous people—and she had more. For Madeleine had the definite, but dangerous, privilege of being bugler.

"Two days a week I bugled. It got to be routine, except for retreat. That has always been impressive to me; it has always made me think more than anything else of the fellows over there."



WAC Band in formation with instruments at the Third WAC Training Center, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, circa 1944



New Era, August 30, 1945

P.F.C. George Mattis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mattis, of Riverton, has recently been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

New Era, May 20, 1943

MATTIS PROMOTED

George S. Mattis, 202 Seventh St., Riverton, has been promoted from the rank of Staff Sergeant to that of Technical Sergeant according to an announcement received from his Air Service Command Squadron that is stationed in North Africa.

Tech. Sgt. Mattis, a native of Riverton, was inducted into the Army June 3, 1942, at Fort Dix, N. J., and before coming overseas Nov. 1, 1942, was stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., Columbus, Ohio, Baer Field, Ind., and at the present time he is the Chief Clerk in the Administrative Section of Air Corps Supply in his squadron.

The 24-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Mattis, Riverton, and a graduate of Palmyra High School. Before entering the service he was employed as a Statistician by the Sun Oil Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.

George S. Mattis
New Era, Oct. 19, 1944

George S. Mattis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mattis, of Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Army.

New Era, Sept. 30, 1943



GEORGE S. MATTIS

The presentation of four gold overseas service bars to Technical Sergeant George S. Mattis, 202 Seventh street, Riverton, in recognition of two full years continuous overseas service, was announced recently by his Air Service Command Squadron with which he is now stationed in North Africa.

Tech. Sgt. Mattis, a native of Riverton, was inducted into the Army at Fort Dix, on June 3, 1942 and before going overseas Nov. 2, 1942, was stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., Columbus, Ohio, Baer Field, Ind., and Fort Dix. At the present time he is the Chief Clerk in the Administrative section of the Air Corps Supply Department of this Air Service Command Base.

The 24-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Mattis, Riverton, and is a graduate of Palmyra High School and also Pierce Business School of Philadelphia. Before entering the service he was employed as a statistician by the Sun Oil Co., Phila., Pa.

George S. Mattis
New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

LEA WARNER, JR.

LIEUTENANT WARNER MOVED TO EAST

Lieutenant Lea Warner, Jr., USNR, 37, of 400 Highway, Riverton, has reported for duty as Assistant Safety Officer at the Charleston Navy Yard.

Recently stationed at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif., Lt. Warner has also had safety duty at the Naval Air Material Center and Naval Aviation Supply Depot, Philadelphia, and in the SECP Safety Branch of the Navy Department in Washington D. C.

Before entering the Naval Reserve in February, 1943, he attended the William Penn Charter, Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University and was employed as Industrial Relations and Safety Manager of the Warner Company in Philadelphia.

New Era, August 30, 1945

LEO TERRELL

Private Leo Terrell, of Elm avenue, Riverton, has been promoted to Private First Class. He is stationed at Camp Kilmer, in North Jersey.

New Era, May 6, 1943

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recreation of
an original
war-era
pamphlet
distributed to
the boys
coming home



ROBERT T. FLOWER

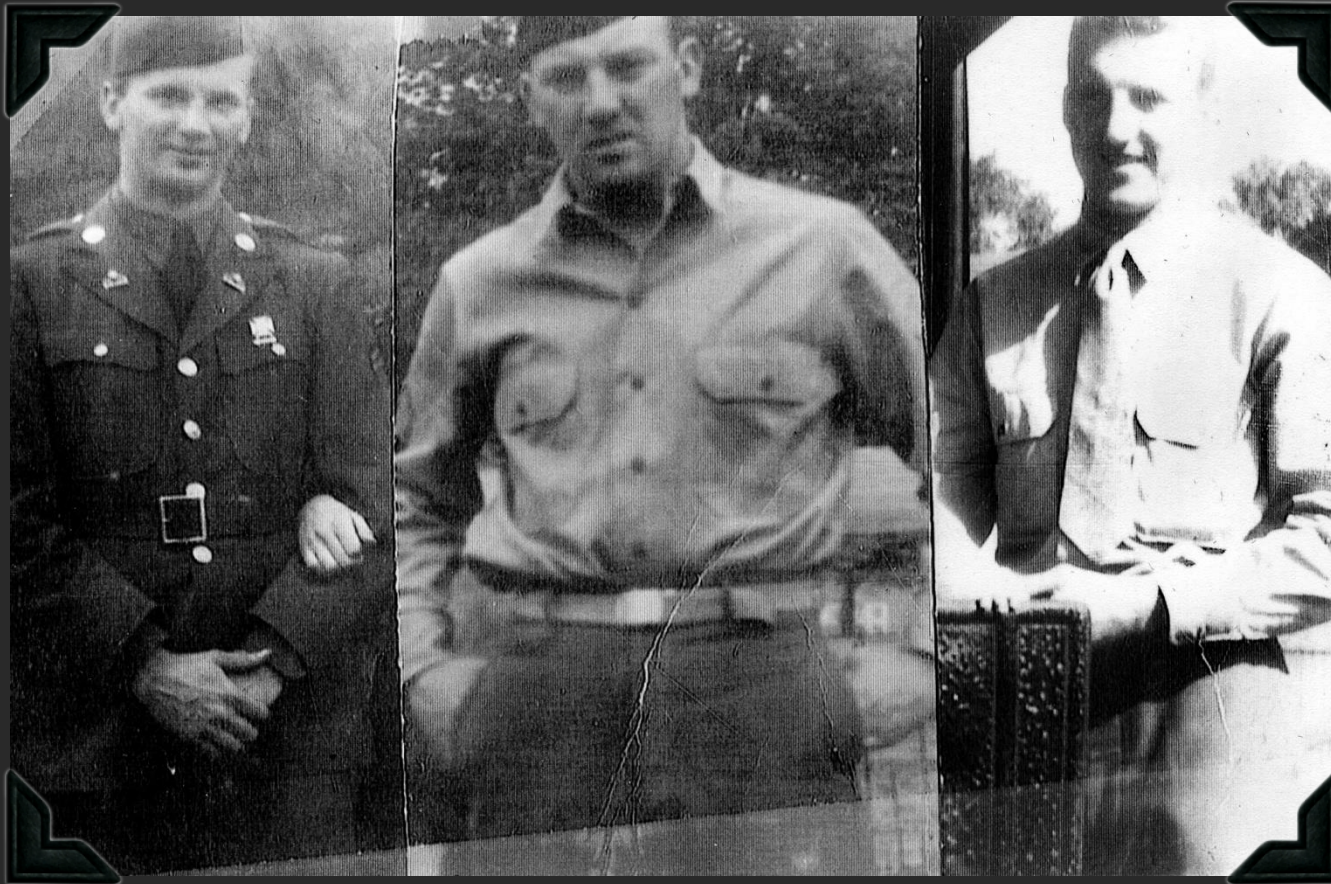
Robert Flower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Flower, Linden avenue, Riverton, has recently been appointed Yeoman on the Flagship LSM-270 of the Amphibious Branch of the U. S. Navy and is now on duty in the Pacific, operating from a base in California.



LSM-270 beached at Okinawa, April 1945

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

McDERMOTT BROTHERS



**WILLIAM B.
McDERMOTT**

**PAUL C.
McDERMOTT**

**CARL T.
McDERMOTT**

McDERMOTT BROTHERS

ABOUT TOWN

Staff Sergeant William B. McDermott, Jr., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McDermott, Cinhaminson street,

Riverton. Sergeant McDermott is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., and his brother, Private Paul McDermott, was recently assigned to the same post.

New Era, March 9, 1944

Sergeant William McDermott, of Riverton, has recently completed the American Red Cross water safety course for life guards, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

New Era, Sept. 3, 1942

Private Paul C. McDermott has been promoted to rank of Corporal. The recipients of the good news are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. McDermott, and Mrs. Paul C. McDermott and son William, who live at 729 Cinnaminson Ave., Riverton. Corporal McDermott is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

New Era, May 25, 1944

Corp. Paul C. McDermott has been promoted to rank of Sergeant and has been transferred from Camp Campbell, Ky., to Camp Riley, Kansas.

His wife and son, Paul Jr., will reside nearby while Sgt. McDermott is stationed there.

New Era, July 20, 1944

Sgt. Paul McDermott and Mrs. McDermott, 729 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Anne, on August 3 at the Zurbrugg Hospital, Riverside.

New Era, August 16, 1945

Corp. Paul C. McDermott has been transferred from Camp Crowder, Missouri, to Camp Campbell, Ky. Mrs. McDermott and son William, are leaving Sunday to visit Corp. McDermott.

A brother of Corp. McDermott, Pfc. Carl McDermott, is stationed at Bloomingthal Field, N. C.

Word has been received that Staff Sgt. William C. McDermott is somewhere in England.

June 22, 1944

Sgt. Technician Paul C. McDermott and Mrs. McDermott and son, Paul, are spending a fifteen day furlough in Riverton.

Sgt. McDermott, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. McDermott, of Cinnaminson street, Riverton, is stationed at Camp Riley, Kansas.

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944

Word has been received that Captain Frank B. Elliott serving overseas as a pilot in the A.A.C. has been promoted to the rank of major.

FRANK B. ELLIOT

New Era, Feb. 10, 1944

ELLIOTT'S SQUADRON CITED BY GENERAL

The B-24 Liberator Four-engined Bomber Group in which Major Frank B. Elliott, of 402 Fulton street is Lead Pilot, recently was cited by Major General William E. Kepner, commanding 2nd Bombardment Division, 'for distinguished and outstanding performance of duty.'

The citation in part reads: "The devotion to duty, determination and tenacity of purpose exhibited by personnel of the Group reflect great credit upon themselves, their organization and the United States Army Air Forces."

The Group, which recently completed its 100th combat mission, is commanded by Colonel Luther J. Fairbanks, of Burt, Iowa, and had previously been cited by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding Eighth Air Force, for low-level destruction of a bridge across the Loire near Blois, France. Demolition of the span was ordered "regardless of cost." To achieve visibility necessary

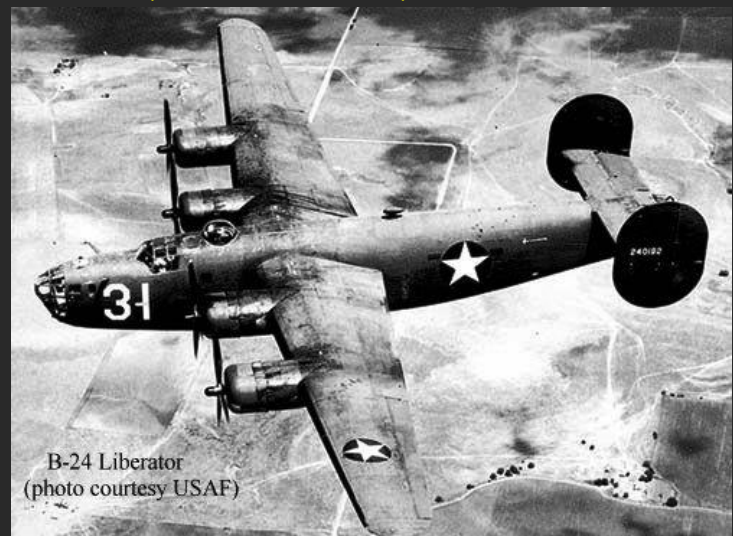
for destruction of the bridge it was necessary to descend below clouds to 6500 feet, an altitude usually considered extremely hazardous for four-engined bombers. From this height the target was reduced to a heap of smoking rubble. It was the first low-level bombing ever performed by four motored bombers from England.

Earlier the group had been officially commended by General Doolittle for combat achievement on its first mission, an attack on Berlin and the longest initial assault ever flown in the European Theater. The attack was one of the heaviest daylight bombings of the German capital on record.

During its first 100 missions, "overcoming adverse weather conditions and fierce enemy fighter and anti-aircraft opposition," the group attacked 41 targets in Germany and 59 targets in enemy-occupied Europe. Forty-seven hundred (4700) tons of bombs were dropped on vital enemy installations.



This USAF photo depicts the destruction wrought at Blois, near Orleans on 11 June 44, as heavy bombers of the U.S. 8th AF bombed the bridge across the Loire—the very action for which Major Elliot's squadron received its citation. (National Archives)



B-24 Liberator
(photo courtesy USAF)

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944

Elliott continued next slide

MAJOR ELLIOTT GETS CITATION

Major Frank Elliott, of 402 Fulton street, Riverton, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat it was announced recently by Major General William E. Kepner, commanding a Heavy Bomber Division.

He is a Squadron Commander and Pilot on a B-24 Liberator and has made 25 bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe.

The Group to which Major Elliott belongs is commanded by Colonel Luther J. Fairbanks, of Burt, Iowa, received official commendation from Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, Commanding Eighth Air Force, for combat achievement on its first mission which was against Berlin. It was the longest initial attack ever flown by any unit in the history of the European Theater and one of the heaviest daylight bombardments of the German capital on record. Huge fires raged in the city for days afterwards.

His citation reads: "For extraordinary achievement, while serving as pilot of a B-24 airplane on many bombardment missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Displaying great courage and skill, Major Elliott has materially aided in the successful completion of each of these missions and his actions are an inspiring example for his fellow flyers. The courage, coolness and exceptional skill displayed by Major Elliott on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and The Armed Forces of the United States."

Major Elliott's wife, the former Constance Anderson, lives at 465 High street, Burlington, New Jersey.

In civilian life, he was a student at Lehigh University. He entered the Army on June 26, 1940, and has been overseas since March, 1944.

New Era,

Sept. 7, 1944

FRANK B.

ELLIOTT

ELLIOTT PROMOTED

An Eight Air Force Fighter Station, England:—The promotion of Frank B. Elliott, a P-51 Mustang pilot of Riverton, New Jersey, from Major to Lt. Colonel has been announced by general orders received here recently.

Lt. Colonel Elliott is a member of the Second Air Division Scouting Force whose duty it is to fly ahead of the heavy bombers and report back the weather conditions and other vital information via radio. A former Squadron Commander of a B-24 Liberator Group, Lt. Colonel Elliott had completed 29 missions as a lead bomber pilot when he volunteered to fly Mustangs.

A 1940 graduate of Lehigh University, where he excelled in football and track, Lt. Colonel Elliott entered the Air Corps the same year. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Elliott, Sr., live at 402 Fulton street, Riverton.

Lt. Colonel Elliott, whose wife, Constance, lives at 465 High street, Burlington, New Jersey, has been awarded the Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters and the DFC with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

COLONEL ELLIOTT WITH 4TH FIGHTER GROUP

Lt. Col. Frank B. Elliott, 28, whose wife, Constance, lives at 465 High street, Burlington, is now operations officer with the celebrated 4th Fighter Group, the oldest fighter outfit based in England.

Col. Elliott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Elliott, of 402 Fulton street, Riverton, is in charge of the Group's training program which is designed to fit pilots for battle in the Pacific.

The New Jersey flyer is well acquainted with all types of aerial warfare, having flown one tour of operations as a bomber pilot, in B-24 Liberator bombers, another tour with an Air Force scouting unit, and at present with the P-51 Mustang 4th Fighter Group.

Col. Elliott joined the Army in June, 1940. Later he attended the AAF flying school at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he won his wings.

He has destroyed three enemy planes on the ground and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Air Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters.



New Era, April 19, 1945

New Era, June 28, 1945

JOSEPH F. WILLIAMS L. C. DICKINSON

JOHN DENNELER

—○—
 Captain Joseph M. Williams, of Riverton, is attending the battalion commanders' and field officers' training school at Fort Benning, Ga.
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New Era, Oct. 1, 1942

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 Mrs. Joseph M. Williams, of 302 Midway, has received a cable from her husband, Captain Joseph M. Williams, U. S. A., that he has arrived safely in North Africa.
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New Era, April 6, 1944

Joseph M. Williams, Jr., son of Captain and Mrs. Joseph M. Williams, 302 Midway, Riverton, left last Saturday for Fort Dix where he entered the Army Air Corps. A member of the Junior class at Palmyra High School, Williams will soon be transferred to Biloxi, Miss.

New Era, June 14, 1945

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 L. C. Dickinson and John Den-
 neler, both of Riverton, are receiving
 their military training with the U. S.
 Army at Fort Jackson, S. C.

They are now members of the 307th Infantry, 77th Division, which, together with other units of the Division, saw gallant and distinguished service in World War I. They are part of a team with a glorious history and the prospect of an equally glorious future. The spirit of their Regiment, Commanded by Colonel William H. Craig, is expressed in their manly and spirited motto "Clear the Way."

New Era, June 25, 1942



ROBERT R. BARTLEY

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 Robert B. Bartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Bartley, Elm terrace, Riverton, received his commission as Second Lieutenant at graduation exercises of the Officer Candidate School, Armored Force, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lieutenant Bartley will remain at Fort Knox another month for advanced training.

New Era, June 3, 1943

N. J. FLIER HONORED FOR 50 MISSIONS

A Riverton fighter pilot has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after completing 50 sorties in four months of combat flying. He had previously won the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight over enemy territory."

The air hero is Captain James N. Wood, flight commander and operations officer for a Thunderbolt fighter squadron with the Eighth Air Force in England. His wife, the former "Nordie" Hayward, and their son, James H., live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hayward, at Sunny Knoll, here.

Captain Wood is a West Point graduate, class of 1942. He also attended the University of Arkansas and received his wings at Moore Field, Texas.

New Era, March 2, 1944



DOWNES THREE PLANES ON 1 MISSION

Captain James N. Wood, of Elm terrace, has become the second pilot in a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Philip E. Tukey, Jr., to destroy three enemy planes in one mission, it was learned last week. The group is stationed at an Eighth Army Air Forces base in England.

The 24-year-old pilot, a native of Rogers, Ark., and husband of the former Dorothy Haywood, of Riverton, was on his way home with his fighter group after a bomber escorting task, when the unit was attacked from above by about 40 Nazi planes.

Catching a straggler in the Nazi force, Captain Wood destroyed the plane by firing into a cloud in which the German had sought refuge. He brought down his second in tackling an enemy plane that approached too close to the initial combat. To round out the day's activities, he outmaneuvered a Nazi pilot and forced him to crash into the ground, without firing a shot at him.

Captain Wood has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Captain James N. Wood returned to the states May 29, after many months active service in Europe.

JAMES N. WOOD

New Era, June 8, 1944

PROMOTION FOR WOOD

Captain James Wood, of Riverton, who spoke at the War Bond Premiere in the local theatre last Thursday, has been promoted to the rank of major, it was announced this week.

Major Wood, the holder of several decorations as a result of his outstanding achievements in the U. S. Air Force, reported at Atlantic City today for further orders following a leave after active duty in the European area.

New Era, June 29, 1944



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361st Fighter Squadron





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Lt. Col James N. Wood, Riverton, NJ., 361st Fighter Squadron. P-47D 44-19764 QI-S "Blind Date". This aircraft was involved in a crash-landing with Lt. Col. Wood at the controls on 23 September 1944. The P-47 in the slot position is currently unknown. Photo: Dave Wiggins

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JAMES N. WOOD

ANOTHER CITATION FOR MAJOR WOOD

In a ceremony at this 8th Air Force Fighter Station in England recently, Maj. James N. Wood, of Elm Terrace, Riverton, twenty-five year old P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot, was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross and first Oak Leaf Cluster previously presented.

A veteran of over one hundred combat missions into France, the Low Countries and Germany, Maj. Wood has already destroyed five Nazi war planes. He is a member of the P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter Group commanded by Lt. Col. Philip E. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, N. J., and recently returned to this Theatre of operations after a short furlough back home.

The Major's wife, Mrs. Dorothy H. Wood, resides at the Riverton address. His mother, Mrs. Ellen N. Wood lives in Rogers, Ark.

New Era, Sept. 28, 1944



The 361st Fighter Group -The Yellow Jackets

Wood continued next slide

WOOD BACK FAST

Claim for the record time in getting home after being shot down over enemy territory is made for Major James N. Wood, of Elm terrace, Riverton, West Pointer and an Operations Officer in the P-47 Thunderbolt Group commanded by Lt. Col. Philip E. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

The Group took off to strafe German ack-ack at 2:15. Major Wood's ship was nearly shot to pieces by a German A.A. battery which he was trying to silence. He got hits in the belly, one in the left wing, one in the engine, two more in the front fuselage, and his engine cut out at 250 feet altitude. Then it caught and he flew for fifteen minutes with his wingman, Lt. Ben Barnes, trailing right along with him.

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944



Landed Fast

His oil pressure was dropping fast and his cylinder head temperature was rising in the same tempo while he was looking hard for the Belgian border. He just made it and the first field he saw in Allied territory he went down for. He was going at 160 miles an hour which was too fast for that small grass field, so he jerked his wheels up and made a belly landing, skidding across the grass and ending up crashing through a sandbag revetment.

"There were a lot of C-47's parked there, loading wounded for return to England. A ground force Colonel who seemed to be in charge came up to me and asked me if I wanted to go back to England. I said 'sure, they are having a big party back at my base and I want to get back.' He laughed and told me to climb into one of the cargo ships that was just getting ready to take-off. The C-47 landed back at my own base at 6:50 that afternoon, 35 minutes after the last ship of my Group landed."

JAMES N. WOOD

New Era, Nov. 9, 1944

WOOD DECORATED

Major James N. Wood, a squadron commander in the P-47 Thunderbolt Group commanded by Lieut. Col. Philip E. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for "gallantly in action against the enemy on May 4, 1944." That was the day when, completing his last mission of combat operations he shot down three FW190's over Germany.

"Woody," as he is known to his friends in Riverton, and Rogers, Ark., where he was born, was recently appointed a squadron commander three days after he was presented with the Silver Star.

"Woody" had only one enemy plane destroyed as he approached the end of his first tour of combat operations. During his 68th mission on May 4 he led his flight of four Thunderbolts on a bomber escort mission to Hanover. He had one of his baby's little knitted booties pinned on his gunsight. And pinned on the bootie were his brother's wings. The Luftwaffe was up that day eager to get at our bombers. He led his flight against a Group of 40 FW190's and before his gas ran low had knocked down three of them himself.

His wife and son live on Elm terrace, Riverton, and his mother, Mrs. Ellen N. Wood, lives at Rogers, Ark. Major Wood also wears the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

WOOD RECEIVES THE BRONZE STAR

For "meritorious service against the enemy" on the Western Front, Captain James A. E. Wood, son of Mr. Alexander C. Wood, Sr., of Riverton Road, Riverton, has been awarded the Bronze Star.

The official citation reads: "During the period August 6 to November 23, Capt. Wood distinguished himself in his duties as assistant personnel officer of the 80th Infantry Division. Under constant combat conditions during this period, Capt. Wood proved himself a major factor in the accomplishment of the many complex problems relative to the personnel section. His tact, initiative, resourcefulness and sincere devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Capt. Wood was graduated from Harvard University in 1937.

WOOD PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL

Graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, James N. Wood, of Riverton, a P-51 Mustang squadron commander, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The pilot, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Wood, of Elm Terrace, recently concluded his combat career here in England after almost 400 hours in the air against the enemy.

During his many missions over enemy territory Colonel Wood destroyed four-and-one-half Jerry planes, three of them as he finished 20 hours of combat flying prior to returning to the States for a 30-day furlough last May. The much decorated pilot holds the Silver Star for "gallantry in action;" the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters for "extraordinary achievement in

aerial combat;" and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for "sustained combat operations against the enemy."

Coming overseas as a Captain and a P-47 Thunderbolt flight leader, the New Jersey pilot later took over as his squadron's operations officer, a post which netted him his majority in June, 1944. He was made a squadron commander in the 356th Fighter Group commanded by Colonel Philip E. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in October of last year.

The twenty-five-year-old son of Mrs. Ellen N. Wood, of Rogers, Arkansas, the flier is a graduate of the high school there and later attended the University of Arkansas for a year before he was appointed to West Point in July, 1938. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 28, 1942.

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JAMES N. WOOD



Lieutenant Colonel James N. Wood is spending a thirty day furlough at his home on Elm Terrace, Riverton. He has been stationed in England for two years and after his furlough will be re-assigned.

New Era, May 24, 1945



JOSEPH J. BURNS

MECRAY SAVES LIFE

In a recent edition of the London edition of the "Stars and Stripes" appeared an article headed "Rescued Men from Mars." Coming from Allied Headquarters in Burma, it tells of the wonderful achievements of the medical men of the Mars task force who marched more than 300 miles over Burma's nearly vertical scenery and performed miracles of surgery under fire.

Included in the accomplishments was the following:

"Major Paul Mecray, Jr., formerly of Riverton, kept one Burma grave empty when a young lieutenant was brought in with his windpipe shattered by shrapnel. Mecray tried with his finger to remove the blood clots choking the wounded man, but the patient stopped breathing. Then Mecray placed his mouth over the wound and sucked out the clots and then proceeded to keep the man breathing by blowing to inflate the lungs until surgical repair was possible."

The article was sent to R. M. Fuller, formerly of Riverton, by his son John, who is an officer in the U. S. Army.

New Era, May 17, 1945



PAUL MECRAY, JR.

Read the original "[Combat Medics Save Marsmen Under Fire.](#)" It is in the first story on the page under HOLE IN WINDPIPE.

FRED F. WOODWARD

Frederick F. Woodward, who was listed last week as entering the Navy, is a resident of Riverton and not of Cinnaminson as was incorrectly stated in The New Era.

New Era, May 27, 1943

Fred. F. Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Woodward, of Midway avenue, has completed his course of training and has recently been assigned to a crew leaving shortly for sea duty.

New Era, June 8, 1944



**WILLIAM J.
DIETRICH, JR.**

Fred Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woodward, 300 Midway, was recently promoted to Radio Mechanic 3-c. He is assigned to duty on an LSM and is on the West Coast awaiting sailing orders.

New Era, Oct. 19, 1944



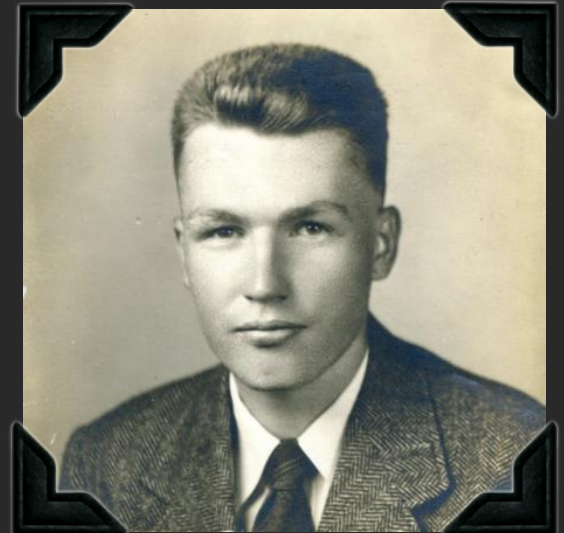
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HARRY A. WILLE

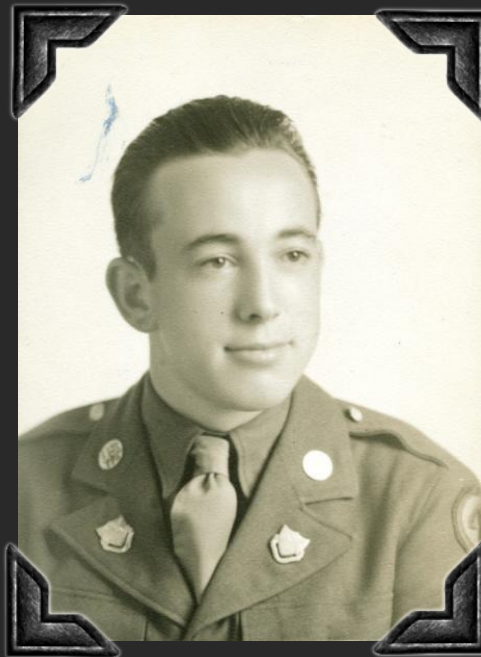
WOODWARD BACK FROM PACIFIC AREA

Frederick F. Woodward, RM 3-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Woodward, 303 Midway, arrived home on Tuesday of last week for a brief furlough. He has been in the Pacific area since last September. Upon completion of his leave, Woodward will report to Princeton University where he is entered in the Fleet V-12 training program.

New Era, May 3, 1945



**FREDERICK CHARLES
LANGENBERG**



**BERNARD C.
MARTIN**



New Era, July 6, 1944

AWARDED MEDAL

Word has been received from Army officials that Pfc. Bernard C. Martin, of Riverton, who is a litter bearer, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Private Martin participated in the Normandy, Northern France and Germany campaigns.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Martin, resides at 629 Elm terrace.



*New Era,
May 31, 1945*



ROBERT E. GOULD

GOULD IN ACTION

Private First Class Robert Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gould, Main street, Riverton, came in on the fifth wave of the first day's invasion of Peleliu Island by the U. S. Marine Corps Division and remained until the third day when he was incapacitated by flying shrapnel that pierced his left arm. He was evacuated to a Naval Base Hospital somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area where he is recuperating.

The 23-year-old infantryman had seen previous service with the Marines when the invasion of Cape Gloucester was made on Christmas Day, 1943, but in comparison to what the Americans encountered at Peleliu, the former invasion of New Britain appeared like child's play, he said.

"I couldn't believe the Japs could keep up such a heavy barrage of artillery and mortar shell fire," he said, but whether I believed it or not, there it was. We invaded under the impression we could secure the island in 48 hours. After we landed and saw what we were up against, a shrewd, cunning enemy equipped with modern guns, tanks and fortifications that almost seemed impregnable we knew it couldn't be done.

"Everything seemed against us at first, even the weather was in favor of the Jap who could not be seen but was heard from, for the bright sunshiny day made us easy targets. And targets we were. Don't let anybody kid you into the belief the Jap is a crack-pot. He is more of a crack-shot than a crack-pot."

V.F.W. POST MEETS

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

3 FROM SO. JERSEY PRISONERS OF JAPS

Absecon Sergeant Missing On European Front, New List Reveals

Three South Jersey men are listed as prisoners of the Japanese and another is reported missing in action in a casualty list issued today by the War Department.

The three prisoners of war are Private Robert W. Knight, Jr., whose father Robert Knight, lives at 211 Howard street, Riverton, and Private Carlton R. Gourlay, whose mother, Mrs. Clara Gourlay, resides on Route 3 and Delsea drive, Vineland, and Charles Doring, whose father, Arthur, lives at 266 South Shore, Pennsgrove.

The soldier missing in action in the European area is Technical Sergeant Harry B. Burns, son of Mrs. Lena L. Balsany, of 418 South Shore road, Absecon.



R. W. Knight, Jr.

DIES IN JAPANESE PRISON CAMP

Announcement of Riverton's first casualty in the war was received here on Monday of this week, when Councilman Robert W. Knight learned that his son, P.F.C. Robert Knight, had died while a prisoner of the Japanese, at a camp in Manchukuo.

Private Knight, who entered the Army during May, 1941, spent a brief period at an engineer replacement center in Missouri. His outfit was one of the few sent to the Philippines before hostilities commenced.

Nothing was heard from him for several months following the fall of Bataan until his father received word that he was a prisoner of the Japs.

Always of a cheerful disposition, a splendid citizen and a soldier, Private Knight's untimely death cast a pall of sorrow over the Independence Day exercises in Riverton and left another unpaid score to be charged against his uncivilized captors.

His two brothers are both in the service, Giles being in the Army, while John is with the Navy.

A commemoration service will be held in Christ Church, Episcopal, Riverton, Sunday, July 11, at the 11 o'clock service.



ROBERT W. KNIGHT, JR.

New Era, July 8, 1943

Knight continued next slide

COUNTY/STATE

Pfc. Knight gets his Bronze Star

Soldier killed
47 years agoBy Jim Donnelly
BCT staff writer

FORT DIX — Forty-seven years ago, a smiling Riverton teen-ager left town for a hitch in the Army and tragically, never returned.

Pfc. Robert W. Knight Jr. was serving in an engineers' unit in the Philippines when bombs began falling over Hawaii on Dec. 7. Cut off from food and ammunition supplies, the battered Americans tried to hang on as waves of Japanese invaders swept through the islands.

It was hopeless, and Knight later died in a prison camp at 19 after surviving the infamous Bataan Death March.

Today, the Army will recognize the young Knight's sacrifices when it presents surviving relatives with his posthumous Meritorious Bronze Star medal and other decorations in ceremonies at post headquarters.

"I was 5 months old when the news came he'd died in prison," his nephew Richard A. Flach said. Now 45, the Medford resident describes himself as the Knight family historian, and spearheaded efforts to get recognition for the uncle he'd never met.

"I was born on his birthday, so I've always been very aware of him," he said.

Shortly after graduating from Palmyra High School, Knight enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 803rd Engineers Battalion on the Philippines' Bataan peninsula, where the unit was building Clark Air Force Base. One day after Pearl Harbor, huge Japanese forces attacked.

Starving troops held their turf until May 1942, when American commanders finally surrendered. The victorious Japanese rounded up more than 11,000 prisoners and forced them on the six-day Bataan Death March without food and water. Exhausted POWs who collapsed were shot where they fell.

More than 4,000 troops were dead when the march ended. The survivors, including Knight, who

were strong enough to work went to prison camps in conquered parts of Korea and China. Knight ended up in a camp at Mukden, Manchuria; where he died in March 1943.

"They said he died of beriberi or dysentery," Flach said. "Basically, he starved to death."

Knight became the first Riverton resident killed in action during World War II, and is now buried in Beverly National Cemetery.

Flach, his nephew, has started a campaign to have military officials award medals to his family.

Flach learned his uncle was eligible for the Bronze Star after reading an article in the Army Times. The article was part of a publicity campaign to make deceased servicemen's families aware that decorations could be awarded posthumously.

"A lot of eligible people just got out of uniform and left without filling out the proper papers," said Sgt. 1st Class Phil Hale, a Fort Dix spokesman. "Others just fell through the cracks."

In Knight's case, the fact he was held prisoner behind enemy lines, and that his remains weren't returned to the U.S. for several years, made matters harder.

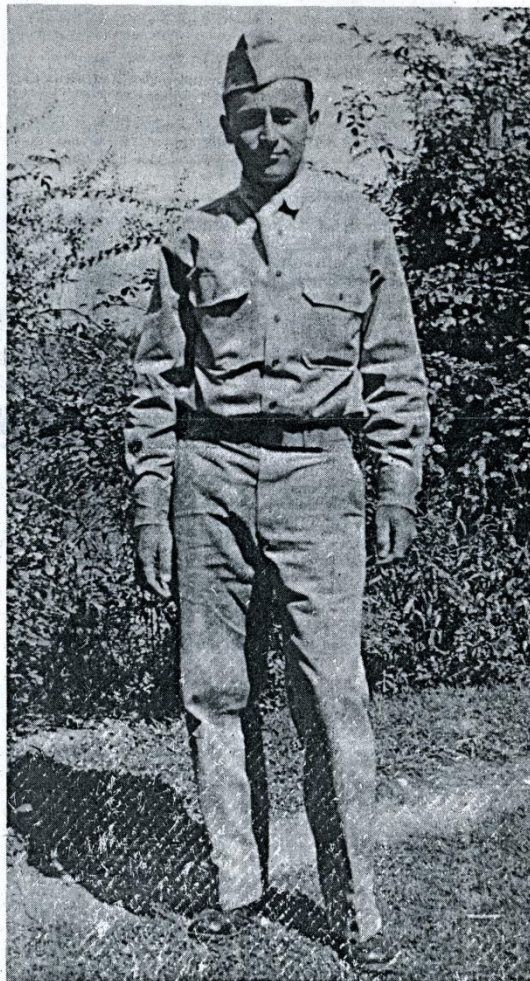
Flach finally met Joseph M. Logan, the post's retirement services officer, who explained that World War II veterans awarded the combat infantryman's badge or became POWs while defending the Philippines were eligible for the Bronze Star. After about a year's research, the medal was approved.

And then some.

In addition to the Bronze Star, Knight was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Prisoner of War Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

"My intention was to get the Bronze Star for my uncle," Flach said. "The POW medal didn't even exist when we started a year ago. I had no idea we could get the others."

Knight is survived by his brothers Charles and Giles, both living in Riverton. Both are expected to attend today's presentation ceremony at the post headquarters, along with sister Ann Ruff and a nephew from Maine. Another sister and brother are dead.



A family photo of Pfc. Robert W. Knight Jr. taken before he left for the Philippines in World War II.

"They're all feeling well pleased," said Anne Knight, the young soldier's sister-in-law. "We were really close friends. He went off to the war and we never saw him

again.

"Dick (Flach) has worked hardest of all on this," she said. "He always felt he would eventually get the recognition."



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962 HAS AWARDED

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT W. KNIGHT, JR. UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR meritorious achievement during combat while serving in the South West Pacific Theater of Operations from 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942. The actions of Private First Class Knight were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon him, his unit and the United States Army.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 21st DAY OF July 1988

R. W. Smith
UNITED STATES SENATOR



John D. Marshall, Jr.
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

ROBERT W. KNIGHT, JR.



JOSEPH L. YEARLY

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Joseph L. Yearly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Yearly, of Cinnamon street, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal in the U. S. Army.
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New Era, May 6, 1943

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Sgt. Joseph L. Yearly, who is stationed at Miami Beach, Florida, is home on a 15 day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Yearly, of Cinnamon street.
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New Era, Feb. 3, 1944

Sergeant Joseph Yearly, of Riverton, is spending a 15-day furlough here. He will return soon to his station at Miami Beach, Florida.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

JOHN M. LONGSTREET

GRADUATES FROM ARMY SCHOOL

Officer Candidates became Second Lieutenants at the graduation exercises of the Chemical Warfare Service Officer Candidate School, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., last week.

They were chosen from the ranks for this training by their superior of ficers because of excellence in military record, education and character.

Edgewood Arsenal has the only Chemical Warfare Officer Candidate School in the country and these graduates are experts in offensive and defensive chemical warfare.

Among those graduating was John M. Longstreet, of 624 Elm terrace, Riverton. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and before entering the Army, was an assistant purchasing agent with Frank W. Winne, Philadelphia, Penna.

New Era, Dec. 28, 1944

Sergeant Lester R. Yearly, U. S. Army, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Yearly, Cinnaminson street, Riverton. Sergeant Yearly is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

New Era, Sept. 30, 1943

YEARLY WOUNDED

Staff Sergeant Lester Yearly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearly, of Cinnaminson street, Riverton, has been wounded in action according to a communication received by his parents last week.

Sergeant Yearly suffered a shrapnel wound in the arm and is now in a hospital in Italy.

His unit has seen much intensive action and recently Yearly participated in an assault on one of the toughest portions of the German line.

New Era, Oct. 26, 1944

Sergeant Lester R. Yearly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearly, 600 Cinnaminson Street, Riverton, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is a section leader with an infantry unit of the Fifth Army in Italy.

New Era, April 13, 1944

Staff Sgt. Lester R. Yearly and P.F.C. Edward Morze, both of Riverton, are members of the 88th Division that was mentioned this week as playing a prominent part in the present Italian campaign.

New Era, June 1, 1944



LESTER R. YEARLY

[*We Were There*](#) tells the story of the 88th 'Blue Devil' Division during its 344 days in combat.

New Era, Aug. 2, 1945

YEARLY SEES ACTION ON ITALIAN FRONT

Staff Sergeant Lester R. Yearly, of Riverton, was a member of a heavy mortar platoon that crossed a 20-foot canal near Maenza on the Fifth Army front in Italy under heavy enemy machinegun and rifle fire and knocked out machineguns that were holding up the advance of his outfit.

When the leading rifle companies of his battalion of the 88th Infantry Division were stopped and pinned down by the enemy, it was necessary for the mortar platoon to cross the canal to get into position to fire on the enemy positions.

Despite weariness after carrying their heavy mortars over the rugged mountains of southern Italy from Minturno, the platoon moved in quickly and silenced the Nazi machineguns by accurate fire.

"Even though the doughboys were dog tired from climbing the supposedly inaccessible mountains, they still had that last ounce of energy needed to rush upon the Germans and finish them off," stated their platoon leader, Lieutenant Martin Coker, of 1624 Tuscaloosa avenue, Gadsden, Alabama.

New Era, Sept. 28, 1944

YEARLY GETS MEDAL

Staff Sergeant Lester R. Yearly, Section Sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearly, 600 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, has been cited by the 349th "Krautkiller" Regiment of the Fifth Army's 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

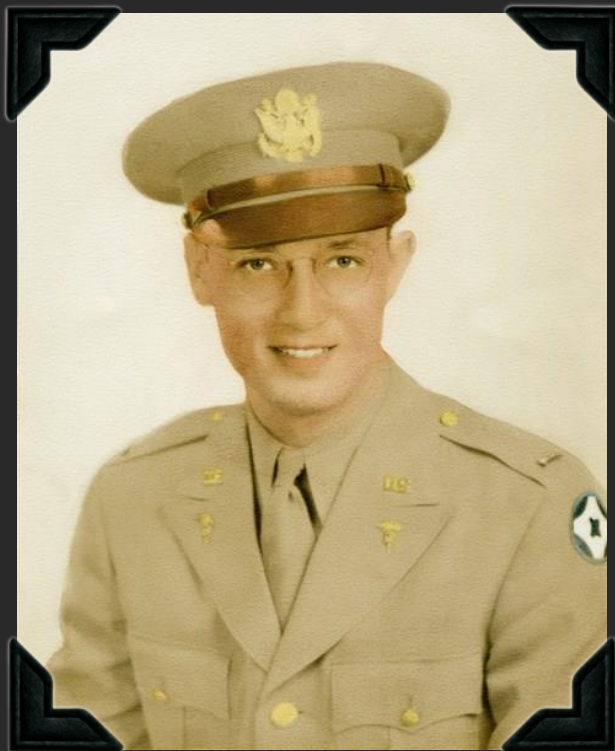
BIRTH

First Lieutenant and Mrs. Elwood Clifford Johnson, of Rome, Georgia, announce the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, on December 30th, at McCall Hospital.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Jacqueline J. Pennington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Pennington, of Riverton.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnson, of Palmyra. Lieutenant Johnson is stationed at Battey General Hospital, Rome, Georgia.

New Era, Jan. 4, 1945



ELWOOD C. JOHNSON

GEORGE STEEDLE

George Steedle, apprentice seaman.

son of Mr. and Mrs. George Steedle, 304 Seventh street, Riverton, has been transferred from Princeton, N. J. to Columbia University, New York, where he will finish his course of training.

New Era, May 17, 1945

STEEDLE COMMISSIONED

Mr. and Mrs. George Steedle, 304 7th street, Riverton, and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Faunce, have returned from a trip to New York City where they attended the graduation exercises of George Steedle, Jr., who was graduated from Columbia University and commissioned an Ensign on Thursday, August 23.

Ensign Steedle received his training at Princeton University and completed the course at Columbia. He is enjoying a fifteen day leave with his parents after which he will report to California.

New Era, August 30, 1945



EDWARD HEBREW

ALEXANDER MARCY LIPPINCOTT

Alexander Marcy Lippincott is now a Corporal in the U. S. Army Engineers and is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

New Era, March 11, 1943

JAMES HAMLIN

James Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Second street, Riverton, leaves for training this week at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., where he will be a member of the Army Specialized Training Corps in the air force division.

New Era, Oct. 5, 1944

Private James S. Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Second street, Riverton, a member of the A.S.T.R.P., who is training at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va., is spending a furlough at his home here.

New Era, Jan. 4, 1945

James Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Second street, Riverton, is spending a short furlough at the home of his parents. He is in training as a member of the U. S. Army Air Force at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia, and will return there upon completion of his leave.

New Era, July 5, 1945

Pvt. James S. Hamlin is spending a nine-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, 6 Second street, Riverton. Pvt. Hamlin is attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, and is a member of the A.S.T.R.P.

New Era, April 5, 1945

Private James Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, has returned to Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg to continue his studies in the A.S.T.R.P. course, after spending some time at his home on Second street, Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

GASOLINE FOR SERVICE MEN ON FURLOUGH

Orders have been received at the local ration board that service men presenting furlough papers for three days or longer can now receive up to five gallons of gasoline.

Helen T. Andrews
Community Service Member

New Era, May 20, 1943



JOSEPH J. AUGUSTYN

September 1966

Joseph J. Augustyn

Private Francis Cole is spending a furlough at his home on Main street, Riverton.

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FRANCIS C. COLE

Pfc. Francis Cole, of Riverton, is spending a 10-day furlough here. He is stationed at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

New Era, March 9, 1944

WENDELL R. HANLE

Wendell R. Hanle, technical sergeant at the Army Air Forces advanced flying school, Moore Field, Texas, and head of this field's photographic unit, has been appointed warrant officer.

Warrant Officer Hanle is an old army man in that he enlisted in the Army in 1938. He was indoctrinated at Randolph Field, Texas, later sent to Foster Field, Victoria, Texas and when Moore Field was opened in 1941 Hanle was sent here to head the field's photographic unit.

When Hanle first entered the Army he was assigned to radio work. He later became interested in photography and was sent to the Army Air Forces Photo School at Lower Field, Colo. A year ago Hanle was graduated from the Life Pictorial Journalism School in New York City.

Warrant Officer Hanle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hanle, 400 8th Street, Riverton, N. J.

New Era, May 27, 1943



CHARLES CODDINGTON

Captain Charles Coddington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Coddington of Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the U. S. Army.

New Era, May 27, 1943

Major Charles S. M. Coddington, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, is spending three days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coddington, of Elm avenue, Riverton.

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- CADETS -

**BENNETT,
CARDEA,
SIMS,
STEEDLE,
JENSEN, ELY**



V-5 NAVAL CADETS

On Tuesday of this week, Ensign Henry W. Ries, Jr., member of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board was a luncheon guest at Palmyra High School, following which he had a conference with six boys who are entered in the V-5 Naval Aviation School, which starts July 1.

They will be enrolled as apprentice seamen and their course will lead to their being commissioned Ensign in the Navy Reserve or 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. They will spend one year in college and another in actual flight training, upon completion of which they will receive their wings.

William Bennett was named the group wing leader and the other members are Thomas Cardea, William Rodney Sims, George Steedle, Jr., Warren Jensen and Frank Ely.

New Era, May 20, 1943

WILLIAM S. MATHEWS

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Sgt. Wm. S. Mathews, son of Col. Frank A. Mathews, Jr., (retired) and Mrs. Mathews, has successfully completed his refresher courses at the University of Idaho, in the city of Moscow.

Sgt. Mathews has now begun his basic training in engineering at U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles, California.

New Era, May 20, 1943

MORRIS J. STEEDLE

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Morris J. Steedle, of Riverton, has received an honorable discharge from the Army to work with an essential war industry.

New Era, April 15, 1943

WILLIAM G. MATTHEWS

Sgt. William G. Mathews, having successfully passed his examination for Army Specialists' School, will report to the University of Idaho, this Saturday, April 24th.

Sgt. Mathews has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with a Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

New Era, April 22, 1943



**JAMES ARTHUR
MAGUIRE**

Second Lieutenant Victor B. Shoemaker, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, writes that he enjoys reading The New Era "even more than he did while at home" and states that service men appreciate news about the "old home town."

New Era, June 17, 1943

Bert Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Shoemaker, Jr., 311 Bank avenue, Riverton, has received a promotion from First Lieutenant to Captain, U. S. Army.

New Era, Feb. 22, 1945

Word has been received that 2nd Lieutenant V. B. Shoemaker has been advanced to 1st Lieutenant. Lieutenant Shoemaker, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shoemaker, Jr., of 405 Lippincott avenue, Riverton.

New Era, May 4, 1944

Captain V. Bertram Shoemaker and Mrs. Shoemaker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Lynn Wheeler, Friday, April 20, at Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia. Captain Shoemaker is with the 7th Army in Germany.

New Era, April 26, 1945

**VICTOR B. "BERT"
SHOEMAKER**



OLIVER F. YOUNG

JOHN CRAIG

Private John E. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Craig, 211 Elm avenue, Riverton, is stationed at the Medical Replacement Center, Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he is undergoing specialized medical training.

New Era, March 11, 1943

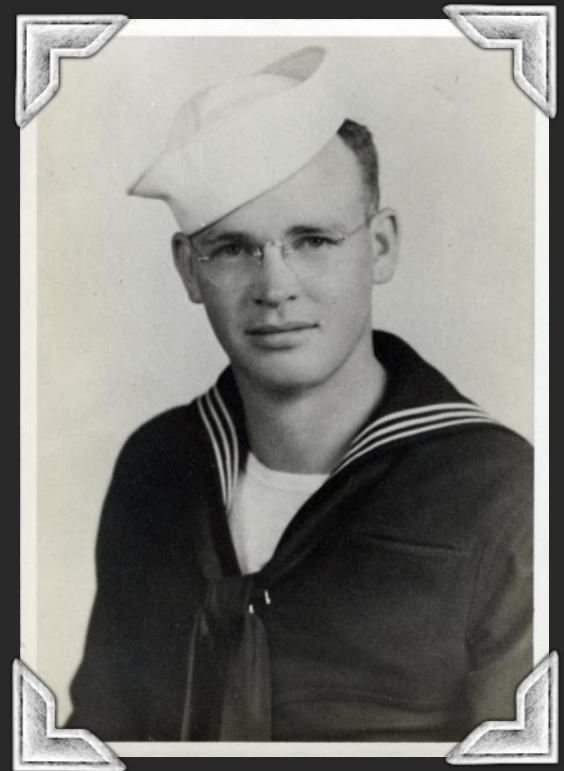
Private John Craig, U. S. Army, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, Elm avenue, Riverton.

New Era, May 27, 1943

THOMAS W. MOOD. JR.

Private Thomas W. Mood, Jr., of Burlington Pike, Riverton, is now stationed at the medical replacement center, Camp Pickett, Virginia. Upon the completion of his training there, he will be assigned to a hospital or a tactical unit.

New Era, March 18, 1943



HARRY LLOYD UNLAND, JR.

Mrs. H. L. Unland, of Riverton, recently visited her son, Harry L. Unland, in Providence, Rhode Island, while he was on a brief leave from Camp Endicott, R. I., where he is stationed as a member of the Seabees. Mrs. Unland was accompanied by another son, Corporal R. B. Unland.

New Era August 12, 1943



GEORGE CHATBURN



ROBERT B. UNLAND

P.F.C. Robert B. Unland, son of Mrs. C. B. Unland, of Riverton, received his Corporal rating upon graduation from Scott Field recently. He has been transferred to an advance radio base.

New Era, May 6, 1943

Corporal R. B. Unland, son of Mrs. H. L. Unland, Thomas avenue, Riverton, is spending a 10-day furlough at home. He is stationed at Boca Raton, Florida.

New Era August 12, 1943

SGT. R. B. UNLAND GETS CITATION

Staff Sergeant Robert B. Unland, son of Mrs. Charlotte Unland, of 416 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, is serving in the European theater as a Radar technician with the 435th Troop Carrier Group which has recently been awarded a Presidential Citation.

The award, one of the highest given for military achievement, was made to Unland's unit for their "immeasurable contribution to the success of the greatest airborne operation in history," the D-Day invasion of France. Commanded by Colonel Frank J. MacNees, of St. Paul, Minnesota, his unit also dropped the first paratroops and towed the first gliders in the invasion of Southern France, and the Holland offensive.

Formerly a part of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, Unland's unit is now part of the U. S. Troop Carrier Forces, headed by Major General Paul L. Williams, and is the major air component of the First Allied Airborne Army.

Staff Sergeant Unland is a graduate of the Moorestown High School, class of '38, and was employed as a traffic manager by the Terminal Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, Pa., before entering the service in November, 1942. He is a veteran of thirteen months overseas service.

New Era, Dec. 21, 1944

UNLAND ARRIVES HOME

Staff Sergeant Robert B. Unland, son of Mrs. H. L. Unland, 416 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, arrived home Saturday from the European theatre of war to spend a thirty-day furlough.

He is a member of the 78th Troop Carrier Squadron, 435th Group and is a Radar operator and mechanic. He left the United States in October, 1943, and was stationed in England until February, 1944, when he was sent to France.

S-Sgt. Unland wears the overseas ribbon with seven battle stars and also the Presidential Unit Citation. Although he has earned more than eighty-five points he will join his group at the end of his furlough at Baer Field, Indiana, and be reassigned to the Pacific area.

New Era, August 9, 1945

Sergeant Rodger A. Kertighian, a member of the 78th Troop Carrier Squadron, is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Unland, 416 Lippincott avenue, Riverton. Sgt. Kertighian has been in the European Theatre with S-Sgt. Robert B. Unland and they will both be transferred to the Pacific after enjoying a thirty day furlough.

New Era, August 9, 1945

Lieutenant Burton K. Conway recently spent a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conway, while enroute to his new assignment with the Fighter Command at San Francisco, Cal.

New Era, April 15, 1943



BURTON K. CONWAY

Captain Burton Conway, former resident of Riverton, has arrived in the United States for an extended furlough. Captain Conway has been serving with the 311 Fighter Control Squadron in the European theatre.

New Era, May 10, 1945

LEON E. GRAY

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Leon E. Gray has arrived in Camp Croft, S. C., for basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gray, of 301 Harrison street, Riverton. He was inducted into the Army on August 23 at Camden. He attended Palmyra High School.
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New Era, Sept. 28, 1944

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gray, Harrison street, that their son, Pvt. Leon E. Gray, Jr., has been wounded in Germany. Pvt. Gray is with the Ninth Army.
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New Era, April 19, 1945

GRAY IN 35th INFANTRY DIVISION

Pvt. Leon E. Gray, who is enroute home from Europe with the 5-Star 35th ("Santa Fe") Division, was formerly a member of the Eighth Armored Division which supported the 35th Division in the battle for Rhinberg and other cities in the drive to the west bank of the Rhine River.

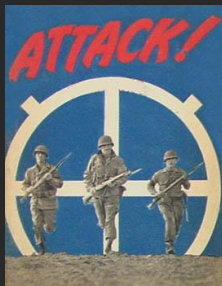
He is one of a group of Eighth Armored Division men transferred into

the "Santa Fe" Division to fill vacancies created by the release of high-score men under the point system.

Private Gray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gray, 301 Harrison street, Riverton.

He holds the following decorations: 2 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart.

New Era, August 23, 1945



"Attack!" is a small booklet covering the history of the 35th Infantry Division. This booklet is one of the series of G.I. Stories published by the Stars & Stripes in Paris in 1944-1945.



Naval Aviation Cadet Vincent Groome, of Riverton, has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight school at Athens, Ga., for training in Naval Aviation.

Each cadet undergoes three months physical conditioning and pre-flight training in academic and military subjects, before being transferred to Navy flight centers for progressive air training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Groome, son of H. J. Groome, Sr., 417 Linden avenue, graduated from Palmyra High School in 1940. He completed primary flight training at the CAA War Training School, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., intermediate at A.P.I., Auburn, Ala.

Naval Aviation Cadet Harry Vincent Groome, of Riverton, N. J., has completed three months of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Athens, Ga. He has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Groome, son of H. J. Groome, Sr., 417 Linden avenue, graduated from Palmyra High School in 1940. He was transferred here from the CAA War Training Service School, Auburn, Ala.

Groome ranked among the upper 20 percent of his large class on a basis of military, athletic, and academic work for the three-months pre-flight training.

Harry V. Groome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Groome, of 417 Linden avenue, Riverton, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training.

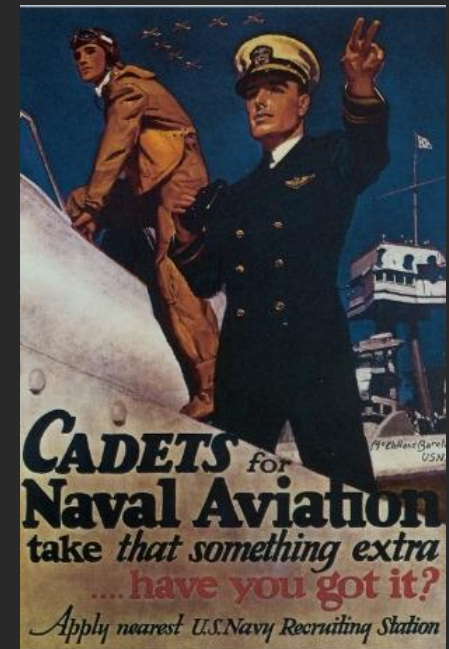
Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air" Cadet Groome will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of Naval Aviator, and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

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HARRY VINCENT GROOME

New Era, Nov. 4, 1943



HARRY VINCENT GROOME



Fighting 20
insignia

Ensign Harry V. Groome, USNR, has arrived safely in Pacific area. Ensign Groome, a fighter pilot, has been assigned to a fighter squadron.

New Era, Sept. 7, 1944

ENTERTAIN OFFICERS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Groome, 417 Linden avenue, Riverton, were hosts Tuesday night to the following group of officers and their wives who were enroute to Wildwood, N. J.: Ensign and Mrs. H. Glenzer, Owen, Wisconsin; Ensign and Mrs. W. E. Von Sydon, Chicago, Ill.; Lt. and Mrs. R. M. Fallgatter, Kimtyre, N. D.

These men are members of "Fighting Squadron 20" and will report for training at Wildwood.

Ensign Harry V. Groome, who has been home on furlough, is a member of this group and will accompany them to Wildwood.

New Era, April 5, 1945

KILLED IN CRASH



Ensign Harry V. Groome, Jr., U. S. Navy, who was killed Wednesday, when his plane crashed near Wildwood where he was stationed.

In addition to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Groome, Linden avenue, Riverton, Ensign Groome is survived by his wife, the former Mary Brimmer of Mayfair and an infant daughter.

Ensign Groome was assigned to the Wildwood Air Base after completing his required number of missions as the pilot of a Hellcat plane based on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific where he saw much action.



BURKE W. JAY

Burke W. Jay, of 712 Main street, Riverton, has been transferred from Miami Beach, Florida, and is now an Air Corps Cadet at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

New Era, April 8, 1943

FRANCIS BOLTON ELWELL

Two young men from Riverton have reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama, from the Nashville Army Air Center (AAFCC) Nashville, Tennessee, to begin the second phase of their training as pilots in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.

These aviation cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center.

These men are Aviation Cadets Francis Bolton Elwell, 308 Main Street, and Robert George McCurdy, 615 Elm Terrace, Riverton.

New Era July 22, 1943

ABOUT TOWN

Aviation Cadet Francis Bolton Elwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Elwell, Sr., Riverton, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, Col. John B. Patrick, Commanding Officer.

Turner Field, an Army Air Forces Pilot School, (Advanced two-engine) is one of a group of air bases, which composes the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Center. It is here that Aviation Cadets are sent for their final phase of training which culminates in their receiving their much coveted wings and commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

New Era, March 23, 1944

ELWELL IN TROOP CARRIER GROUP

First Lieutenant Francis B. Elwell, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Elwell, Sr., 308 Main street, Riverton, has been promoted to his present rank with a veteran troop carrier group of the 12th Air Force.

The group, commanded by Colonel John Cerny, Harrison, Idaho, transports vital supplies to the front lines by air, evacuates the wounded to rear station hospitals, and hauls air-borne infantry and paratroopers to target areas. It participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and southern France, and was awarded the distinguished Unit Citation for outstanding supply-by-air service in the Burma-India theater.

Lieutenant Elwell, Jr., was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire and Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

New Era, April 26, 1945



DAVID F. GOULD

Aviation Cadet David F. Gould, 2nd, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Gould, Seventh street, Riverton, received his commission as Second Lt. last Sunday at graduation exercises of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School, Yale University.

New Era, June 3, 1943

Lt. David F. Gould was home on furlough over the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Gould of 804 Main Street, Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 6, 1944

2nd Lieutenant David F. Gould, 2nd, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Gould, Main street, Riverton.

New Era, March 23, 1944



For those who have wondered about the mail deliveries overseas, especially toward Europe, it will be agreeable news to learn that mail is flowing freely again. This information was included in a letter received from 2nd Lieutenant D. F. Gould, who reports he has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Lt. Gould is associated with a Special British R.A.F. Bomb Squadron.

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944

GOULD HOME

Lieutenant David F. Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gould, 804 Main street, Riverton, arrived home Tuesday to spend a thirty-day furlough. Lt. Gould was with the thirty-sixth Bomb Squadron, a division of the Eighth Air Force. He was in the European Theatre of war for a year and a half. Lt. Gould flew to Taunton, Massachusetts and after reporting to Fort Dix arrived home. He will report to Fort Dix for re-assignment at the termination of his furlough.

A brother, Pfc. Robert E. Gould, is serving with the First Marines in the Pacific Theatre.

New Era, July 19, 1945

WILLIAM F. WAHL



It's "Life with the Leathernecks" for William F. Wahl, 717 Cinnaminson St., Riverton, Colonel W. Dulty Smith, Officer in Charge of the Marine Corps Induction and Recruiting Station here, announced today.

Joining for the duration of the war, the new Devil Dog is now training at the huge Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S. C., where Marines for years have been taught the fine points of bitter combat.

At the end of six weeks of training, men leave Parris Island for posts at home and abroad.

Pvt. William Wahl, U.S.M.C., is spending some time at his home in Riverton.

New Era, May 27, 1943

CLELLAND PRAISED

The following letter was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Clelland, 905 Main street, Riverton, from the pilot of the plane on which their son, Staff Sergeant Ted Clelland is a member of the crew.

April 23, 1945
Philippine Islands

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clelland,

I am the pilot of the bomber on which your son, Ted, has been flying for these many memorable months. I am not writing this letter to try and tell you of the fine job Ted has done—the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters he has garnered, as well as the campaign ribbons, tell their own story. But rather I should like to tell you a little about Ted and the crew and what our job has been.

We, as a bomber crew, are very lucky in that because of our close-knit coordination so necessary to effective teamwork, the officers and men must be much closer in their relationships than is possible under any other combat circumstances. That kinship we all value highly.

Throughout our training period in the States and our combat tour here, Ted has shown a willingness to learn and cognizance of responsibility that has been of exemplary merit. I am justly proud of him as I know you must be.

I have had confidence in him as have all the other crew members. He's done a fine job and is for my money the best d - - - nose gunner in the Corps! Knowing and working with him has been a real privilege. I shall always consider him a life-long friend.

Yours very sincerely,
DOUGLAS A. FAULKNER,
1st Lt. Air Corps.

CLELLAND TO RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY

Staff Sergeant Robert T. Clelland, of Riverton, has completed his tour of duty in the Southwest Pacific Area and is soon to be returned to the United States.

Sergeant Clelland has been serving as a gunner with the "Bomber Barons," veteran 13th "Jungle Air Force" B-24 Liberator Group with more than 800 missions to its credit. Recently he was presented the Air Medal, for "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational combat flights in the Southwest Pacific Area." The presenta-

tion was made at an advanced 13th AAF bomber base in the Philippines.

He entered the AAF in July, 1943, and has been overseas since September, 1944.

New Era, May 31, 1945

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May 10, 1945*



ROBERT T. "TED" CLELLAND

S-Sgt. Robert T. Clelland, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Clelland, 905 Main street, Riverton, has reported to Hq., AAF Ord and RS No. 5, Greensboro, N. C., for assignment

to an Air Force installation in the United States. Sgt. Clelland recently returned to this country after having spent nine months in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations.

At this station he is going through a records and classification procedure prior to assignment. This is a station in the Personnel Distribution Command's chain of Redistribution Stations, and also provides entertainment and relaxation for Sgt. Clelland during his stay.

He wears the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

New Era, August 16, 1945

BIRTH

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert T. Clelland, of Riverton, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Tuesday of this week in Lying-In Hospital, Philadelphia.

New Era, May 31, 1945

SIDDALL—LIEBERT

Word has been received from North Africa stating that Captain John R. Siddall, A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Siddall, of 404 Lippincott avenue and Lt. Constance M. Liebert, A.N.C., daughter of Mrs. Peter M. Liebert and the late Mr. Siebert of Roxborough, Pa., were married on February 6th at their army headquarters.

Lt. Liebert is a graduate of St. Joseph's College and Chestnut Hill Hospital nursing staff.

Captain Siddall has been a resident of Riverton for several years—graduating from Palmyra High School in the class of 1928. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his B.S. degree in 1933 and in 1937 received his M.D. degree at Jefferson Medical School. While attending Jefferson School, Captain Siddall resided at Phi Beta Pi, his medical fraternity. Following his graduation, Dr. Siddall interned at Cooper Hospital, Camden, and on completion of his internship, opened an office at his home in Riverton.

In 1941, before this country was at war both Dr. Siddall and nurse Liebert enlisted in the armed forces but were not called for active duty till the 38th General Hospital (Jefferson Medical Unit) was ordered to Texas for basic training.

It has been stated that the young couple met 15 minutes after leaving Broad Street Station and fell in love at sight. Their engagement was announced several months ago. Captain Siddall is on the "honor list" at Westfield Friends' Meeting.

About Town

Lieut. Constance Liebert Siddall has returned to this country from service with the Jefferson Medical Unit at Cairo. Lieut. Siddall is the wife of Captain John Siddall, still serving overseas, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Siddall, of Lippincott avenue, Riverton.

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

SIDDALL KILLED

Captain John R. Siddall, U. S. Army, Lippincott avenue, Riverton, was killed in a plane crash on his way home from Africa, Thursday, May 10. He was enroute to the States for an extended furlough.

Captain Siddall was a practicing physician in Riverton for three years prior to entering the Army Medical Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Constance Liebert Siddall, who was a Lieutenant stationed in Cairo but who was honorably discharged from service and returned to Riverton. Surviving also are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siddall, 404 Lippincott avenue, Riverton.

New Era, May 17, 1945

New Era, March 2, 1944

CONSTANCE LIEBERT

JOHN SIDDALL

CAPTAIN JOHN J. SIDDALL

Mrs. Joseph J. Siddall, Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has received a letter from Chaplain Vitalis P. Lasota, who officiated at the burial services of her son, Captain John J. Siddall, on Ascension Island in the Pacific, May 10, 1945.

The plane crashed on landing at six o'clock in the morning and the services took place at six o'clock the same evening. Captain Siddall, was on his way to Riverton.

New Era, May 31, 1945

BIRTH

Mrs. Constance Liebert Siddall,

Lippincott avenue, Riverton, announces the birth of a daughter, Anne Helen, May 25, at the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Siddall is the widow of Captain John R. Siddall, who was killed in a plane crash on May 10th, while enroute to the States from Africa.

New Era, May 31, 1945

Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, has enlisted in the United States Navy and left this week for training.

New Era, Feb. 4, 1943

ON L.S.T.

Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, participated in the D-Day invasion according to a letter received by his parents this week. Their son is a Signalman on an LST and he doubtless will have some very thrilling experiences to narrate about the part played by his boat during the landing on the beaches.

New Era, June 29, 1944

Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., Seaman 2nd Class, U. S. Navy, recently spent a brief leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton. Seaman Caldwell is at the Sampson, N. Y., Station.

New Era, June 24, 1943

CALDWELL HOME FROM EUROPE AREA

Signalman 2-c Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, arrived home on Monday of this week on a 30-day leave. He has just returned from an extended period of active duty in the European area where he participated in several major engagements.

The New Era staff was very much pleased to receive a visit from Signalman Caldwell this week and to hear about some of his interesting experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have received word that their other son, Richard of the U. S. Navy, also is on his way home from the West Coast on a leave and will be here by Christmas. The reunion of the brothers is quite unusual in that the traveling distance of both is about 7,000 miles from opposite directions.

New Era, Dec. 24, 1944

PORTER B. CALDWELL, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, have received word that their son, Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., Signalman, U. S. Navy, has arrived in England.

New Era, April 6, 1944

SM 2-c Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, left Wednesday to rejoin his ship following a 30-day leave here.

New Era, Jan. 18, 1945

MEET IN PACIFIC

SM 2-c Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., and Seaman Richard Caldwell, U. S. Navy, met recently and spent some time together in the Pacific area.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton.

New Era, June 7, 1945

MATHEWS HONORED ON BATTLEFIELD

Recommended on the field of battle for promotion because of his conduct in actual combat, a young Riverton officer formerly a First Lieutenant, is now a Captain, and placed in command of the Headquarters Company of the 313th Infantry Regiment of the 79th Division. The 79th Division has been highly commended for its fine work in the taking of Cherbourg in the early days of the European invasion. Splendidly trained, this Division has been reported to have behaved like an organization of veterans under its baptism of fire.

The Riverton officer promoted for his conduct during battle is Captain John B. Mathews, formerly First Lieutenant and Executive Officer of the same company.



The 79th Division "Liberty" Division is also known as the "Lorraine" Division".

Recommendation

Captain Mathews' recommendation reads in part as follows:

"Lt. Mathews, now acting as Company Commander of the Regimental Headquarters Company, has demonstrated superior leadership in the performance of his duties since the initial date of action on June 19, 1944. For two years, Lt. Mathews has served in the same Company in various capacities, namely reconnaissance officer and executive officer. His work has always been creditable. He assumed command on July 8, 1944, upon the death of the former captain. His qualifications for the vacancy are unquestionable. He has shown untiring effort in coordinating his sections to furnish necessary intelligence and maintain communications. Lt. Mathews inspires cooperation and zeal in his men. He is dependable and intensely loyal. He is an intelligent young officer, sober in judgment, and steadfast in purpose. His versatility and adaptability have proved sufficient for all emergencies. For leadership deserving of recognition, this recommendation is made."

The recommendation was made for "outstanding performance in actual combat."

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JOHN B. MATHEWS

Captain Mathews is twenty-three years of age, a graduate of Palmyra High School and Moorestown Friends School. He was president of his class at Palmyra High, one of the largest classes ever to be graduated from that institution.

Captain Mathews is the husband of the former Miss Virginia Murray, of Delanco, and is the son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Frank A. Mathews, Jr., of Bank avenue, Riverton. Colonel Mathews is in the Inactive Reserve. Captain Mathews has a brother in the service, Corporal William G. Mathews, who is with the 89th Division.

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1st Lieutenant and Mrs. John B. Mathews spent last week with Lieutenant Mathews' parents, Colonel and Mrs. Frank Mathews, Bank avenue, Riverton. They returned last Friday to Camp Phillips, Kansas, where the lieutenant is stationed.
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New Era, Feb. 17, 1944

NORMAN E. ORAM

Norman E. Oram, 19, son of Mrs. Hortense Q. Oram, Route 25, Riverton, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Here the cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

New Era, Jan. 27, 1944

Norman E. Oram, son of Mrs. Hortense Q. Oram, Route No. 25, Riverton, has been appointed a Flight Leader of a squadron in the corps of cadets with the rank of Aviation Cadet Lieutenant at the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he is completing an intensive course in military, academic and physical training.

New Era, March 16, 1944

MATHIAS SHUTT



N.O. 1942

ROBERT H. EVAUL

Mrs. Robert H. Evaul, of Washington, D. C., wife of Store Keeper 3rd Class, Robert H. Evaul, spent the week end with Mrs. Florence Evaul of 305 Harrison street.

New Era, March 16, 1944

SK 2-c Robert Evaul and Mrs. Evaul, of San Diego, California, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, William Robert, at the Naval Hospital, San Diego. Mrs. Florence Evaul, Harrison street, Riverton, is visiting with her son and family.

New Era, May 3, 1945

Mrs. Elizabeth Evaul, Harrison street, Riverton, received word Monday that her son, Robert Evaul, has been promoted to Storekeeper First Class. He is stationed in San Diego, California and had just returned from a visit with his family in Riverton.

New Era, July 5, 1945

Miss Jane Wolfeschmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wolfeschmidt, Seventh street, Riverton, left this week for active duty with the Army Nurse Corps at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Miss Wolfeschmidt was a member of the 1942 Nurses Class at West Jersey Hospital and graduated last August.

New Era, March 4, 1943

2nd Lieutenant Jane E. Wolfeschmidt, Army Nurse, was home on a ten day leave over the Christmas holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson L. Wolfeschmidt, of 409 Seventh street, Riverton.

Lt. Wolfeschmidt left Monday to return to Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where she has been stationed for over nine months.

New Era, Dec. 30, 1943

Word has been received that 2nd Lieutenant Jane E. Wolfeschmidt has arrived in England. Lieutenant Wolfeschmidt is an Army Nurse and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson L. Wolfeschmidt, 409 Seventh street, Riverton.

New Era, May 11, 1944



Army Nurse Corps insignia

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson L. Wolfeschmidt, 409 Seventh street, Riverton, received a bouquet of red rosebuds from their daughter, Lieutenant Jane E. Wolfeschmidt, for New Year's. The last word from Lieutenant Wolfeschmidt was from Holland.

New Era, Jan. 4, 1945

A most interesting letter was received by Mrs. Emerson Wolfeschmidt of 409 7th street, Riverton, from her daughter, Jane, "somewhere in Germany." She is an Army Nurse and has just received her promotion to First Lieutenant. She had a surprise visit from her cousin, William J. Wolfeschmidt, of Millville, N. J., during January, which was most pleasant for she had not met anyone from home since going overseas.

New Era, Feb. 22, 1945

First Lieut. Jane Wolfeschmidt, who is "somewhere in Northern Germany" sent her mother, Mrs. Emerson Wolfeschmidt, flowers for Mother's Day.

New Era, May 17, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wolfeschmidt, 409 Seventh street, Riverton, received a letter Friday from their daughter, First Lieutenant Jane Wolfeschmidt. She is located in Ger-

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JANE E. WOLFESCHMIDT

ARTHUR H. BURNS – MARY JANE BURNS

SEES MUCH ACTION ABOARD DESTROYER

Second Class Petty Officer Arthur H. Burns, U. S. Navy, has seen much action in the European area according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burns, Thomas avenue, Riverton.

Burns, who has been stationed on a destroyer ever since his enlistment recently wrote that he had met Al Mount, of Palmyra, who is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Texas, which has participated in several bombardments of the German fortifications in Brittany and Normandy.

A number of U. S. destroyers were also in the same engagement and the ship on which Burns is stationed played a prominent part in these battles.

Second Class Petty Officer Arthur H. Burns, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burns, of Thomas avenue, Riverton, has returned home on leave after 4½ months of sea duty in European waters. Burns is stationed on a destroyer, the type which is very maneuverable and fast and one of a convoy which returned to the United States recently.

During the weeks of invasion U. S. destroyers played a most important part in providing our soldiers with comforts necessary to battle.

Burns relates of many rescued and wounded men, who might have died except for the liberal use of blood plasma. It is actual experience which impresses upon us the value of this life substance.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burns, Jr., reside in Camden. Mrs. Burns, a Registered Nurse, is supervisor of maternity, Cooper Hospital, Camden.

Mrs. A. H. Burns, Jr. recently joined the Army Nurse Corps and reported for duty Monday at the Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burns, 101 Thomas avenue, Riverton, and is serving on a destroyer mine sweeper somewhere in the Pacific.

New Era, April 5, 1945

YOU ARE NEEDED NOW



JOIN THE
ARMY NURSE CORPS

APPLY AT YOUR NEAREST RECRUITING STATION

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ARTHUR H. BURNS – MARY JANE BURNS

BURNS PRAISED

Arthur H. Burns, Jr., gunner's mate, second class, 701 Thomas avenue, Riverton, N. J., has been praised by his commanding officer for his work in recent Naval actions off Okinawa.

The captain of the destroyer-mine-sweeper on which Burns is serving, lauded him for giving first aid to a wounded man following an attack by five Jap suicide planes, all of which were shot down.

Burn's ship was one of the first at Okinawa, sweeping a path for other units of the fleet. Later it was assigned to regular destroyer duty.

Burns is a veteran of three European invasions—Normandy, southern France and Sicily.

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Lieutenant Mary Jane Burns, who is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., spent the Fourth of July, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burns, 701 Thomas avenue, Riverton. Her husband, Arthur H. Burns, Jr., GM 2-c, is serving in the South Pacific.
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New Era, July 12, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Burns, son and daughter-in-law, Petty Officer 1-c Arthur H. Burns, Jr., and Lt. Mary Jane Burns, of 701 Thomas avenue, Riverton, are enjoying a week in the Poconos.

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BURNS HOME FROM THE PACIFIC AREA

Arthur H. Burns, Jr., Petty Officer, 1-c, arrived home Friday to spend a thirty day leave. His wife, Lieutenant Mary Jane Burns, is also enjoying a thirty-day leave from Staten Island, N. Y., where she is located.

Burns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Burns, 701 Thomas avenue, Riverton. He has been serving in the South Pacific and was lauded by his Captain on a destroyer-mine sweeper in recent naval action off Okinawa for giving first aid to a wounded man following an attack by five Jap suicide planes.

Burns is a veteran of three European invasions—Normandy, Southern France and Sicily.

At the termination of his leave he will report to San Francisco, California for re-assignment.

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JOHN C. GEISS

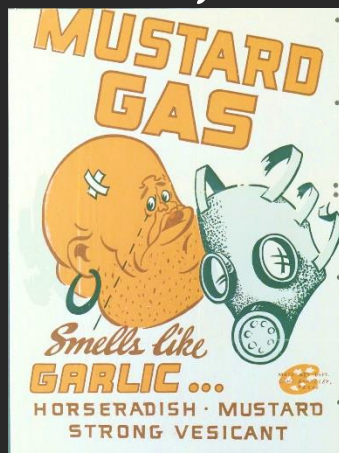
Members of Chemical Warfare School's Toxic Gas Handlers' Class for non-commissioner officers of the 50th Gas Course will complete an exacting course of training today.

Some of the subjects included in the Toxic Gas Handlers' Course are offensive and defensive tactics of gas warfare; the prevention and the treatment of gas casualties; the use of protective clothing and equipment; decontamination techniques.

The course is designed to qualify enlisted men to fulfill the duties of non-commissioner officers in chemical sections of their branches of the Service.

Among the non-commissioner officers who will be graduated is Cpl. John C. Geiss, of 405 Cinnaminson Street, Riverton. Prior to entering the Service he was employed by the Cities Service Oil Company as a chemical engineer.

New Era, July 12, 1945



DAVID C. WILSON

DAVID C. WILSON SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Wilson, of Golf Road, Riverton, have been notified that their son, Private David C. Wilson, U. S. Army Paratrooper, 17th Air Borne Division, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on January 6.

Private Wilson entered the service in July 1943 and was sent overseas

in August of last year. He attended Palmyra High School and was graduated from George School, Bucks County, Pa., in June 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have received a letter from their para-trooper son recently, in which he assured them his wounds were slight and that he is receiving the best of care.

Private Wilson has three brothers in the armed forces, the oldest of which is Lt. Col. James T. Wilson, veteran of 70 combat missions with the Ninth Air Force's famous Crusader Group in the European Theatre. He is now stationed at Morris Field, Charlotte, N. C.

The other two brothers in service are BM 1-c Winfield S. Wilson, U. S.N., who is on a submarine "somewhere in the Pacific" and Aviation Cadet Richard T. Wilson, who is in San Antonio, Texas.

New Era, Feb. 15, 1945

WILSON KILLED

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Wilson, Golf Road, Riverton, have been notified by the War Department that their youngest son, Pfc. David C. Wilson, U. S. Paratrooper, has been killed in action in Germany.

Pfc. Wilson, 21 years of age, was with the 17th Airborne Division and had been wounded in action in Belgium on January 6, but returned to duty.

Pfc. Wilson attended Palmyra High School and was graduated from George School, in June, 1943. He entered service in July of that year and was sent overseas in August, 1944.

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KATHERINE C. GRAFF

Katherine Graff, 2nd Class Yeoman, WAVES, who is stationed at Northampton, Mass., recently spent a brief furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Filson Graff, of Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 7, 1943

Katherine C. Graff, Y2c, USNR, of 300 Eighth street, Riverton, has been selected for officer training in the Women's Reserve. She will enter the next officer candidate class entering the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (WH) at Northampton July 31.

Miss Graff was assigned to this school September 17, 1942, and after a month's indoctrination, was assigned to the office of the Officer-in-Charge of Midshipmen. She received her second-class yeomen's rating November 1, 1942.

Miss Graff, a graduate of the Friends' School at Moorestown, New Jersey, was formerly secretary and assistant to the publicity manager of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Philadelphia. A previous position which she held took her to all the States in the United States except one—South Dakota. She also had two years of executive secretarial work with Pierce Business School, Philadelphia.

New Era July 15, 1943

Miss Katherine Graff was recently graduated from the WAVES' Officer Training School, Northampton, Mass., with the rank of Ensign. She is now stationed in Washington. Ensign Graff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Filson Graff, of Riverton.

New Era, Sept. 30, 1943

MARIE I. WISEMAN

Marie I. Wiseman, a former official of the Cinnaminson Bank and Trust Co., Riverton, now a Sergeant in the WAC, is stationed somewhere in North Africa, where she is Secretary to a Colonel.

New Era, Jan. 20, 1944



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OLIVE RUTH SMITH

Olive R. Smith, RM3-c, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, of Riverton, flew home in a Navy transport plane from the Naval Air Station, Corpus Cristi, Texas, on a 16-day leave.

New Era, Sept. 2, 1943

Olive Ruth Smith, R.M. 3-c, USNR, has returned to duty at Naval Air Base, Corpus Christi, Texas, after spending 16 days furlough at her home, 217 Cinnaminson street, Riverton.

New Era Sept. 16, 1943

Olive R. Smith, R.M. 3c, U.S.N.R. has returned to duty at Corpus Christi, Texas, where she has been stationed for 16 months as a radio operator after spending a 12-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, 217 Cinnaminson street, Riverton.

New Era, April 27, 1944



DORIS W. SHIVERS

Doris W. Shivers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shivers, of Cinnaminson, a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, has been transferred from Northampton, Mass., to the Coast Guard Academy, at New London, Conn.

New Era, June 10, 1943

CARLETTE SEEMULLER

Miss Carlette Seemuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seemuller, of 1 Fourth street, Riverton, will leave shortly for Langley Field, Va., where she will train for the Army Air Corps.

New Era, Feb. 17, 1944

CHARLOTTE E. VOSS

Charlotte E. Voss, 709 Thomas avenue, Riverton, has just been promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Nurse Corps.

A daughter of Mrs. H. Voss, Lieutenant Voss is now on duty at the dispensary at the Naval Repair Base in New Orleans, La.

At the time Nurse Voss received her promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade, all eight of the other nurses serving at the dispensary also received promotions.

New Era, April 5, 1945

CHARLES WALLACE

FIRST FLAG AT ANZIO

The National Emblem displayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wallace, Fourth street, Riverton, on V-J Day had an unusual history. It was sent to them by their son SM 1-c Charles Wallace, U. S. N., and was the first flag into the Anzio beach-head, being flown by a PT boat on which Wallace was signalman.

It was the duty of this boat to locate the beach in darkness and send the "fix" to other craft farther offshore.

Wallace has been in the Navy since February, 1942, and has seen much action.

New Era, August 16, 1945



typical PT boat

JOSEPH WALLACE

Joseph Wallace, AMM 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace, 212 Thomas avenue, Riverton, is enjoying a thirty-day leave at his home. He has been serving in the Pacific area for more than a year. Following his leave he will report to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

New Era, August 16, 1945

EDWARD WALLACE

SERGEANT WALLACE. IN PHILIPPINES

Sergeant Edward Wallace, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wallace, 406 Fourth street, Riverton, recently arrived in the Philippines and was assigned to the 43rd Bombardment Group of the Fifth Air Force. His unit, nicknamed Ken's Men, was the first B-24 Liberator group to operate from bases in the Philippines and has sunk or damaged over 500,000 tons of enemy shipping in three years overseas.

Wallace graduated from Palmyra High School in 1925 and was employed as an insurance investigator by a local insurance company. He entered the service in June, 1942, attending radio school at Scott Field, Ill., and aerial gunnery school at Harlingen, Texas. He received combat crew training at Fairfield, California and left the U. S. for overseas duty in September, 1944. Two brothers are also in the service.

New Era, April 19, 1945



Photo of a B-24 Liberator and patch from

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Photo # NH 98065 USS Black in a Pacific harbor, May 1945



Photo of USS Black (DD-666) underway in a Pacific harbor, May 1945

World War II
insignia of
USS Black
(DD-666)



DANSER SEES JAP HOMELAND

Earl P. Danser, seaman 1-c, whose mother, Mrs. Ella L. Wurster, lives at Branch Pike, Riverton, had a look at Japan recently. This 2100-ton ship, a veteran of six major engagements, went close to the shores of Shikoku—the Jap home island just south of Honshu. She was unchallenged.

Some days ago, however, one of the ship's 5-inch shells sent a Jap twin-engined bomber down in flames. The range, four and a half miles, was a tribute to the ship's gunnery. Later, the ship picked up from the sea the body of an enemy flier. He was buried at sea as the crew crowded around for their first glimpse of the enemy.

New Era, May 10, 1945

DANSER SERVING ON U.S.S. BLACK

Earl P. Danser, shipfitter, third class, Branch Pike, Riverton, served in the crew of the U.S.S. Black when she became the first destroyer to fire on Japan during the initial naval bombardment of the Japanese homeland.

This action climaxed two years of Pacific fighting for the Black, which has participated in seven major campaigns.

As the battleships and cruisers of her task force began their heavy bombardment of the coast, a merchantman, coastal tanker and power-driven barge towing a similar vessel were spotted hugging the shore.

The Black joined its division of destroyers to chase the enemy. The merchantmen fled, but the tanker burst into flames from the destroyers' 5-inch guns. A moment later, a cloud of smoke and spray blotted the power-driven barge from view. It disappeared from the surface and the second barge ran aground.

Evidence of the nonchalance with which the ship approached the days work was in two announcements made in the morning before the bombardment of the Jap homeland started. "The main Japanese Island of Honshu is now in sight on the star-board bow," the public address system first blared out. Then: "The ship's store is now open." Those of the crew who could, lined up to buy their candy, soap and cigarettes.

*New Era,
August 23, 1945*

WILLIAM O. MYERS, JR.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Otis Myers have received word officially that their son, Corp. Bill Myers has arrived safely in England.

New Era, March 9, 1944

DAVID N. BLYLER

David N. Blyler, of Riverton, has been promoted to Private First Class and is now attending the Army Administration School at Fargo, N. D.

New Era, June 3, 1943

RICHARD PAYNE

Pvt. Richard Payne is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. George Payne, of Riverton.

New Era, June 3, 1943

JOSEPH ALLEN

Joseph Allen, Pte. 1-c, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day leave at his home, 614 Thomas avenue, Riverton. He is stationed in Panama.

New Era, Sept. 14, 1944

The Riverton Honor Roll promises to be one of the most attractive in South Jersey according to the architect's drawing.

New Era, June 22, 1944

H. WALTER ROWAN

H. Walter Rowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rowan, Thomas avenue, Riverton, has been commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy and will leave next week for a training course at Harvard University.

New Era, June 3, 1943

ROBERT MILLER

Chief Petty Officer Robert Miller and Mrs. Miller are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Robert F., Jr., at the Saint Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia.

New Era, April 26, 1945

OWEN P. MERRILL

RECORDS NEEDED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Merrill, of Main street, Riverton, have received word from their son, Lieutenant Owen P. Merrill, U.S.N.R., that the L.S.D. craft on which he is stationed has a record player—but no records.

Lieutenant Merrill stated that the men would appreciate donations of any kind of record, be it classical or jazz.

Look through your record collection and, if you have any to spare please phone E. K. Merrill, Riverton 0657-J and they will be called for.

New Era, June 1, 1944

Lieut. (j.g.) Owen Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Merrill, of Main street, Riverton, has been promoted to Lieutenant Senior Grade.

New Era, June 22, 1944



USS Ashland
(LSD-1)
underway, date
and location
unknown from
navsource.org



**JOHN R.
WARREN**

GEORGE L. DURGIN

Lt. George Durgin arrived at his home, 718 Lincoln avenue recently after a six months absence from the States, during which time he and his crew completed 35 bombing missions over European territory—the initial engagement being on D-Day. For their meritorious achievement in action they were presented with the Presidential Citation.

Lt. Durgin, a member of the 8th Air Force, wears the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross, also two bronze stars on his Campaign Ribbon which indicates 2 major invasions. He is a graduate of Peabody High School.

New Era, Dec. 28, 1944

Lt. George L. Durgin, Howard street, after being at a Redistribution Center in Asheville, N. C., has been assigned to Fort Knox, Ky. His wife will accompany him.

New Era, July 5, 1945



GAVE THEIR LIVES

Riverton, Palmyra and Cinnaminson have contributed much in the blood to their sons to achieve the victory at which the Allied world rejoices.

The following is a list, incomplete, of those who gave their lives for World Peace:

Sgt. Philip E. Riddle, Palmyra February, 1944, in plane crash near Chester, South Carolina.

Pvt. Stanley Daugherty, Palmyra, March 14, 1944, in Italy.

Capt. James Allen Hemphill, Riverton, April 10, 1944, in accident in Greenland.

Cpl. John Mathews, Riverton, January 26, 1944, in Italy.

Pvt. Joseph Kunst, Cinnaminson, July 14, 1944, in France.

Cpl. Walter F. Krieger, Palmyra, August 11, 1944, in New Guinea.

Pvt. John Windsor, Palmyra, August 20, 1944, in France.

Lt. Emory Laslocky, of Route 25, September 1, 1944, in France.

Lt. Richard M. Barclay, Riverton, June 9, 1944, in Atlantic Theater.

S-Sgt. George C. Brown, Cinnaminson, 1944, in France.

Earl Tanner, Mo. M. 1-c, Cinnaminson, missing in 1944.

Pfc. John Eck, Palmyra, December 16, 1944, in France.

Capt. Everett Abdill, USN, Palmyra, December, 1944, near the Philippines.

Pfc. Emanuel Rothbaum, Palmyra, January 7, 1945, in Germany.

Pfc. Frank Weigand, Palmyra, December 24, 1944, in Belgium.

John Silver, G.M. 3-c, Palmyra, January 12, 1945, in the South Pacific.

William Ulrich S. 1-c, Palmyra, Missing in 1945.

Pfc. David C. Wilson, Cinnaminson, March 24, 1945, in Germany.

Pfc. William J. Leedom, East Riverton, April 3, 1945, in Germany.

Pvt. Kenneth-R. Schwarz, Palmyra, April 16, 1945, in Germany.

Pfc. John McAnulty, Palmyra, April 18, 1945, in Germany.

Ensign Ross T. Elliott, Riverton, April 6, 1945, off Okinawa.

Capt. John R. Siddall, Riverton, May 170, 1945, in crash on Ascension Island.

Ensign Harry V. Groome, Jr., Riverton, May 23, 1945, in crash near Wildwood.

Harry Horn S 1-c, Cinnaminson, Missing in the Pacific, 1945.

Cpl. Willaim Greer, Cinnaminson, May 4, 1945, in Austria.

Lt. George K. Villinger, Palmyra, Missing over Germany since March 2, 1944.

George Zink, Jr., Merchant Marine, Palmyra, February, 1942, in the Atlantic.

Lt. Commander Wm. W. Graham, U.S.N., Palmyra, 1942, in Pacific.

Pvt. James T. Dougherty, Palmyra, February, 1943, in the Atlantic.

Pfc. Robert Knight, Riverton, in Japanese Prison Camp.

Lt. William Van Sant, Palmyra, 1943, in the Pacific.

Henry Zygadlo, Palmyra, August 3, 1943, in Sicily.

Sgt. Elwood Branson, Palmyra, December 13, 1945, in auto accident on Haddonfield road.

Cpl. Charles Oliver, Riverton, in accident at Savannah, Georgia, March 11, 1944.

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HAROLD R. BISHOP CHARLES A. BISHOP

BISHOP BROTHERS SEE CONSIDERABLE ACTION

Pfc. Harold R. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop, Linden avenue, Riverton, was a member of "E" Company, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Division, which completed a battle itinerary of 253 days of front line duty.

Private Bishop was wounded in the closing days of conflict, flown to England and then shipped to this country by boat for treatment. He is now at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

A brother, Charles A. Bishop, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His unit, Co. "C," 69th Armored Infantry Brigade of the 16th Armored Division participated in a 100-mile drive in 24 hours to capture Pilsen.

New Era, June 14, 1945



94th Infantry
Division
insignia from
94thinfdiv.com

Private Harold Bishop, of Riverton, is now located at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

New Era, March 4, 1943

Pfc. Harold R. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop, Linden avenue, Riverton, is enjoying a thirty day furlough at his home. Pfc. Bishop has been confined to the Halloran General Hospital for some time with wounds of the legs suffered in Germany.

New Era, July 26, 1945



combat infantryman badge

WILLIAM VICTOR RICCIO

RICCIO INJURED

Mrs. Florence Riccio received a telegram on Sunday, April 21, from the War Department. It said her husband, William Victor Riccio, Ship Cook 3-c, USNR, had been seriously injured on April 1, Easter Sunday, while in the service of his country. Mrs. Riccio lives with her grandmother at 621 Main street, Riverton.

The couple have a baby daughter, Elizabeth Ann, five months old. Ship Cook 3-c Riccio has served in the Pacific for over a year and a half and before that he served in the Atlantic Fleet.

New Era, April 26, 1945

ALBERT H. KENNY

Pvt. Albert H. Kenny and Mrs. Kenny have been in town the past 14 days, which was a furlough for Private Kenny.

The couple will leave Wednesday for Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, where Pvt. Kenny will report for further orders.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

GEORGE W. BISHOP

Private George W. Bishop, of 601 Linden avenue, Riverton, was promoted to the rank of Private First Class upon his graduation from the Army Air Forces Technical School at Amarillo, Texas, last week.

New Era, May 6, 1943



**WILLIAM ARTHUR
HOPKINS**

BISHOP PROMOTED
Sergeant George W. Bishop, stationed at the Great Bend (Kansas) Army Air Field, of the Second Air Force, has been promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant.

He was employed as a plumber and heat man for his father's business in Riverton, for five years prior to his enlistment in September, 1942.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bishop, of Linden avenue, Riverton.

His wife resides with him at Great Bend.

At Great Bend, Sergeant Bishop is an instructor of mechanics.

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

EDWARD HUNN

Second Lieutenant Edward Hunn, son of Mrs. E. W. Hunn, 300 Howard St., Riverton, has arrived at Randolph Field for training in Central Instructors School.

Central Instructors School, a function of AAF Central Flying Training Command, is the only one of its kind in the nation. It teaches selected pilots the technique of flying instruction so that they can go to flying fields throughout the country as instructors of aviation cadets.

New Era, June 15, 1944

NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR STAFF SGT. BISHOP

S-Sgt. George W. Bishop, son of

Mrs. William H. Bishop of 601 Linden

units of the Army Air Forces, the 376th Bombardment Group.

His wife, Mrs. Constance M. Bishop, resides in Riverton.

This much decorated unit, commanded by Col. Robert H. Warren, Yankton, S. D., flew B-24 Liberators on 452 long-range combat missions in the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. Now the unit is training with B-29 Superfortresses at Grand Island Army Air Field, Nebraska.

Sgt. Bishop was inducted into the Army at Fort Dix, N. J., on September 1, 1942.

New Era, July 19, 1945



B-29 Superfortress

LEWIS M. ROBBINS

Ensign Lewis M. Robbins, U. S. Navy, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.). He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley C. Robbins, of Riverton.

New Era, Sept. 23, 1943

Lieut. Lewis M. Robbins, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley C. Robbins, has returned to his home for a leave, after 15 months in the Mediterranean. His ship, the USS Brooklyn, a light cruiser, took part in the invasions of Sicily, Italy and Southern France.

Lieut. Robbins was graduated from Swarthmore College in 1940 and was with the Land Title Bank and Trust Co., Philadelphia, before entering the service.

New Era, Jan. 4, 1945

Commissioned 30 Sept 1937, the USS Brooklyn (CL-40) was the 3rd United States Navy ship to bear its name.



DAVID W. ROBBINS

Ensign David W. Robbins, USNR, is home on leave after graduating from Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University in Chicago on September 14th.

His new station will be in Miami.

Richard Robbins, who has been working at The Inn at Buck Hill Falls for the summer, has returned to George School for his senior year.

Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley C. Robbins, of 107 Lippincott avenue.

New Era, Sept. 28, 1944

CHARLES M. RADER

Ensign Charles M. Rader, U.S.N. R., and Sgt. Donald F. Rader visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Rader, of Linden avenue, Riverton, last week.

Ensign Rader has finished training at Plattsburg, N. Y., and after a 14-day furlough will be stationed at Hollywood, Florida. Sgt. Rader, who served 38 months in Iceland, is now stationed at Atlantic City.

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

RICHARD ROBBINS

FOURTH SON ENTERS UNITED STATES NAVY

Richard Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley C. Robbins, Second and Lippincott Riverton, graduated from George School on June 11.

He is now at the Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md., and is the Robbins' fourth son to enter the Navy.

New Era, June 21, 1945

DAVID F. RADER

Sergeant Donald F. Rader is spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Rader, Linden avenue, Riverton. Sergeant Rader has been stationed in Iceland for 38 months.

New Era, Oct. 26, 1944

Technical Sergeant Donald F. Rader, who has served 38 months in Iceland and has been enjoying a 21-day furlough at his home at 412 Linden avenue, Riverton, left Friday for Atlantic City, where he will be re-assigned.

New Era, Nov. 9, 1944

JAMES COE

Technical Sergeant 4-c James Coe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Coe, Thomas avenue, Riverton, has arrived home from the European Theatre of war to spend a thirty-day furlough. Sgt. Coe has been overseas for three years.

New Era, May 31, 1945

A.V. ROBERTSON COE

BIRTH

Sgt. and Mrs. A. V. Robertson Coe, 2nd, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Twila Smith, on July 5. Sgt. Coe arrived from the European theatre early this week and after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coe, Thomas avenue, Riverton, will join his family in Drayton, N. Dakota.

New Era, August 9, 1945

BERNARD COE

Bernard Coe, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Coe, of Thomas avenue, will graduate as Ensign on September 14th, from Northwestern University.

Ensign Coe is expected home for the week end of September 16th, after which he will proceed to his new assignment.

New Era, Sept. 14, 1944

Ensign Bernard Coe, U. S. Navy, spent nearly a week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Coe, Thomas avenue, Riverton, having completed the course at Officers Training School, Miami Beach, Florida. He has been assigned to a patrol craft, and has reported for duty at Seattle, Washington.

New Era, Dec. 28, 1944

BERNARD COE DAVID ROBBINS

Two Riverton men were commissioned Ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve when they graduated from the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

The new officers completed a four-months course in navigation, seamanship, damage control, communications, ordnance and gunnery. The graduates who will now be assigned to duty with the fleet as deck officers are: Bernard Coe, 705 Thomas avenue, and David Robbins, 23, 107 Lippincott avenue.

New Era, Sept. 28, 1944

MICHAEL E. FAUNCE

RECEIVING MEDAL



1st Lieutenant Michael Faunce is shown receiving the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster somewhere in the Pacific battle area. Lieutenant Faunce, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faunce, of Riverton, was later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

New Era, August 31, 1944

LT. M. E. FAUNCE
HOME ON LEAVE



1st Lt. Michael E. Faunce, U.S.A. A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faunce, of 411 Seventh street, Riverton, is home on a thirty day leave after completing 35 missions and 400 combat flying hours over enemy targets.

Lt. Faunce, pilot of a bomber, has served for eighteen months in the South Pacific and has participated in battles over the Carolines, Marshalls, Gilberts, Mariana and Volcano Islands.

Lt. Faunce is a graduate of Palmyra High School and enlisted in the Air Corps in May, 1942. He received his wings at Spence Field, Georgia, in July, 1943.

Shortly after graduation he left the country. He has earned the Army Medals, four Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster.

Following his leave he will return to the South Pacific to resume his duties.

*New Era,
Jan. 25, 1945*

Faunce Made Captain

1st Lieutenant Michael E. Faunce, USAAF, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, according to word received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faunce, Seventh street, Riverton.

Captain Faunce entered the service in May, 1942. After completing his required number of missions (35) in the Pacific battle area he returned home for a 30-day furlough in January of this year, after which he again went to the Pacific.

He is now stationed at Okinawa and has been flying with the amphibious forces.

Captain Faunce has been awarded the Army Medal, four Oak Leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster.

*New Era,
August 23, 1945*



L.M. CLEMENT

Staff Sgt. L. M. Clement, U. S. Army, who is stationed at Sheppards Field, Texas, arrived Saturday, to spend a twenty-one day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clement, 101 Main street, Riverton.

New Era, June 14, 1945

JOHN AYRES

RN 1-c John Ayres enjoyed a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Charles Ayres, 205 Main street, Riverton. He left for Altoona, Pa., where he visited his wife and returned to Boston Harbor where the ship on which he serves is docked for a complete overhaul.

New Era, May 17, 1945

RUSSELL FARROW

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farrow, of 403 Fourth street, spent the weekend in Albany, N. Y. Their son, Corp. Russell Farrow, who is stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y., met his parents there, making the trip most pleasant.

New Era, Jan. 18, 1945

WALTER SCATTERGOOD



T-Sgt. Walter Scattergood, returned to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Saturday after enjoying a two weeks furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. Helen Scattergood, 426 Lippincott avenue, Riverton. T-Sgt. Scattergood has just received his advanced rating.

New Era, April 12, 1945

BURTON K. CONWAY

Lt. Burton K. Conway, who has been stationed in California, is spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Conway.

New Era July 15, 1943

HILTON M. SMITH

Hilton M. Smith, Jr., a Navy Aviation Cadet, recently received his wings and his commission as Ensign, at Corpus Christi, Texas. After spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton M. Smith, Linden avenue, Riverton, Ensign Smith left for his new post at Lake City, Florida.

New Era Sept. 16, 1943

CARL WENINGER

Word has been received from 2nd Lt. Carl Weninger that he has taken part in the Sicily battle and has been promoted to a First Lieutenant. Lt. Weninger is an Army Transport pilot.

New Era, August 19, 1943

CHARLES RICHARD BROWN

Charles Richard Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, 416 Linden avenue, Riverton, recently graduated from the Aviation Radio School at Jacksonville, Fla., and was promoted to Seaman First Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy May 11, 1943, he received his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Brown is now a qualified radio-man and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit.

New Era, Jan. 6, 1944

Mrs. Sophie Tanner, of Bethpage, L. I., announces the engagement of her daughter Irene, to C. Richard Brown, A.R.M., 3-c, who is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James Brown, of Linden avenue.

Miss Tanner is a graduate of the School of Horticulture, N. Y. Institute of Agriculture, where she was classmate of Richard at the time of his joining the Navy.

The couple expect to be married in the early Fall.

New Era, Sept. 7, 1944



EDWARD MORZE

HOWARD YERKES

Pvt. Howard Yerkes, wife and daughter, Shirley Ann, 603 Linden avenue, Riverton, are spending the week at Taunton Lakes, N. J. Pvt. Yerkes is home on furlough.

New Era, July 5, 1945

LARRISON DICKINSON

DICKINSON PRAISED

Pfc. Larrison Dickinson, of Riverton, has been commended by his superior officers for his gallantry while fighting with the 77th Division on Okinawa.

Dickinson, an instrument operator whose duty it is to keep communications open between the observation post and the guns, was seeking to establish contact when he was slightly wounded by a shell fragment. Despite the fact that the shell fire continued to fall perilously close, he remained at his post and made it possible for his guns to lay fire on troublesome Chocolate Drop Hill in southern Okinawa.

It was only after his mission was completed that he withdrew for treatment of his wound.

The son of Mrs. Elsie Dickinson, 307 Bank avenue, Riverton, he was an employee of Campbell Soup Co., before entering the Army.

New Era, July 26, 1945

PORTER B. CALDWELL

Seaman 1-C Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, who recently graduated from the Signalman's School, Sampson Naval Training Station, is spending a brief furlough here. When he resumes his duties he will be assigned to duty with the amphibious forces.

New Era August 26, 1943

RICHARD M. CALDWELL

Richard M. Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, has enlisted in the Navy and was sworn in last Friday. He will leave in the near future for training in V-6, U.S.N.R. His brother, Porter B. Caldwell, Jr., is also in the Navy, serving on an LST in the European area.

New Era, Aug. 3, 1944

Richard Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter B. Caldwell, Elm terrace, Riverton, who recently enlisted in the Navy left on Tuesday of this week for training at Sampson Naval Station.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

Richard Caldwell, S 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Caldwell, of Elm avenue, has returned to Camp Parks, California, after spending the holidays with his family.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

S 2-c Richard Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Caldwell, 609 Elm terrace, Riverton, has returned to Camp Parks, California, after a short furlough.

New Era, April 5, 1945



JAMES W. BIDDLE

JOHN KNIGHT

John Knight, son of Councilman Robert Knight, of Riverton, a member of the U. S. Navy, is spending a furlough at home. The leave was the first he has had in several months due to the nature of his duties.

New Era, Sept. 10, 1942



EDWARD P. SORDON

Captain Edward Sordon, of Riverton, has been promoted recently to the rank of Major in the U. S. Army. Major Sordon, who is now stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Sordon, of Thomas avenue.

New Era, Oct. 7, 1943

MAJOR SORDON

ARRIVES IN U.S.A.

Major Edward P. Sordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sordon, Thomas avenue, Riverton, arrived at La Guardia Field, Tuesday, after nearly two years in China as Ordnance Officer for the 14th Air Force. Just before leaving China Major Sordon was among the officers individually presented to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek by Major General C. L. Chennault, Commanding Officer of the 14th Air Force.

The Generalissimo addressed them, thanking them for their work in China and calling upon them to redouble their efforts to deal the fatal blow to their common enemy, Japan.

Major Sordon is spending a well-earned leave in Westfield, N. J., with his wife and three daughters, the youngest of which was born during his absence.

New Era, June 7, 1945



TYLER VILE

P.F.C. Tyler Vile, of Riverton, recently received his rating as Corporal.

New Era, May 20, 1943

CHARLES C. ELWELL FRANCIS B. ELWELL, JR.

Charles C. Elwell, 2nd, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Elwell, of Riverton, is now in training at Parris Island as a private in the Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Francis B. Elwell, Jr., is now stationed in Puerto Rico, after seven month's service in the A.T.C. in Italy.

New Era, July 12, 1945

WALTER S. BARCLAY

Miss A. B. Campbell, Mrs. R. D. Barclay, Staff Sergeant W. S. Barclay, 203 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, spent the week-end at Brant Beach, N. J.

New Era, June 21, 1945

Riverton Boy Scouts will collect salvage material every Saturday morning until further notice. Those who have material for collection are requested to leave their name and address at any local store.

New Era, May 4, 1942

Memorial Park Opened By Riverton to Honor World War I Veterans

Riverton's Memorial Park, first planned by borough council on Dec. 12, 1918 was completed and dedicated to the veterans of World War I on Saturday July 4, 1931.

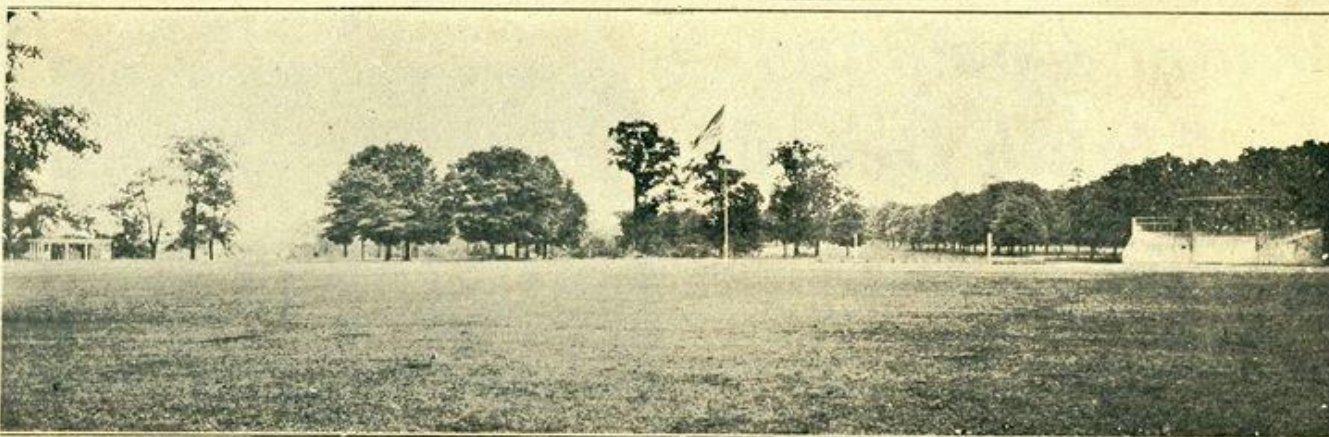
Five Riverton men who made the supreme sacrifice during the war were James A. Bradley, Raymond T. McGivney, Walter M. Kennedy, Charles J. Kelly and Raymond Pratt.

The day-long program began with a flag raising ceremony at the park on the banks of Pompton Creek at 9 a.m. followed by a children's parade, speeches, athletic events at the riverbank, sailing races, another parade, followed by the formal dedication, baseball game, aquatic events, outboard motor boat races and finally a fireworks display ending with a band concert.

Mayor Howard M. Rogers presided at the festivities. Councilman J. Elmer Han was chairman of the 4th of July celebration committee; Edward H. Flagg, Jr., headed the citizens memorial committee; former mayor William E. Bennett, dedication committee chairman.

The New Era marked the occasion with a 16 page standard size special edition. On the front page was a letter from President Herbert Hoover addressed to the then New Era editor, Walter L. Bowen, congratulating Riverton on its new park.

The edition also carried congratulatory messages from New Jersey Governor Morgan F. Larson, and from Capt. G. E. Adamson, secretary to General of the Armies John J. Pershing who was in Europe at the time.



MEMORIAL PARK, Riverton, as it appeared shortly after its dedication, July 4, 1931.

New Era July 1, 1965



At the memorial services to be held in Christ Church on Sunday, May 30, at 11 o'clock, the Altar Guild will honor those Riverton boys who laid down their lives during the late war, by elaborately decorating the altar in their memory, and special mention will be made of them during the service. They are James Bradley, Charles Kelly, Walter Kennedy, Raymond T. McGivney, Raymond Pratt and Thomas Roberts Reath.

New Era May 28, 1920



CHARLES S. M. CODDINGTON

Major Charles S. M. Coddington, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, is spending three days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coddington, of Elm avenue, Riverton.

New Era Sept. 16, 1943

LAWRENCE FLYNN

Lawrence Flynn, U. S. Navy, who is taking an advanced training course at the Naval Station, Bainbridge, Md., spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. James Flynn, Thomas avenue, Riverton. Mr. Flynn is the son of John Flynn who served in the 1st World War and was born in Riverton.

New Era, August 19, 1943



JOSEPH ANDERSON SMITH

Pvt. Joseph A. Smith spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David O. Smith, 712 Main street, Riverton.

Private Smith is taking his basic training at St. Bonaventure College, N. Y.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

CLEMENT B. LEWIS, JR.

Clement B. Lewis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Lewis, Park avenue, Riverton, is now a member of the V-5 Navy Group and is stationed at the University of Pennsylvania for a 15-week training course.

New Era, August 19, 1943

SHERMAN C. GOOTEE

Sherman C. Gootee, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gootee, of Riverton, is spending a furlough at the home of his parents.

New Era, May 4, 1942

Sherman C. Gootee, pharmacist's mate, second class, U. S. Navy, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Chief and Mrs. William Gootee, of Riverton. The ship on which he is stationed recently participated in the invasion of Sicily.

New Era, August 19, 1943

HOWARD S. BARTO

Lieutenant Howard S. Barto, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Y. Barto, 626 Thomas avenue, Riverton, is attending the Anti-aircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

New Era August 26, 1943

**8TH AIR FORCE
ELLIOT, GOULD,
ROWAN, MASON,
RICHIE**

LOCAL MEN IN EIGHTH AIR FORCE

Among the local men in the Eighth Air Force are Lt. Colonel Frank B. Elliott, Lieutenant David F. Gould, Corporal Robert R. Rowan, Pfc. Robert W. Mason and CWO Edward B. Richie, all of Riverton.

The Eighth was recently personally congratulated by Lt. General James H. Doolittle.

New Era, June 7, 1945



DANIEL GOFFREDO



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LEROY VAN EMBURGH

P.F.C. LeRoy Van Emburgh, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, who is stationed at Dunedin, Florida, writes that he receives The New Era regularly and that the paper brings many happy minutes to the boys in the service.

New Era, August 19, 1943

ROBERT R. ROWAN

P.F.C. Robert R. Rowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rowan, of 312 Thomas Avenue, Riverton, has graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics and now is prepared to join the ranks of "coverall commandos" who keep our American planes aloft. Private Rowan completed his training at Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, which is one of the largest schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, training specialist technicians for the ground crews which "Keep 'Em Flying."

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

New Era, Sept. 30, 1943

JOHN KIMBLE MUSTARD

RATION STAMP INFORMATION:
We are now redeeming Sugar Stamps No. 34 and 35
Red Stamps Q5, R5, S5, T5, U5, V5, W5, X5, Y5, Z5,
A2, B2, C2, and D2.
Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2,
H2, J2, K2, L2, and M2.

Help Protect AMERICA'S FUTURE
Unite against disastrous inflation

DAILY SCRATCH FEED
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100-lb Bag \$3.43

DAILY LAYING MASH
25-lb Bag \$1.13
100-lb Bag \$3.98

A&P SUPER MARKETS
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New Era Feb. 1, 1945



HAROLD J. FINK

Major Harold J. Fink, of Riverton, arrived this week at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. He is assigned to the Air Corps division. Mrs. Fink and their son, Harold, Jr., will remain for a time at their home on Burlington Pike.

Major Fink was formerly general agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad. He is a past president of the Railroad Association of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Traffic Club.

New Era, August 20, 1942

WOUNDED RIVERTON SOLDIER RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Sergeant John K. Mustard, 21, the husband of Mrs. Bettie H. Mustard, 309 Front St., Riverton, has recovered at the 94th General Hospital, England, from wounds received at Bastogne, Belgium on January 5, 1945. While at this hospital he received expert medical care followed by a period of convalescence. He has now been released for a return to duty.

A member of an infantry unit, he entered the Army May 11, 1943.

New Era, April 12, 1945

LOREN B. THOMPSON

Lieut. Colonel Loren B. Thompson has arrived at his home, 403 Main street, Riverton, to spend several weeks. Lt. Colonel Thompson has spent 37 months in China and after his leave will receive special training before reassignment.

New Era, May 3, 1945

WILLIAM WIGMORE

Pvt. William Wigmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wigmore, 518 Main street, has been home for the holidays—and has returned to McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, where he is receiving treatment for a leg injury.

New Era, Jan. 4, 1945

WOOD ROBINSON

Wood Robinson, 22, son of Mrs. Dorothy K. Robinson, 210 Lippincott Ave., Riverton, has been advanced to the petty officer rating of Radioman, second class.

A graduate of Palmyra High School, Robinson enlisted in the Navy May 14, 1941, and was sent to Newport, R. I., for "boot training." After training in Newport he was sent to the Aviation Radio School here from which he graduated in November, 1941.

New Era, Jan. 14, 1943



**PHILLIP A.
WEIGEL, JR.**

various situations.

HELP NEEDED ON AIRPLANE PROJECT

The need for model airplanes for the United States Navy is urgent. Young men and boys with some experience in building model planes can make a real contribution to the war effort by volunteering to help build the solid models requested from the Riverton Public School. The work will be done in the school shop under the direction of Mr. Robert Emens, industrial arts teacher.

Anyone interested may apply at the school office for further information during the day or call Riverton 930 evenings.

New Era, May 14, 1942

WILLIAM DE H. WASHINGTON

Lieutenant William de H. Washington, United States Army, is among those who will complete a Unit Gas Officers' Course at Edgewood Arsenal tomorrow. A resident of Riverton, Lieutenant Washington was a manufacturers' sales agent in civilian life.

New Era, Sept. 10, 1942

J. GEORGE DEVITT

P.F.C. J. George Devitt, having spent a furlough with his wife and mother, of Linden avenue, Riverton has returned to Great Bend, Kansas, where he is with the Army Air Force

New Era, June 3, 1943

Corp. J. George Devitt and wife spent 10 days at the home of Corp. Devitt's mother, Mrs. Edith Devitt, Linden avenue, Riverton. Having completed airplane mechanic training at Pratt, Kansas, Wichita Falls and Amarillo, Texas, he has gone to Fresno for further training.

New Era, June 29, 1944

PHILLIP SOMERVELL

Mrs. C. S. Somervell, of 601 Bank Ave., is enjoying a visit from her son, Lieut. Phillip Somervell, U.S.N., who is home on a 10 day leave. Lt. Somervell is stationed at Boston Navy Yard.

New Era, June 22, 1944

WALTER L. SMITH, JR.



ELMER SUTTERS

Elmer Sutters, formerly of 409 Thomas avenue, Riverton, is now stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he is attending the officers training school.

New Era, April 2, 1942

ELMER SUTTER

SWENSON—SUTTER

Miss Norma D. Swenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swenson, of Drexel Hill, and Sergeant Elmer Sutter, son of Mrs. Elsa Sutter, of Riverton, were married on July 15, in Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverton, the Rev. Robert Kirkpatrick officiating.

Sergeant Sutter is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

New Era, August 5, 1943

CARL WENIGER

Friends of Lt. Carl Weniger, formerly of Riverton, now with the Air Force, were glad to hear he is back in the States after spending 14 months overseas. He was in the invasion of Sicily and France. He is a pilot on an Army transport plane and is now stationed in Atlantic City.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received here that Lt. Carl Weniger has been killed in action in Belgium on December 6. He was a pilot on a troop carrier plane.

Lt. Weniger formerly lived in Riverton and was a graduate of Palmyra High School.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

HARRY PAUL

Corporal Harry Paul has been spending a ten day furlough with his wife and daughter, at their home on Elm avenue, Riverton. Corporal Paul is stationed at El Segundo, California, with the Coast Artillery.

New Era, Dec. 2, 1943



RALPH J. RAGOMO

CHARLES BAILEY

Charles Bailey, Seaman 2-c, has completed his basic training in the U. S. Navy at Sampson, N. Y., and is spending a furlough in Riverton with his parents. He will return to Sampson for advanced training.

New Era, Dec. 30, 1943

FRANK ALLOWAY

Pvt. Frank Alloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alloway, 213 Elm avenue, Riverton, is now stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. He has completed his recruit training, having taken preliminary drill at Camp Lee, Virginia.

New Era, March 26, 1942

PHILIP R. LEZENBY

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Word was received here this week that Philip R. Lezenby, son of Charles T. Lezenby, of Riverton, has been wounded in the European area.

No further details have been learned.

New Era, Oct. 28, 1943

WILLIAM LEIDY

Lieutenant William Leidy spent Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Leidy, Burlington Pike, Riverton. Lt. Leidy is en-route to a base in North Carolina.

New Era, August 16, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wooten, of 611 Thomas avenue, have received word that their son, Tech. Sgt. William Holmes has arrived safely in San Francisco.

Sergeant Holmes is a gunner with the Army Air Force and has been in the Southwest Pacific for 18 months.

He has been in several major engagements and holds the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

He is married to the former Marie Hoffman, of Riverside and they have a son 17 months old.

New Era, Jan. 6, 1944

RIVERTON AIR GUNNER DECORATED 3RD TIME

Technical Sergeant William W. Holmes, 22, of Riverton, was decorated for the third time recently when Lieutenant General George C. Kenney pinned the Air Medal on him somewhere in New Guinea.

With over 41 combat missions to his credit, Holmes, a gunner on a medium bomber, received the medal for his first 25 missions. He has seen action in the Bismark Sea, Salamua, Buna, Lae and New Britain, and holds the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Holmes is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wooten, 611 Thomas avenue, Riverton.

New Era, Feb. 3, 1944



WILLIAM W. HOLMES

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wooten, 611 Thomas avenue, are enjoying a visit from their son, Tech. Sgt. William Holmes and his wife and son.

Since returning from the South Pacific where he distinguished himself, Sgt. Holmes has been instructing in gunnery at Laredo, Texas.

After his 15-day furlough he will resume his duties at Greenville, S. C.

New Era, Sept. 14, 1944

ROBERT H. BOTTGER

Corporal Robert H. Bottger, U. S. Army, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bottger, Linden avenue, Riverton. Sergeant Bottger, who is with the Army Intelligence, has been in Australia for some time.

New Era, Oct. 7, 1943

PHILLIP MINGLE

Corporal Phillip Mingle has been spending a furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mingle, Linden avenue, Riverton. Corporal Mingle is an instructor at the Signal Corps Radio School, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

New Era, Oct. 7, 1943

JOHN R. LEWIS

Aviation Cadet John R. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Lewis, of 301 Park Ave., Riverton, was graduated last week from the AAF Pilot School, Fort Sumner, New Mexico, as a second lieutenant and is now wearing the silver wings of a flying officer.

Lieutenant Lewis is spending a furlough with his parents here.

New Era, Oct. 7, 1943

WILLIAM X. STEEDLE

William Steedle, age 32, of 517 Cinnaminson Street, Riverton, has been promoted from the rank of Private to that of Private First Class, according to announcement made this week by the commanding officer at Fort Miles, Delaware.

He is the son of Mrs. Stacia Steedle of the same address, and is unmarried. Pfc. Steedle attended Palmyra High School, graduating with the Class of 1929. He later attended Duke University at Durham, North Carolina.

Before his induction into the army on February 12, 1943, Pfc. Steedle was employed by the Campbell Soup Company at Camden, New Jersey. He entered the army at Fort Dix, New Jersey.



Pfc. William X. Steedle, son of Mrs. E. D. Steedle, 517 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, recently graduated from the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He has been in the service since February, 1941. Private Steedle has now left for duty at a new post.

New Era, Feb. 15, 1945

New Era, July 29, 1943

L. ARTHUR HOYT

L. Arthur Hoyt, Naval Aviation Cadet, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoyt, of Riverton. Cadet Hoyt is receiving training at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

Seaman Arthur Hoyt, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arthur Hoyt, Second street, Riverton, spent a 72-hour furlough with his parents over the week-end. While here he visited his brother, Edward Hoyt, who is recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis in Camden Municipal Hospital.

EDWARD HOYT

Edward Hoyt, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Arthur Hoyt, Second street, Riverton, left on Tuesday of this week for the Naval Station at Sampson, N. Y., where he will receive basic training. He was a member of the graduating class this year at Palmyra High School. His other brother, L. Arthur Hoyt, Jr., is also in the Navy.

New Era, Dec. 30, 1943

New Era, August 17, 1944

New Era, June 14, 1945

WENDELL ALBERT HABERERN

Wendell Albert Haberern, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Haberern, of 709 Main St., Riverton, was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve when he graduated recently from the Naval Training School for Midshipmen at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

His completed three-month course consisted of navigation, seamanship and gunnery. The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

New Era, May 25, 1944

JOSEPH W. IRWIN

Joseph W. Irwin, of 431 Thomas Ave., Riverton, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S.N.R. with orders to entrain for Cleveland, Ohio, October 1. Lt. Irwin is the brother-in-law of Major Harold F. Marshall, of 103 Morgan Avenue, Palmyra.

New Era, Sept. 30, 1943



GILES KNIGHT

WILLIAM J. McCAMY

William J. McCamy, recently received his commission as Ensign in the U. S. Navy Reserve and is studying at Princeton University.

New Era, Oct. 14, 1943

WILLIAM W. COOK

Completing a five months course in aircraft maintenance and repair, Private First Class William W. Cook, Jr., was graduated this week as an aircraft mechanic from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., technical school of the Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cook, 406 Howard Street, Riverton. He was sworn into the Army on March 4, 1943.

New Era, Oct. 14, 1943

CHARLES H. YOST

Charles H. Yost, of 631 Thomas avenue Riverton, returned Friday from a business trip to Birmingham, Alabama. After leaving Alabama, he went to Florida and spent several days with his son, Ensign John H. Yost and wife, who are now located at The Bayshon Royal Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

New Era, Oct. 14, 1943

EARL JENSEN WALTER JENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jensen, of E. Riverton, received a surprise phone call from their son, Ensign Earl Jensen, U. S. N., telling of his arrival in the United States on August 22.

Ensign Jensen is a fighter pilot and has seen action in the South Pacific for nearly a year, having completed sixty-five missions, with three Zeros to his credit. He has been within 250 miles of Tokyo. He saved much of his 30-day leave by flying east, arriving here Friday, August 25, and home never looked so good.

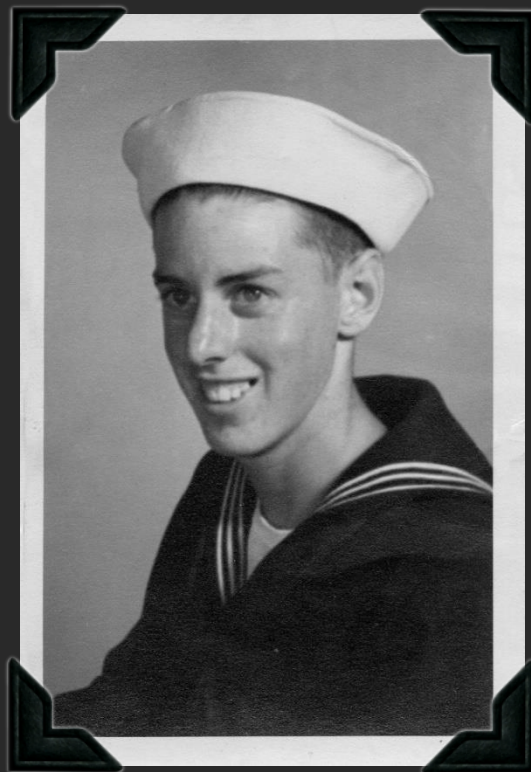
Happiness was complete last weekend for the Jensens when their second son, Warren Jensen, F 1-c, arrived home from New London where he is attached to a submarine base.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

EARL TANNER

Earl Tanner, motor machinists mate 2-c, U. S. Navy, is spending a furlough here, after which he will return to duty on the West coast. He is in the submarine service and has seen considerable action in the Pacific.

New Era, March 30, 1944



PAUL V. DALY, JR.

ROBERT N. MATTIS

**RIVERTON SERGEANT
SERVING ON
ITALIAN FRONT**

Technical Sergeant Robert N. Mattis, 31, of Riverton, is sergeant major of the 2nd Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th "Red Bull" Division, on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Mattis joined the 34th Division in February. He holds the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was employed by Strawbridge and Clothier Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before he entered the service in February, 1941.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden H. Mattis, reside at 200 Seventh street, Riverton.

New Era, April 19, 1945



CHRISTINE WASHINGTON RIDLEY

On Wednesday of this week Miss Christine Ridley, of Riverton, entered the Hunter College WAVE training school, New York City.

After four weeks of basic training at Hunter College Miss Ridley will be sent to one of 14 Naval schools at various colleges and universities throughout the country for specialist training.

New Era, May 6, 1943

Christine Washington Ridley, a member of the Waves, has completed the course of training and will receive the third class petty officer's rate, Aviation Machinist's Mate. Miss Ridley received her advanced training at Memphis, Tennessee.

New Era, Nov. 4, 1943



Miss Christine Ridley, of 401 Main street, Riverton, is one of the nineteen additional WAVES from the Fourth Naval District who have been assigned to study for ratings as aviation machinist's mates at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., reflecting the increasing role of WAVES in naval aviation.

The group recently completed basic training at Hunter College, New York. Each member holds the rating of seaman, second class, and will become eligible for Navy petty officer ratings corresponding to Army sergeancies upon completing training.

New Era July 15, 1943

JOHN G. ROGERS

John G. Rogers, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Rogers, of Riverton, is an apprentice seaman in the Navy V-12 course and is receiving training at Princeton University.

New Era, Nov. 18, 1943

Christine W. Ridley, Aviation Machinists' Mate, 2-c, Waves, is spending a furlough at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lincoln Ridley, Main street, Riverton. Miss Ridley is stationed at the Naval Air

Station, Atlanta, Georgia.

New Era, Oct. 19, 1944

ROBERT C. STOVER

Robert C. Stover, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stover, Riverton Road, Riverton, received his commission as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve when he graduated recently from the Naval Training School for midshipmen, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

His completed three-month course consisted of navigation, seamanship and gunnery. The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

New Era, Nov. 11, 1943

JOHN DAWSON RANSOME

Pilot John Dawson Ransome, of the Air Transport Command, has completed his training at Memphis, Tenn., and has been sent to Cochran Field, Macon, Ga., for basic training. Pilot Ransome is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ransome, Golf Road, Riverton.

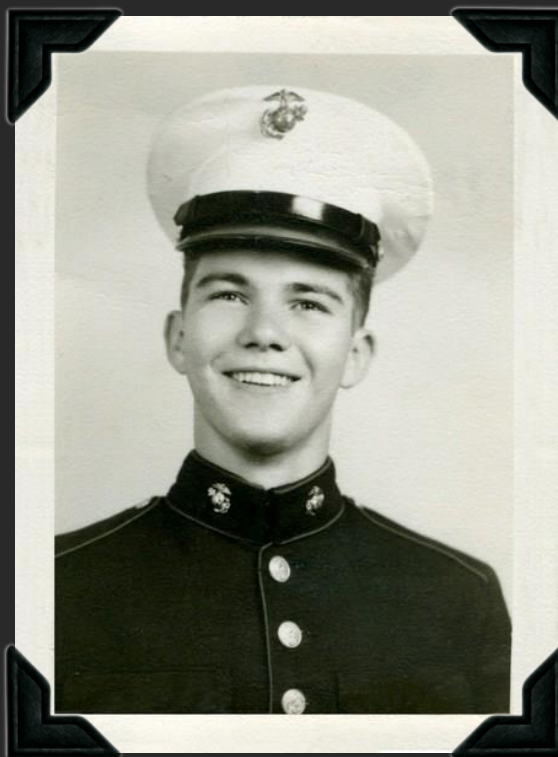
New Era, July 20, 1944

J. Dawson Ransome, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ransome, Golf Rd., Riverton, will graduate September 8 from Blythe Field, Ark., as Flight Officer in the Air Transport Command.

Before entering this special service Ransome was civilian instructor for several months.

He obtained some of his early training and experience at the Palmyra Air Field.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944



WILLIAM C. BROWN, JR.

PHILLIP MINGLE

Sergeant and Mrs. Phillip Mingle have been visiting the Sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gross Mingle, 618 Linden Avenue, for 10 days. Both the Sergeant and Mrs. Mingle, who is a WAC are stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

ERNEST L. RANSOME

Ernest L. Ransome III, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ransome, of Golf Road, has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and is awaiting orders.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

Ernest L. Ransome, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ransome, Golf Road, has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps. He took his leave of Riverton last Tuesday, entraining for Parris Island, S. C., where the embryo Marines go for their basic training.

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944

HERBERT P. ROBINSON

Pfc. Herbert P. Robinson, of 211 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is stationed at Paine Field, Everett, Washington.

New Era, Oct. 28, 1943

Corporal Herbert P. Robinson, 211 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is stationed at Payne Field, Everett, Washington, at the air base headquarters, where he is a service record clerk.

New Era, March 2, 1944

HARRY RIDDLE, JR.

AUDIENCE WITH POPE

1st Lieut. Harry Riddle, Jr., an officer of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment, now in Italy, had an audience with the Pope while on rest leave in Rome.

He knelt and kissed his ring, talked with him for a few minutes and had him personally bless a rosary which he is sending home. Lt. Riddle had returned to Rome after fighting with the American Fifth Army.

New Era, July 27, 1944



WILLIAM H. YOUNG

GEORGE HENRY LATHBURY

A new recruit at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, is George Henry Lathbury, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Lathbury, 603 Warrington avenue, Riverton, New Jersey.

Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in Seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea.

Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

New Era, March 2, 1944

CLYDE F. MEASY

Clyde F. Measy S 2-c, son of Mrs. Clarence Measy, 7th street, Riverton, has returned to his barracks after being in the Naval Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

New Era, June 7, 1945

GRANVILLE FRANKLIN DARE

—○—
Mrs. Mae Dare, of 611 Linden avenue, received a long distance call from her son, Granville F. Dare, U. S. Navy, from California, where he just returned from the South Pacific, after several months spent in the combat area. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends.
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New Era, Jan. 13, 1944

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So please do everything you can to keep the wires clear for returning service men, and for those in camps, especially from 7 to 10 each night.

NEW JERSEY BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945



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Granville F. Dare, 24, radioman, third class, USNR, son of Mrs. Mae Dare of 611 Linden avenue, River-ton, has reported to the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., to await assignment to a new combatant or auxiliary ship of the Fleet.

Dare is a veteran of 23 months' overseas duty. He has participated in nine engagements, including the battles of the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Iwo Jima. He served aboard two light cruisers.

A graduate of Palmyra High School, Dare was employed by the E. W. Thichell Textile Corp., of Philadelphia, before entering the Navy in November, 1942.

New Era, June 21, 1945

JOHN G. SEEMULLER

Aviation Cadet John G. Seemuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seemuller of 1 Fourth St., Riverton, recently reported to the Greenville Army Air Field, Greenville, Mississippi, for further flight training.

After completing his training at Greenville, Cadet Seemuller will be sent to another field in the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command for the final phase of training. Upon successful completion of this course, he will receive his "wings" and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

The Greenville Army Air Field is located in the heart of the world famous Delta cotton belt on the Mississippi river.

New Era, Nov. 11, 1943

2nd Lt. John G. Seemuller of Riverton, N. J., has reported for duty at Buckingham Army Air Field near Fort Myers, Florida, it was announced this week by Lt. Col. Daniel E. Moler, Commanding officer.

Lieutenant Seemuller, a wire former before he entered the Army fifteen months ago, attended the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. Lt. Seemuller has had his wings for two months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seemuller of Riverton.

New Era, May 4, 1944

The wedding of Miss Clara Elizabeth McKeown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKeown, of 1721 47th street, Merchantville, N. J., to Lt. John G. Seemuller, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seemuller, of 1 Fourth street, Riverton, will take place on Saturday afternoon, February 12th at four o'clock in the Central Baptist Church, with the Rev. S. Dan Morgan performing the ceremony.

New Era, Feb. 10, 1944

Second Lt. John G. Seemuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seemuller, 1 Fourth street, is undergoing Flying Fortress pilot training at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida. He expects to complete the course at the AAFTC school this month.

Lt. Seemuller, who was graduated in 1939 from Palmyra high school, has been in service since September 24, 1942. He won his army wings and commission last February at George Field, Ill. He is married to the former Miss Clara E. McKeown, Merchantville.

New Era, April 13, 1944

Lieut. and Mrs. J. G. Seemuller arrived home on a surprise 15-day leave. The bride is the former Miss Elizabeth McKeown.

Lt. Seemuller, pilot of a B-17 bomber, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Seemuller, 4th street, Riverton.

The leave having expired, the couple will leave Wednesday to return to Laredo, Texas.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

ARTHUR LEWIS GOWELL

Arthur Lewis Gowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gowell, Main street, Riverton, has been promoted from the rank of Corporal to that of Sergeant, in the Marine Corps. Sergeant Gowell, who joined the Marines in August, 1942, is now stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

New Era August 12, 1943

Arthur L. Gowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gowell, Main street, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps. He writes that he receives The New Era regularly and looks forward to reading about local activities.

New Era, June 22, 1944



HAROLD REYNOLDS

*first weekend home
after boot camp, 1942*

DAVID BECK TYLER

The Palmyra Selective Service Board reports that Douglas Beck Tyler, of Riverton, has accepted a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve as Lieutenant (jg).

New Era, May 18, 1944

A number of local service men who have been, or are, stationed in California in the vicinity of Long Beach, have written home that they greatly enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Metzgar, former residents of Riverton for many years.

*Mr. & Mrs. John Metzger
New Era, Feb. 22, 1945*

IMPORTANT:

Save waste paper to ship vitally needed ammunition. Bundle your holiday wrappings for your next regular scrap collection. This is your job.

SAVE WASTE PAPER—THE NATION'S NO. 1
WAR MATERIAL

EDWIN S. McVAUGH

Mr. and Mrs. John McVaugh of Woodside Lane, Riverton, entertained at a supper party for their son, Corp. Edwin S. McVaugh, on Sunday night of this week.

Corp. McVaugh, who is currently stationed at Amarillo, Texas, is spending a short furlough at home.

New Era, April 6, 1944

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Corporal Edwin F. McVaugh, of the Army Air Corps, and his bride, the former Mary Beth McClung, of Amarillo, Texas, are spending their furlough with the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McVaugh.

Among the many friends who have entertained in honor of the young couple are Mrs. Fred Collings, of Woodside Lane, who gave a very pretty tea, and Miss Emily Barclay, of Lippincott avenue, who entertained at bridge on Monday evening, November 13.

Corporal and Mrs. McVaugh will soon return to Amarillo, where the Corporal is stationed.

New Era, Nov. 16, 1944

McVAUGH—EWING

A beautiful wedding by Friends' Ceremony took place Saturday, March 17, at Open Gates, Rydal, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Newlin Ewing, when their daughter, Isabelle Fussell Ewing was married to Pfc. John Eastburn McVaugh, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McVaugh, of Riverton.

Miss Nancy Smith, of Swarthmore, was Maid of Honor, Miss Elizabeth Hughes and Miss Katherine

Steele were bridesmaids, Miss Carol Jean Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Knight, of Riverton, was flower girl.

Mr. Knight served as best man for his brother-in-law. The bride's brothers, George Newlin Ewing and John T. Ewing were ushers.

The bride and groom left immediately for Amarillo, Texas, where they will visit the groom's brother, Corp. Edwin S. McVaugh and his wife.

From Amarillo they plan a short trip to New Mexico after which they will make their home in Nevada, Missouri, where Pfc. McVaugh is stationed.

*New Era,
March 22, 1945*

B. F. PERCIVAL

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Captain and Mrs. B. F. Percival, of 711 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, announce the birth of a daughter, Diane (born March 4th at the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, Camden.

New Era, March 9, 1944

J.D. CLARK, JR.

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P.F.C. J. D. Clark, Jr., a member of the U. S. Marines, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas Clark, of Riverton. Private Clark, who has been stationed at Paris Island, will leave for a new post upon his return to duty.

New Era, Jan. 27, 1944

JAMES W. BROWN

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P.F.C. James W. Brown, of Riverton, is a member of the first unit of soldiers sent to Lehigh University to study advanced engineering under the Army Specialized Training Program.

Entering the Army February 4, 1943, Private Brown received his basic training at Camp Pickett, Virginia. At Lehigh he will study chemical engineering.

Private Brown graduated from Palmyra High School in 1940, attended Drexel Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, of Linden avenue, Riverton.

New Era, June 24, 1943

RIVERTON YOUTH

—SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Pfc. James W. Brown, 22 years old, was slightly wounded in action in Germany, December 19, according to a telegram received last week by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Brown, of 416 Linden avenue, Riverton.

Pfc. Brown, who is an infantryman, is with the 84th Division and is believed to be fighting with the English in Holland and Germany.

He entered the armed services in February 1943 and was sent to Lehigh University where he took a course in engineering in the A.S.T.P. In March of 1944 he was transferred to the infantry and sent to Camp Claiborne, La.

Pfc. Brown was sent overseas in September of 1944 and was at first based in England. In a letter to his family dated December 7, he stated he had been in combat about a month. The young infantryman was graduated from Palmyra High School in 1940 and prior to entering the Army was studying chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

Private Brown's brother, Charles R. Brown, is an Aviation Radio Man 3-c, U.S.N., and is stationed in San Diego, Calif.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

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Pfc. James Brown, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Brown, Linden avenue, Riverton, is enjoying a furlough at his home. Pfc. Brown returned to the States after active service with the 84th Division in Germany. He has been a patient at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

New Era, April 12, 1945

JOHN H. YOST

Ensign John Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yost, Thomas avenue, Riverton, left yesterday after spending a brief furlough here.

New Era August 12, 1943

PROMOTED

Ensign John H. Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yost, Thomas avenue, Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, j.g., in the United States Navy.

New Era, April 27, 1944

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yost, 631 Thomas avenue, Riverton, that their son, Lt. (j.g.) John H. Yost, USNR, has undergone a successful appendectomy operation. Lt. Yost is "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

New Era, May 3, 1945

YOST BACK FROM SOUTH PACIFIC

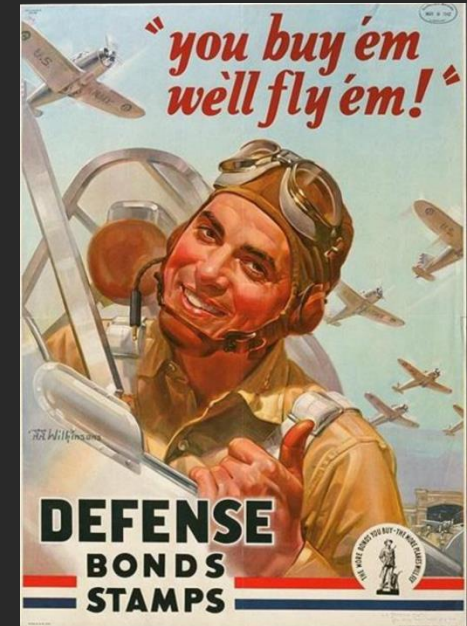
Lt. (j.g.) John H. Yost, U.S.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yost, 631 Thomas avenue, Riverton, arrived home Monday to spend a fifteen day leave, after serving in the Atlantic for 3 months and in the South Pacific for 15 months. His wife, Mrs. John H. Yost, of Buck Hill Falls, joined him in Riverton.

Lt. Yost will report to the Philadelphia Navy Yard for re-assignment.

New Era, June 14, 1945

Lt. (j.g.) John H. Yost and wife, Thomas avenue, Riverton, left Wednesday for Dublin, Georgia. Lt. Yost will report to the Naval Hospital where he has been assigned as Supply Officer.

New Era, July 5, 1945



Captain Hemphill Dies in Greenland

Riverton Officer Succumbs Following Fall Down Mountain

Mrs. Florraine P. Hemphill, of 209 Lippincott Avenue, Riverton, has been informed by the War Department of the death of her husband, Captain James A. Hemphill, U. S. Army Medical Corps, in Greenland on April 10.

Captain Hemphill died of a fractured skull sustained in a 40-foot fall down a mountain. He was buried in Greenland with full military honors on April 12.

In addition to his widow, survivors are a son, Bruce Allen, 15 months old; his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Fred P. Hemphill, of Riverton, and a brother, W. L. Hemphill, attache of the Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C.

Captain Hemphill was a graduate of the Palmyra High School, Haverford College and the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania. He served his internship at the Jersey City Medical Centre and for two years was resident physician of the Burlington County Hospital at Mount Holly. Enlisting in the army in July, 1942, he served as a surgeon at the station hospital, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, until September, 1943, when he went to Greenland.

*Trenton Evening Times,
April 23, 1944*

**JAMES ALLEN
HEMPHILL**

*New Era,
April 20, 1944*

CAPTAIN HEMPHILL REPORTED KILLED

According to word received last week by his wife, Florraine Peterson Hemphill, Captain James Allen Hemphill, 32, of 209 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, died in Greenland, April 10, as a result of a fractured skull. No further details have been released by Army officials.

Captain Hemphill was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Hemphill, of 406 Lippincott avenue. His father is a former mayor of Riverton and member of the board of education and for 37 years has been chief clerk of the Department of State, Trenton.

The telegram gave no details of the manner in which Captain Hemphill was killed. His wife received a letter from him, dated April 3, in which he said he was well.

A graduate of Palmyra High school in 1929, he also was graduated from Haverford College in 1933 and the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania in 1937. He served his internship at the Jersey City Medical Center and was resident surgeon at the Burlington county hospital from 1940 to 1942, when he enlisted. He served at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds hospital before leaving for Greenland. He had been there since October, 1943.

His widow and 15-month-old son, James A., Jr., are living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawrence Peterson, 209 Lippincott avenue. He also is survived by a brother, Wesley L. Hemphill.

Private Robert W. Carhart's address is now U. S. Marine Corps Unit 125, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

New Era, Sept. 3, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. John Carhart, of Riverton, recently received a V-Mail letter from their son, P.F.C. Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marines, saying that he is in fine health. Private Carhart is on active duty "somewhere."

New Era, March 11, 1943

Corporal Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marine Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carhart, of Lipincott avenue, Riverton.

New Era, Nov. 25, 1943

Wounded In Action

Sergeant Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marine Corps, has been wounded in action, the following letter having been received by his parents last week:

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps
Washington

February 14, 1944

Dear Mrs. Carhart:

Delayed information has reached this headquarters that your son, Sergeant Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marine Corps, sustained gunshot wounds of the right leg and neck in action against the enemy on January 4, while serving in the Southwest Pacific area.

It is regretted that information as to the extent and degree of the wound is not available at this time. However, should additional reports be received regarding your son's injury, you will be informed.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, JR.
(Signed)

Captain, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Carhart received the following telegram from his son on his birthday, February 15:

"Loving birthday greetings. My thoughts are with you, health improving." ;

The date of the Marine communication indicates that Sergeant Carhart was wounded in the action that followed the landing on Cape Gloucester. He has been in the service over two years.

New Era, Feb. 24, 1944



**ROBERT W.
CARHART**

SGT. CARHART GETS SILVER STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Robert W. Carhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carhart, of Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal and a Citation for conspicuous bravery in action. He also received the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart.

The presentation was made in a hospital in Australia, where Sergeant Carhart is recovering from wounds. Major General W. H. Rupertus, commanding general making the award.

The citation reads as follows:

"For distinguishing himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against forces of the Japanese Army. In the vicinity of an unnamed river, in dense jungle undergrowth, over difficult and unfamiliar terrain and against a determined and well entrenched enemy firing from concealed pillboxes, Sergeant Carhart advanced in front of his squad to determine the position of an enemy machine gun which was slowing down the advance of his company. He directed fire toward the position and continued the advance, encountering a platoon scout from an adjacent unit who had been wounded. He assisted the scout, under enemy fire, back to his own lines and killed two of the enemy in doing so. Shortly after, Sergeant Carhart was wounded in the neck and while at the aid station was again wounded in the right leg. His distinguished conduct, inspiring leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Navy of the United States.

(Signed) T. C. KINCAID,
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

Carhart Phones Home

For the first time since March, 1942, Officer John Carhart, of the Riverton police, heard the voice of his son, Sergeant Robert W. Carhart, U. S. Marine Corps, who phoned Saturday night from Oakland, California, where he had just arrived on a hospital ship from Australia.

Sergeant Carhart, who was severely wounded in action in the Pacific area, was cited for conspicuous bravery in action and has been awarded the Silver Star Medal and a Citation in addition to the Purple Heart Medal.

On Crutches

He told his father that his condition had improved greatly, but that he was still obliged to walk with the aid of crutches. He hopes to be transferred in the near future to a hospital in this area.

Mrs. Carhart unfortunately was not at home at the time of the call since she was convalescing from an operation in a hospital from which she was brought home on Tuesday of this week.

CARHART NOW AT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL

Sergeant Robert Carhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carhart, of Riverton, wounded Marine, who was expected home last week, got on his way to St. Albans Hospital, near Jamaica, Long Island, due to crowded conditions at the League Island Hospital in Philadelphia.

If Sergeant Carhart is unable to come home this weekend his parents will visit him at the hospital, the first time they have seen him in a long period.

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

**ROBERT W.
CARHART**



New Era, Aug. 17, 1944

*New Era,
May 11, 1944*

FREDERICK STEINER

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Aviation Cadet Frederick Steiner, Jr., of Main street, Riverton, has been called to active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve and is now taking a pre-flight training course at the University of Pennsylvania.

New Era August 26, 1943

HILTON M. SMITH, JR.

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Aviation Cadet Hilton M. Smith, Jr., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton M. Smith, Linden avenue, Riverton. Cadet Smith has been transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for advanced training in the Navy Air Corps.

New Era, May 6, 1943

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Ensign Hilton M. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton M. Smith, of 406 Linden avenue, who has been stationed at Vero Beach, Florida, for the past six months, is home on a 10 day leave.

New Era, March 23, 1944

Naval Aviation Cadet Frederick Steiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Steiner, of 713 Main St., Riverton, has successfully completed the intensive 11-week course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here. He has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Grosse Ile.

Cadet Steiner attended Palmyra High School, class of '41.

At the Pre-Flight School his course included physical conditioning, athletics, military drill, instruction in the essentials of Naval service and ground school subjects. After three months of primary flying and three additional months of advanced flying, he will be eligible for

FRANK ALLOWAY

Corporal Frank Alloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Alloway, 213 Elm avenue, Riverton, is a member of a Service Company in Algiers which has a most important task in administrative work.

New Era, May 25, 1944

a commission as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lt. in the Marine Corps Reserve, and the coveted "Gold Wings" of a Naval Aviator.

Boys at Palmyra High School, who are interested in entering this program, may enlist after their seventeenth birthday and before their eighteenth with the nearest Naval Aviation Selection Board.

New Era, May 25, 1944

EDWARD JENKINS HUNN.

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Edward Jenkins Hunn, son of Mrs. E. W. Hunn, 300 Howard street, received his silver wings last week when he graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the Advanced Two-Engine Pilot School, at Pecos Army Air Field, it was announced by Col. Orin J. Bushey, commanding officer.

The new pilot, a former resident of Riverton, completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned to Pecos from Minter Field, California.

He is a former student of University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

New Era, June 1, 1944

WILLIAM W. COOK, JR.

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Corporal W. W. Cook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cook, Howard street, Riverton, is spending a furlough with his parents. Corporal Cook is a turret gunnery instructor.
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New Era, Feb. 10, 1944

COOK PROMOTED
William W. Cook, Jr., 20, a Riverton aerial gunner with the 410th Light Bomber Group, was recently promoted to sergeant.
Flying with the "Raider" group in A-20 Havocs, Sergeant Cook is currently participating in a program of tactical air co-ordination with Allied ground forces fighting on the western border of Germany.
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cook, Sr., reside at 406 Howard street, Riverton.

New Era, March 1, 1945

**WILLIAM W. COOK JR.
GETS AIR MEDAL**
For meritorious service in aerial combat against Germany Sgt. William W. Cook, Jr., of Riverton, has been awarded the Air Medal. He is an aerial gunner in a Ninth Air Force light bombardment group in France.
His unit, the 410th Light Bombardment Group, played an important role in the tactical air operations which helped defeat the Germans in the "Battle of the Bulge."
Operating in direct cooperation with the Allied armies, the 410th has dealt crippling blows against Nazi supply lines and communication centers just behind the German lines—harassing the enemy and blocking his movement of supplies and reinforcements to the front.
Prior to his entrance into the Army in March, 1943, Sgt. Cook was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cook, Sr., reside at 406 Howard street, Riverton.

New Era, March 22, 1945

SERGEANT COOK'S UNIT COMMENDED

Flying in a Ninth Air Force A-20 Havoc against an important enemy railroad yard at Northeim, Germany, Sergeant William W. Cook, Jr., 20, of 406 Howard street, Riverton, recently shared in a high commendation received by his unit for its bombing accuracy.

The Key transportation center, supplying the enemy forces opposing Allied advances toward Berlin, was pulverized by "super-accurate" hits on the target by the 410th Bombardment Group, in which Sergeant Cook is an aerial gunner. So outstanding were the results of the mission, that Major General Samuel E. Anderson, commanding the light and medium bomber components of the Ninth Air Force, singled out the unit with the following commendation:

"Your . . . superior strikes at Northeim . . . the entirely in keeping with the reputation you are establishing as the best bombing group in the world today. I'm immensely proud of you. Keep up the good work."

Participating in missions carrying him deep into Germany, Sergeant Cook has been aiding the execution of one of the prime missions of tactical air power—the isolation of the enemy battlefield.

Prior to being inducted into the Army in March, 1943, Sergeant Cook was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Philadelphia.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, Sr., reside at the above address.

New Era, June 7, 1945

GORHAM P. SARGENT, JR.

Pvt. Gorham P. Sargent, Jr., has arrived in Riverton from Keesler Field, Mississippi to spend a furlough

with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gorham P. Sargent, 100 Main street.

New Era, May 18, 1944

CHANDLE Y. WARK

Chandle Y. Wark of Riverton and Moorestown Road, Riverton, N. J., has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Carlsbad, New Mexico. This recognition is the result of his capable work in the training program of the Army Air Forces.

New Era, April 15, 1943

Staff Sgt. Chandle Y. Wark, of Riverton and Moorestown Rd., Riverton, has been transferred from the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad,

New Mexico, to Boeing Aircraft Corp., Seattle, Wash.

New Era, June 1, 1944

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New Era, August 2, 1945

PHILLIP R. LEZENBY

LEZENBY IN ITALY

Staff Sergeant Philip R. Lezenby, 22, armorer-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been assigned to combat duty with the 15th AAF, and stationed at a base in Italy. Sgt. Lezenby is the son of Charles T. Lezenby, Sr., 704 Main street, Riverton.

Sgt. Lezenby, a former shipfitter with the New York Shipbuilding Co., Camden, N. J., entered the armed forces in September, 1942. He trained at Lowry Field, Col., and was awarded his aerial gunner's wings at Las Vegas, Nev., in March, 1943. He was originally assigned to duty in England.

Sgt. Lezenby has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on a combat mission over Europe.

A brother, Cpl. Walter Lezenby, is with the Field Artillery in France.

New Era, Dec. 21, 1944

HARRY J. CROWTHER

Pvt. Harry J. Crowther has returned to his station at Fort Ord, California, after spending a brief furlough at home.

New Era, April 6, 1944

RICHARD M. BARCLAY

MISSING IN ACTION

Lt. Richard M. Barclay, 203 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, was reported missing in action in the Atlantic theatre by the war department in a telegram received this month.

Lt. Barclay, serving in the Naval Air Corps, is the son of Mrs. Therese and the late Richard D. Barclay. He is a graduate of Moorestown High School, class of 1936, and Middlebury College, Vermont, 1940. He enlisted in the air service in December of 1940 at Jacksonville, Florida, and was called to duty in October, 1941.

The missing Lieutenant's wife is the former Patricia Lundrigan, now residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lundrigan, in Germantown.

According to a report received last Saturday his plane was observed to have landed somewhere in France.

Lt. Barclay was stationed on a cruiser and it is not known whether the flight he was making was on his own plane or from a naval base.

New Era, June 22, 1944



LT. R. N. BARCLAY REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN ACTION

Mrs. Therese Barclay, of 203 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has been informed by the Navy that her son, Lt. Richard M. Barclay, who was previously reported missing in action by the war department on June 9, is now reported to have been killed in action, while in the service of his country.

Lieutenant Barclay had formerly been stationed on a cruiser operating in the Atlantic area, but was flying with the R.A.F. when reported missing.

The telegram received by Mrs. Barclay came from his ship through regular channels and no further information is available in Washington.

Lieut. Barclay, who served in the Naval Air Corps, was the son of the late Richard D. Barclay. He was graduated from Moorestown High School, class of 1936, and Middlebury College, Vermont, 1940.

He enlisted in the air service and graduated from the Jacksonville, Fla., Navy Aviation Station in September, 1941.

He was assigned to the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa during October, 1941 and was stationed in Iceland for 18 months doing shuttle duty to Murmansk. His plane was one of the first two in action at Casablanca.

In May, 1944, Lieutenant Barclay was transferred from his ship to train in Spitfires under the R.A.F. On D-Day he failed to return from his third mission while directing fire for the U.S.S. Texas.

The Lieutenant's wife is the former Miss Patricia Lundrigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lundrigan, of Germantown, Pa.

BARCLAY CITED

In recognition of heroic and fearless service as an aerial spotter for naval gun fire during the Normandy Coast invasion, the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant Richard M. Barclay, 25, of 203 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, who is reported as killed in action.

His wife, Mrs. Patricia L. Barclay, lives at 6445 Greene street, Germantown, Philadelphia and his mother, Mrs. Richard D. Barclay, at the Riverton address.

Full text of the citation accompanying the decoration is as follows:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight during the invasion of the Coast of France, from June 6 to 25, 1944. Carrying out his vital task of spotting for naval gunfire support, Lieutenant Barclay courageously flew into the thick of battle and, completely disregarding his own personal safety in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, provided our ships with accurate, timely information concerning tactical targets, on two occasions flying a type of plane with which he was only slightly familiar. His superb airmanship, splendid initiative and indomitable spirit under extremely hazardous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



New Era, Jan. 18, 1945

New Era, Nov. 30, 1944

JOHN T. WILLIS

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Second Lt. John T. Willis, Air Corps, has reported for duty at Selfridge Field.

His permanent home address is 306 Third Street, Riverton, where his parents reside. Born February 6, 1921, in Riverton, he was educated there and in Palmyra, N. J.

Lieutenant Willis entered the Army November 7, 1942, as an aviation cadet at Cambridge, Mass., He was commissioned September 6, 1943, and has served at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Tuskegee, Ala., and Mitchell Field, N. Y., prior to reporting to Selfridge Field.

New Era, Feb. 10, 1944

WILLIAM E. GOOD

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William E. Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Good, 407 Linden avenue, Riverton, was graduated from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, on July 19.

Lt. Good will spend a seven-day furlough with his family and then report to his new station at Camp Blanding, Florida.

New Era, July 26, 1945

HOWARD ELLIOT, JR.

Sergeant Howard Elliott, Jr., of Riverton, was one of the soldiers who broadcast from Australia last week to the folks at home. Several members of his family and friends heard the broadcast.

New Era, May 4, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Elliott, of Elm avenue, Riverton, received word this week that their son, Staff Sergeant Howard Elliott, has received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. Lt. Elliott has been stationed in Australia for some time.

New Era, April 15, 1943

JAMES HAMLIN

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James Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Second street, Riverton, has passed the mental and physical examinations for the Army Air Corps Reserve, College Training Program. He will be sworn in shortly. This training is for those 17 years of age.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

ELLIOTT AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR

Assuming leadership of a supply unit when his superior was killed in action, Lt. Howard R. Elliott, of a service company of the famed 41st Infantry Division, personally dragged desperately needed supplies to the men fighting up front, even though he and his men had to crawl under enemy fire, tugging five-gallon water cans and food behind them.

Lt. Elliott, whose father, Howard R. Elliott, Sr., lives at 401 Elm avenue, Riverton, has been awarded the Bronze Star for his exploits by Major Gen. Jens A. Doe, his division commander.

"He led party after party of carriers from the beachhead to the battalion dump and from there out to the front-line companies," reads the citation accompanying the award. "He showed no hesitancy in carrying out his work and took chances with his own safety in excess of the normal call of duty."

A graduate of Palmyra High School, class of 1933, Lt. Elliott formerly was employed as a clerk in the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, Philadelphia.

New Era, Nov. 9, 1944

ROSS T. ELLIOT

Among those receiving their commissions as Ensigns in the U.S.N.R. at the University of Virginia, on February 29th was Ross T. Elliott, Jr. After a short furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Elliott, he has left for Norfolk, Va., where he reports for active duty aboard a destroyer.

New Era, March 16, 1944



Destroyerhistory.org has an account of the battle of the USS Emmons that describes Ensign Elliott's actions which resulted in the Navy posthumously awarding him the Navy Cross.

ELLIOTT KILLED

Word has been received from the Navy Department by Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Elliott, 402 Fulton street, Riverton, that their son, Ensign Ross Tompkins Elliott, USNR, has been killed in action.

Ensign Elliott was aboard the U. S. S. Emmons, a destroyer mine sweeper, which was sunk April 6th off the Northern coast of Okinawa, by a Japanese suicide plane.

Ensign Elliott was a graduate of Episcopal Academy and the University of Virginia, following which he received his commission as Ensign in February, 1944.

The Commandant of the Boston Navy Yard stated that the U.S.S. Emmons has one of the highest efficiency ratings and also moral ratings of any destroyer which has come into the Boston Navy Yard.

Ensign Elliott has two brothers in the armed services, Midshipman Michael B. Elliott, of Annapolis, and Lieut. Colonel Frank Elliott, of the Army Air Force.



MICHAEL T. ELLIOT

ELLIOTT GRADUATES FROM ANNAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Elliott, 402 Fulton street, Riverton, attended the graduation exercises at Annapolis, Md., June 6. Their son, Ensign Michael T. Elliott, was among the large class of graduates and is now enjoying a thirty-day leave in Riverton.

Ensign Elliott will report to Jacksonville, Florida, for further training.

New Era, June 14, 1945

FRANK B. ELLIOT

First Lieutenant Frank B. Elliott, Commanding Officer at Marlboro Field, Bennettsville, S. C., has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

New Era, August 20, 1942

New Era, May 3, 1945

Eight Decorations

Staff Sgt. John A. Downs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downs, of 629 Thomas avenue, Riverton, is enjoying a thirty day leave at his home after completing an operational tour in the Central Pacific area.

Sgt. Downs, who is a flight engineer on a B-24, has seen 594 hours of combat flying with the Seventh American Air Force Heavy Bomber Group, during which time his squadron has moved 2000 miles closer to Japan.

He has been on missions over the Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines and Marianna Islands, during which time he earned eight decorations, they include the Air Medal, three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster.

On his first mission over Meli he had the door on the Ball Turret shot from behind him and the plane had one engine shot out. He was hit by flak on a mission over Malekop and was hospitalized for two weeks thereafter.

Sgt. Downs says his most enjoyable raid was the one over Truk, where they had previously sighted 1500 Jap planes. They returned to the island with a load of "daisy cutters," which he explains are clusters of six bombs, each weighing about twenty pounds. They explode about tree top level, perforating everything within 500 yards. The 1500 planes were wrecked and opposition from Truk was negligible from then on.

Sgt. Downs will report to Hamilton Field, California, on August 6. He then expects to return to the Central Pacific with the 7th A.A.F.



JOHN A. DOWNS

New Era, July 27, 1944

WAR ENDS

After several days of rumors, false reports and the like, the actual end of the war was loudly hailed locally at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night of this week. Every radio in this vicinity must have been in operation, since hardly had the momentous announcement been made when sirens began to blow, church bells were rung and the streets were filled with cars that had the horns pinned down. All the fire trucks with sirens blaring toured the streets and were joined by many autos in impromptu parades that lasted far into the evening.

Services held in several churches were attended by large congregations. Horns and other noise makers were employed to good advantage and a few celebrants with revolvers used long-husbanded ammunition to add to the occasion.

Practically all business houses remained closed Wednesday and Thursday. Gasoline stations that were open did a rushing business.

Many in Service

Riverton, Palmyra and Cinnaminson have a large representation in the armed forces, with probably about 1,000 men and women in uniform. In the homes of these gallant soldiers, sailors, marines and the other branches of the service there was great rejoicing that their loved ones had been spared and might soon be returning home. It must not be forgotten, however, that there are other homes filled with sadness, homes in which a son or brother or husband has made the supreme sacrifice "that this Nation might live." To them, all pay the highest tribute.

Thus, on August 14, 1945, "the end" was inscribed in the book which was begun on the seventh of December, 1941.

Again, the forces of Right have won the victory.

*New Era,
August 16, 1945*

THOMAS M. PARRY

Private Thomas M. Parry, Jr., of Riverton, has arrived at Davidson College, for course of instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an Avia-

tion Cadet in the Army Air Forces Flying Training Command. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a navigator, pilot or bombardier and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specialties.

New Era June 10, 1943

PARRY GETS WINGS

The right to wear a pair of coveted "Silver Wings" and fly one of Uncle Sam's swift and deadly fighter planes against our Axis enemies has been won by 2nd Lieut. Thomas M. Parry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Parry, Riverton, who was commissioned a second lieutenant this week at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

The awarding of the wings and commission came after the new flying officer had completed his advanced flight training at the Fighter School in Selma.

During the many months of training he had to undergo before he received his wings and certificate, he was given all types of instruction. He was toughened mentally and physically and learned to drill, just as any soldier.

He was also given every phase of combat instruction, including fighter formation, ground and aerial gunnery, night flying and high altitude missions which equip him to become a vital member of the United States' still rapidly increasing air arm, which daily is carrying the war across waters to the very heart of our enemies' strongholds.

Assignment to his next station followed the exercises.

New Era, Aug. 10, 1944

Second Lieutenant Thomas M. Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parry, Riverton, has reported to Randolph Field as one of the expert pilots selected for training in AAF Central Instructors School.

Upon completion of a month's specialized training here, he will go to another field of the AAF Training Command to be an instructor of aviation cadets.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

2nd Lieut. Thomas M. Parry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parry, of Riverton, has completed the course of instruction as a Fight Engineer on heavy bombardment planes.

His graduation from this school fits him for the duties of Flight Engineer on the big bombers. He will play an important part in helping the Army Air Forces carry the war to the enemies' homeland.

Before he entered the Army Air Forces, he was a student at Rutgers University.

New Era, Feb. 22, 1945

JOHN J. MATTHEWS/MATTHEWS

Reported Missing

According to a report received this week, Corporal John J. Matthews, of Riverton, is reported as having been missing since January 26, during action in Italy.

Corporal Matthews, who has been in the Army since July, '942, was wounded in an earlier engagement and received the Purple Heart. He returned to duty after recovering from his injuries and participated in the Sicilian and Salerno campaigns.

New Era, March 2, 1944

KILLED IN ACTION

Cpl. John J. Mathews was killed in action in Italy January 26, according to a War Department telegram received by his brother, Phillip Mathews, of West Broad street, Palmyra.

Cpl. Mathews, who has been in the service since July, 1942, was wounded while participating in the Sicilian and Salerno campaigns and had been awarded the Purple Heart. He is believed to have returned to duty early in January after having recovered from previous injuries.

His parents, both of whom are now deceased, formerly resided on Cinnamon street, Riverton.

New Era, July 20, 1944



JAMES F. MATHEWS HENRY BORDEN

With millions of our men overseas, it's rather inevitable that some of our sons will meet, but when two men from the same house come together, imagine the thrill.

A letter recently received from James Mathews, Bos'n's Mate, 2-c, who has been on active duty for 18 months, relates of meeting Corp. Henry Borden, U. S. A., 2 years in service, somewhere in Italy.

Both these men make their home with Mrs. Lezenby, 704 Main street.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

James F. Mathews, BM 2-c, has returned to Boston, Mass., for re-assignment after spending thirty days at his home, 704 Main street, Riverton, having served 23 months in the European area.

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

WILLIAM G. MATHEWS

About Town

Sgt. William G. Mathews, having successfully passed his examination for Army Specialists' School, will report to the University of Idaho, this Saturday, April 24th.

Sgt. Mathews has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with a Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

New Era, April 22, 1943

Private William G. Mathews, U. S. Army, is spending a ten day furlough with his parents Col. and Mrs. Frank Mathews, of 203 Bank avenue. Pvt. Mathews is attached to the 89th Light Division and is stationed at Camp Butner, N. C.

New Era, June 15, 1944

FRANK A. MATHEWS, JR.

MATHEWS PLACED ON INACTIVE RESERVE

A change in policy of the War Department as set forth in Circular No. 206, dated May 24, 1944, has brought considerable satisfaction to at least one resident of Riverton.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. Mathews, Jr., of Bank avenue, a veteran of World War I, after having served also in the National Guard for almost fifteen years, was inducted with the 44th Division into the Federal Service in September of 1940. At the time Mathews was doing three jobs. He was Division Judge Advocate, Division Recruiting Officer and Division Public Relations officer. Then, suddenly, he was doing nothing. In fact he was out of the Army—completely out. He was retired without benefit of clergy or any other benefits. And, under the then existing regulations, he could never officially wear the uniform of the United States Army again.

Colonel Mathews went to Philadelphia Naval Hospital for a thirty day complete examination and obser-

vation. After receiving the final report from the Hospital he demanded a re-examination by the Army. He got it. But it did no good. He was still out. And so were thousands of other trained officers, relieved for similar and other minor physical disqualifications. By the then existing regulations (formulated during peace time for peace time purposes and unrevised for war, these officers, physically unqualified for strenuous front line service, could not be used for any service for which they were otherwise physically, mentally and professionally qualified.

Now, under the new regulation, almost four years later, Mathews has just been again appointed and commissioned in the Army of the United States, effective August 14, 1944, as a Lieutenant Colonel, in the Inactive Reserve.

But, the Colonel says, anyhow it is a new start, and he might yet have the opportunity to serve his country after his many years of training.

The plain civilian sometimes finds it difficult to understand the ways of the Army.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

MR. & MRS. HARRY V. GROOME MR. & MRS. CHARLES H. YOST FRANK MATHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Groome, of Linden avenue, Riverton, attended the State Convention of the American Legion held in Atlantic City, September 6 to 9, where Mr. Groome was elected Vice Commander.

Other representatives from Riverton were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yost and Miss Marilyn Yost and Col. Frank Mathews.

*New Era,
Sept. 14, 1944*



FRANCIS C. MATHEWS

Francis C. Mathews, S1-c, son of Judge and Mrs. Frank Mathews, 203 Bank avenue, Riverton, has completed his recruit training at the Sampson Naval Station and is now on leave. Upon his return to Sampson he will receive further training which will qualify him for a petty officer rating.

New Era, August 16, 1945

C. SINGLETON MEARS

Captain C. Singleton Mears, of Riverton, has been assigned to duty in the Army Air Corps at a post in a mid-western state.

New Era, May 4, 1942

Captain C. Singleton Mears, of Riverton, has been promoted to the rank of Major, according to a recent announcement. The Mears family is now residing at Marblehead, Mass.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944

Major C. Singleton Mears has been made resident representative of the Army Air Forces at the General Electric Co., in Lynn, Mass. He was formerly assistant resident representative, but is now in command at that facility.

New Era, Oct. 12, 1944

LAWRENCE L. MEARS

Lawrence L. Mears, son of Major and Mrs. C. Singleton Mears, is attending Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire.

New Era, Oct. 12, 1944



Memorial to the
5th Armored
Division in
Bertrange,
Luxembourg.

ABBOTT ROGERS

**LT. ROGERS KILLED
IN ACTION; WAS
WOUNDED ONCE**

Lt. Abbott Rogers, 24 years old, was killed in action in Germany on December 17, according to a telegram received recently by his widow, the former Miss Elaine Sheble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Sheble, of Golf road, Riverton.

Lt. Rogers, who was in the Fifth Armored Division of the First Army, was wounded in action in Luxembourg on September 13.

He entered the armed forces in February 1942, and attended O. C. S. at Fort Benning, Ga. He received further training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and was for a time instructor at

Camp Croft, S. C. He went overseas in August of 1944.

Lt. and Mrs. Rogers were married in May 1943. Mrs. Rogers has been making her home with her parents at the Golf road address.

Besides his widow, Lieutenant Rogers is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, and a brother, Robinson Rogers, of Trenton.

Lt. Rogers was a graduate of Westtown, (Pa.) Friends School and of Rollins College, Fla.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

STUART B. CLARK

CADET CLARK AT ADVANCED SCHOOL

Aviation Cadet Stuart B. Clark, 22, son of Mrs. Elisabeth McMichael Clark, (Golf Road, and Commander Stuart B. Clark, now serving overseas, has reported to the AAF Training Command's advanced flying school at Altus Army Air Field, Altus, Okla., to begin the final nine weeks phase of his pilot training.

After flying 70 hours in two engined training planes and taking 70 lecture-hours of combat subjects in ground school, Cadet Clark will be awarded the silver wings of an AAF pilot and appointed a flight officer or commissioned a second lieutenant. From Altus he will either go on to train with the multi-engined bombers or fighters that he will ultimately fly in combat zones, or he will be sent to Central Instructor's School at Randolph Field, Texas, to learn how to instruct other young men training for their silver wings.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

GETS COMMISSION

Stuart B. Clark, 22, son of Commander and Mrs. Stuart B. Clark, Golf Road, Riverton, was commissioned a second lieutenant and received the silver pilot's wings of the Army Air Forces today at the Altus (Okla.) Army Air Field.

From this advanced 2-engine pilot training school of the AAF Central Flying Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph Field, Tex., he will go to further advanced training at a multi-engined bomber or fighter school, or to the Central Instructors' School at Randolph Field.

After completing his advanced course he will be ready to carry the air attack over enemy territory, or return as an instructor to an advanced school.

New Era, March 22, 1945



CLARK TRAINING

FOR BOMBER PILOT

2nd Lt. Stuart B. Clark of Golf Road, Riverton, has been specially selected for four-engine bomber pilot training and has been transferred to Liberal Army Air Field, Kansas, for instruction in flying Liberator bombers. He is the son of Commander and Mrs. Stuart B. Clark, Golf Road.

Lt. Clark will receive 15 weeks of intensive training at the Southwest Kansas installation of the Central Flying Training Command, and upon graduation will receive the rating of "airplane commander."

Lt. Clark was a member of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, prior to entering the service. He received his flying training at Curtis Field, Brady, Texas; Majors Field, Greenville, Texas; Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Eagle Pass, Texas; and Altus Army Air Field, Altus, Oklahoma. He graduated from advanced training March 11, 1945.

New Era, April 12, 1945



B-24 Liberator
bomber

JOSEPH A. CREIGHTON, JR.

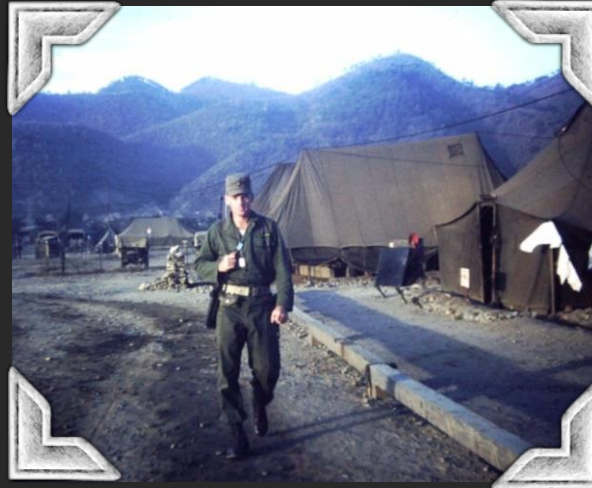
RICHARD T. WILSON

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving pre-flight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Forces.

The future fliers are subjected to a rigorous 10-week program of instruction covering physical, academic and military training. At the Cadet Center, a unit of the AAF Training Command, they study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

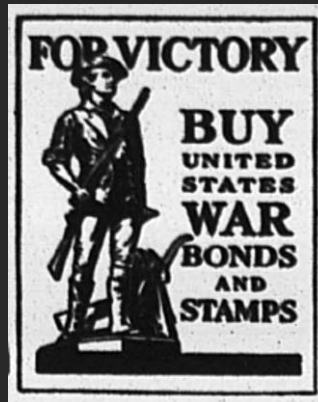
Cadets in the present class from New Jersey include Richard T. Wilson, Golf road, Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945



Sept. 1953

five weeks after truce signed



WILLIAM RODNEY SIMS

William Rodney Sims, 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, of Riverton, has completed the course of training in the Aviation Radioman School at Memphis, Tennessee.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

W. Rodney Sims, RM 3-c, spent a five day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, 714 Thomas avenue, Riverton. He left Friday, January 26, to report for duty at San Diego, California. He is a graduate of Palmyra High School and trained at Swarthmore, Pa.; Bainbridge, Md.; and Miami, Fla. He has been assigned to a flight crew on a bomber.

New Era, Feb. 1, 1945

JOHN REESE LEWIS

Lt. John Reece Lewis, of Riverton, N. J., has completed the Pilot Transition Four-Engine course at Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, New Mexico, according to the announcement of Colonel Joseph P. Bailey, commanding officer at Hobbs Field.

Lt. Lewis was commissioned as Second Lieutenant and received his pilots wings at Ft. Sumner, N. Mexico, on October 1, 1943.

Completion of his transition training at Hobbs Army Air Field qualifies Lt. Lewis as a combat pilot, another young American qualified to meet any Axis challenge.

Lt. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Lewis, of Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 6, 1944



B-17

"Keep 'Em Flying"

The Story of the
Hobbs Army Air Field

LEWIS PROMOTED

John R. Lewis, 28 years old, 301 Park avenue, Riverton, a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant.

Lt. Lewis attended George High School, Pennsylvania, Oberlin College, Ohio, and the University of Southern California. He was employed in Animation Movies in Hollywood, California.

He entered the Army May 19, 1942, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. upon completion of pilot training at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, October 1, 1943. He was promoted to 1st Lt. July 24, 1944. He has completed 11 combat missions over enemy occupied territory.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Lewis of Riverton.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944



Army Air Force Flying Training
Detachment, Hemet, CA
Class 43-I, Flight "F" 1943,
[Contact: Hemet 43H-44G](#)
available from the San Diego
Air and Space Museum



JOHN REESE LEWIS

LEWIS DECORATED

First Lieutenant John R. Lewis, 28, of 301 Park avenue, Riverton, pilot of an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement while participating in air combat.

Lt. Lewis went overseas June 28, 1944, and flew his first mission July 6, to bomb the Bergamo Steel Works in Italy. He is now a veteran of over 30 long-range missions over enemy occupied territory.

Before entering the Army he was graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. He had his own company making animated movies in Hollywood, Cal.

Unmarried, he is the son of Clement B. Lewis, of Riverton.

New Era, Oct. 19, 1944



LEWIS PROMOTED

Captain John R. Lewis, 28, of 301 Parw avenue, Riverton, pilot of a 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in air combat.

Captain Lewis was decorated by Brig. General Charles W. Lawrence in ceremonies held at his home base. The next day he received his captain's bars. He received his DFC for extraordinary achievement while participating in a raid on Vienna, Austria on September 10, 1944.

Captain Lewis began combat flying July 6, 1944, with an attack on the Bergamo Steel Works in Northern Italy. He is now a veteran of over 45 long-range missions over enemy occupied territory.

Before entering the army he was graduated from Oberlin College and was employed as an animated cartoonist in Hollywood.

Unmarried, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lewis, of Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 11, 1945

What Have You Done Today?

Please don't let up on saving waste paper, but double your efforts. Lack of manpower, poor transportation, and general weather conditions have seriously hampered paper mill production.

Paper is still No. 1 on the critical list. Our boys are being fed out of paper—receive their ammunition in paper—and blood plasma, packed in paper, is saving their lives. Keep up your work. Save paper for your regular collections, give it to school children, or call a dealer.

New Era Feb. 1, 1945

Captain Reece Lewis has arrived from Hobbs, New Mexico, to spend a fourteen-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lewis, 301 Park avenue, Riverton.

Captain Lewis completed fifty missions in Italy and was returned to Hobbs, New Mexico, as an instructor on the B-17.

New Era, July 19, 1945

JAMES T. WILSON

Word has been received that James T. Wilson, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Wilson, of Golf Road, has been promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

Lt. Col. Wilson, who is in command of a bomber squadron, has been overseas many months, having completed some 70 missions. He has received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster. This young man is one of four brothers, all of whom are in the service.

New Era, Aug. 31, 1944

Searching the mission diaries at b26.com for **Wilson AND "Man O' War"** produced at least 8 results mentioning Captain Wilson and his B-26 Marauder named Man O' War.



New Era, Sept. 7, 1944

WILSON COMPLETES COMBAT MISSIONS

Word has just been received from the headquarters of the Ninth Air Force of the completion of his tour of duty by Lieutenant Colonel James T. Wilson, of Riverton. Colonel Wilson has commanded one of the four squadrons of the famous Crusader Group and is a veteran pilot with seventy combat missions to his credit. He has been flying combat in Marauders (B-26 Medium Bombers) for more than a year in the European Theatre of Operations.

His first ship he named Man O' War. The one he is leaving with the squadron when he returns home is Man O' War IV. The first three were washed out in crash landings resulting from battle damage. Each time, although his ships were severely crippled, Colonel Wilson, through his outstanding skill as an airman, was able to bring them home and deliver his crew safely. And each time the skill required was greater than the last.

Ship Damaged

The first time, nearly a year ago, his ship was heavily damaged by flak over Amsterdam, Holland, and upon returning to base, he was unable to lower his landing gear, but made a successful belly-landing.

The second such experience started over Paris when he had an engine shot out and his ship set afire in two places. That, he said, was the only time he seriously considered giving orders for the crew to bail out. Two of his crewmen had

been wounded, but not so seriously as to prevent their jumping. He had everyone standing by ready to jump in the event the fires could not be brought under control. But members of the crew managed to extinguish the fires, and he nursed his crippled ship back home across the channel on one engine. When he arrived back over his field, he found that his hydraulic system had been shot out and although he managed to get his two main wheels down, the nose wheel wouldn't go into place. But again through outstanding skill and coolness, he delivered his crew safely. That was the end of Man O' War II, and for his superb airmanship in bringing it home and returning his crew safely, he received the Silver Star. In addition to this high award, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with twelve Oak Leaf Clusters.

The career of Man O' War III came to an end when the Colonel was obliged to land it with only the nose wheel. Again his ship had been shot up badly over the target, and the hydraulic system crippled so that he was unable to lower his main wheels and again by skillful handling he brought it in without injury to any member of the crew.

Gunners of his crew have been accredited with two German fighters shot down.

Before entering the service, Col. Wilson lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Wilson, at South Strafford, Vermont. They now live on Golf Road, Riverton. He has three brothers in the service. In 1939, he was Captain of the Pennsylvania State College ski team.

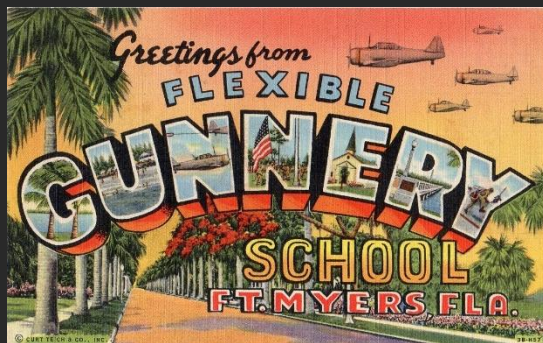
MELVIN S. STEBBINS

Pfc. Melvin S. Stebbins, formerly of 402 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, has graduated from Flexible Gunnery School, Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Florida, and has now reported to Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, for training in Central Instructors School.

New Era, Sept. 28, 1944

Pfc. Melvin S. Stebbins, son of A. W. Stebbins, of Riverton, has been graduated from the Army Air Forces central instructors at Laredo, Texas, and is now qualified to become an instructor at one of the nation's seven aerial gunnery schools.

New Era, Nov. 16, 1944



Mulford Decorated

For heroic actions in treating and evacuating wounded men under heavy fire on the flaming beaches of Saipan, Lt. William P. Mulford, (MC) USN, 31, of Riverton, was presented with the Bronze Star Medal recently in ceremonies at the Naval Air Station here. The presentation was made by Commodore L. T. Hundt, USN, Commander, Naval Air Training Bases.

Lt. Mulford, who was wounded himself at Saipan on June 16, 1944, was cited "for heroic achievement in action against the enemy while serving as medical officer of a Marine infantry battalion on Saipan on 15 and 16 June, 1944. While under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, with utter disregard for his personal safety, Lt. Mulford constantly exposed himself to danger to treat and evacuate casualties from the beach.

Very Hazardous

His untiring efforts for a period of about 36 hours in which he worked under the most hazardous and difficult conditions was responsible for saving the lives of many men . . . and contributed to the fighting spirit of the entire battalion."

Lt. Mulford, a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine with the class of 1939, was attached to the Fourth Marine Division at Saipan, one of the two divisions that made the first assault on Iwo Jima. He also saw action, in the Marshall Islands and at Tinian.

Now under instructions in the School of Aviation Medicine here, Lt. Mulford is the son of Mrs. E. R. Mulford, 100 E. Broad street, Burlington. His wife is the former Charlotte Parry, of Riverton, daughter of Mrs. Edwin S. Parry, 622 Thomas avenue, Riverton.



**WILLIAM P.
MULFORD**

New Era, March 1, 1945

ROBERT G. McCURDY

Robert G. McCurdy, of Riverton, received his wings and commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force last Saturday at Selman Field, Monroe, La. He was a member of a class of aerial navigation cadets which represented 33 States. The group, the first to graduate since the invasion is known as the "invasion class."

New Era, June 15, 1944



New Era, Sept. 7, 1944

McCURDY MEMBER OF FORTRESS CREW

Second Lt. Robert G. McCurdy, of Riverton will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, La., and in the near future he will go overseas to a combat area.

stress crew trained by the Second Army Air Force, which has the task of readying four-engine bomber crews for overseas duty.

Listed among the instructors at the Alexandria Army Air Field are many officers and enlisted men who have seen action in every theatre of war. These veterans direct crews through training conditions that simulate actual combat, stressing team-

work, formation flying and high altitude missions.

Lt. McCurdy is the son of Mrs. Anna McCurdy, Creek Rd., Riverside, N. J., and the husband of the former Miss Betty Baker, 615 Elm Terrace, Riverton. He is a graduate of Springfield (Mass.) College, class of 1943. The 25-year-old navigator entered service in June, 1942.



HE'S OFF ON HIS FIFTY-FIFTH MISSION

There he goes again—out to pour more destruction on the Axis—once more to face the death of enemy fighters and flak!

He won't hesitate to go out on his fifty-sixth or his hundred and fifty-sixth mission. He knows he might not come back, but he keeps on going—giving more and more until the Hitler and

Tojo crews are ready to "call it quits."

This is only year fifth mission—and a mission which is mighty easy in comparison with the ones he makes *every week*.

Stay in the fight by welcoming the Victory Volunteers—at least double your Bond purchases and then keep on. Your buying means "bombs away" for the Axis!



Back the Attack! - BUY MORE THAN BEFORE
Cinnaminson Bank and Trust Company
Riverton, N. J.

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New Era July 5, 1944

McCurdy Decorated

Second Lieutenant Robert G. McCurdy, 615 Elm terrace, Riverton, navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded a third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe, it recently was announced by the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "The courage, skill and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

He has flown on some of the Eighth Air Forces roughest missions over Germany, including Berlin, Merseburg, Stuttgart, Mannheim and Nurnberg. Other successful bombing assaults credited to Lt. McCurdy are those in the Ruhr Valley area where marshalling yards, bridges, and other lines of communication have been knocked out by our heavy bombers in coordination with the advances made by the U. S. Ground troops near the battle line. Expert navigation on the part of Lt. McCurdy and his fellow navigators have aided combat crews on the Flying Fortress to locate and destroy vital targets in the midst of heavy clouds and generally rough weather.

Lt. McCurdy, son of Mrs. Anna McCurdy Creek Road, Riverside, is a member of the 398th heavy bomber group. He received his education at Maxwell Field, Alabama; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Selman, Louisiana. He was graduated from Palmyra High School, Palmyra, in 1937, and from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., in 1942. His wife, Mrs. Betty Baker McCurdy, also is from Riverton. He entered the Army February 25, 1943.

*New Era,
March 15, 1945*



ROBERT G. McCURDY

1st Lt. Robert G. McCurdy, of 615 Elm terrace, Riverton, has left AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 for Fort many with the 13th Army and has just had three battle stars added with her ribbons.

New Era, June 28, 1945



Beam's Crew - 602nd Squadron - 18 February 1945

Back Row (viewer's left to right): 1.Cpl. Cliff Blankenship, Engineer 2.2nd Lt. Dick Frazier, Co-Pilot 3.1st Lt. Burl B. Beam, Pilot 4.2nd Lt. **Robert McCurdy, Navigator** 5.S/Sgt. Victor White, Ball Turret

Front Row (viewer's left to right): 1.S/Sgt. Sam Pescetello, Radio 2.S/Sgt. S.D. Roberts, Tail Gunner 3.S/Sgt. Bob Flickinger, Waist Gunner 4.S/Sgt. H.P. Studor, Toggiler

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FREEMAN V. MOORHOUSE

Freeman V. Moorhouse, has completed his basic training at the Sampson Naval Station and is spending a furlough at his home in Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 27, 1944

EDWARD MOORHOUSE

Edward Moorhouse, U. S. Navy, is spending an extensive furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moorhouse, Main street, Riverton.

New Era Sept. 16, 1943

JOSEPH E. MOORHOUSE

Joseph Moorhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moorhouse, of Main street, Riverton, who is in the U. S. Navy, recently spent his first furlough in several months at the home of his parents.

New Era, Sept. 10, 1942

Joseph E. Moorhouse, U. S. N., spent a five day furlough last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Moorhouse, Main street, Riverton.

New Era, Feb. 4, 1943



EMILIE LOUISE MOORHOUSE

Ensign Emilie Louise Moorhouse reported for active duty with the Navy Nurse Corps at Norfolk, Virginia, on March 28th, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moorhouse, of Main street. She is a graduate of New York University and Bellevue School of Nursing in New York City.

New Era, March 30, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moorhouse announce the marriage of their daughter, Ensign Emilie Louise (Nc) U.S.N.R., to Specialist Charles Richard Plinke, U.S.N.R., which took place August 1st, 1944, in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944

JAMES W. BROWN WESTON GOODNOW

James Brown and Weston Goodnow, both of Riverton, were among those soldiers graduated this week at Lehigh University after completing the advanced engineering course in the Army Specialized Training program which began at Lehigh last June.

The graduating soldiers heard a commencement address from Dr. C. C. Williams, president of Lehigh, in which he complimented them on their good conduct, high scholarship, and serious purpose while in training at the University. Commandant Colonel George Easterday presented the diplomas and spoke to the men briefly.

New Era, April 13, 1944

EDWARD B. GOODNOW

GOODNOW WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bigelow, Lippincott avenue, Riverton, received a cablegram Tuesday night that their son, Pfc. Edward B. Goodnow had been slightly wounded somewhere in the European scene of fighting. He is a member of an infantry unit in the 1st U. S. Army.

Private Goodnow entered the service in January, 1944, and was sent overseas during October of last year.

New Era, Feb. 22, 1945



*"Battle Babies:" The Story
of the 99th Infantry Division*

Pfc. Edward B. Goodnow, of 212 Lippincott avenue, Riverton, is with the Company G, 393d Inf. of the 99th Infantry Division now with the Third U. S. Army in Germany. He and his buddies of the "Checkerboard" Division played leading roles in toppling Hitler's Fortress Germany. While with Gen. Courtney Hodges' First U. S. Army, the soldiers of the 99th helped storm through the Siegfried Line, then across the Cologne Plain, and were the first infantry division of First Army to bring its forces up to the Rhine. After crossing the famed river, and participating in cleaning out the Ruhr Pocket, the 99th was transferred to General George Patton's Third Army and assisted in the final grand-slam drive across the Danube to the heart of Bavaria.

New Era, August 9, 1945

WESTON W. GOODNOW

Pfc. Weston W. Goodnow, of Riverton, who was formerly stationed at Lehigh University, is now located in New York City.

New Era, July 27, 1944

EDWARD S. CHILD/S

Mrs. Sycora, 405 Thomas avenue, Riverton, had as her guests last week, her mother, Mrs. Childs, West Hempstead, L. I., and her brother, Lt. Edward S. Childs. Lt. Childs

has been overseas as a navigator on a B-17 but has returned to the United States where he has completed training and received his pilot wings. He will be stationed at Hondo, Texas, as an instructor.

New Era, March 29, 1945

Mrs. P. O. Sykora, 405 Thomas avenue, Riverton, had as a week-end guest her brother, First Lieutenant Edward S. Child, who is in the Army Air Corps and was enroute from Hondo, Texas, to Fort Dix for his discharge.

New Era, July 19, 1945

CLEMENT B. LEWIS

COMPLETES COURSE

Naval Aviation Cadet Clement B. Lewis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Lewis, of Riverton, N. J., has successfully completed the intensive 11-week course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill, N. C. He has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Cadet Lewis attended George School, '41 and Middlebury College, class of '46. The extra-curricular activities in which he took part included cheerleading and newspaper staff. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

At the Pre-Flight School his course included physical conditioning, athletics, military drill, instruction in the essentials of Naval service and ground school subjects. After three months of primary flying and three additional months of advanced flying he will be eligible for a commission as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, and the coveted "Gold Wings" of a Naval Aviator.

Boys at Palmyra High School, who are interested in entering the program, may enlist after their seventeenth birthday and before their eighteenth with the nearest Naval Aviation Selection Board.

New Era, April 27, 1944

Seaman 1st Class S(D) Clement Lewis, U. S. Navy, arrived home Tuesday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lewis, 301 Park avenue, Riverton. He is enroute to San Diego, Calif., where he will report for duty.

New Era, Feb. 8, 1945



The Riverton Civil Defense Council meets Thursday night of this week in the control center.

New Era July 29, 1943



Emblem of the
VIII Fighter
Command

JACK LONGSTREET

2nd Lieut. Jack Longstreet has left for Camp Lee, Virginia, having spent the weekend at his home on Elm terrace, Riverton.

New Era, Feb. 8, 1945

WILLIAM McCORMICK, JR.

Technical Sergeant William McCormick, Jr., United States Marine Corps, of 200 Second street, Riverton, has been transferred from Philadelphia to the Quantico, Virginia,

New Era, Dec. 7, 1944

Refueling a p-51 at littlefriends.co.uk



ROBERT W. MASON

At an Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England, Private Robert W. Mason, of Riverton, New Jersey, has "bought himself a piece of the air force."

He was among the first soldiers stationed on this Eighth Fighter Command Mustang base to make a purchase in the War Bond campaign staged by the Eighth Air Force to buy a "Victory Squadron." All planes flown by the Eighth will be represented in the "Victory Squadron," and each officer and enlisted man buying bonds in the drive becomes a "shareholder."

A quota was assigned to personnel of this base under the command of Col. William J. Cummings, Jr., Lawrence, Kansas. They were allowed five weeks in which to strive to attain the goal. They rocketed past the quota mark less than two weeks after the drive had opened.

Mason, who formerly resided at 708 Cinnaminson st., Riverton, is on duty with a Mustang squadron refueling unit.

New Era, Sept. 14, 1944

MASON MEMBER OF P-51 MUSTANG GROUP

Private Robert W. Mason, of Riverton, New Jersey, is a member of an Eighth Fighter Command P-51 Mustang group which recently passed the 450 mark in victories over Nazi planes, becoming the third American fighter group in the European Theater of Operations to make such a record.

Private Mason is serving with a refueling unit in a Mustang squadron here and his work contributed to the group's high record of combat efficiency. As a part of the organization which enables the fighter pilots to devote all their time and energy to the pursuit and destruction of the Luftwaffe, he is helping to keep American fighter planes in combat against the enemy over every corner of occupied Europe.

This fighter group, commanded by Colonel William J. Cummings, Jr., of Lawrence, Kansas, established a record for American units in this theater when it destroyed 44 enemy planes on the ground and seven in the air on one mission. And in four low-level attacks, the group destroyed 118 German planes on the ground, an average of more than 29 per mission.

Private Mason, a truck driver for the Philadelphia Market House Co. in Palmyra before his induction in July, 1943, resided at 708 Cinnaminson street, Riverton.

New Era, Oct. 5, 1944

THALBERG KING, JR.

Private Thalber King, Jr., of the 309th Fighter Squadron, has been promoted to Corporal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thalberg King, of 404 Main street, Riverton.

New Era, Sept. 3, 1942



Distinguished Unit Citation Ribbon

Description of the April 1944 mission from 8thafhs.org



31st Fighter Group Crest

Citation For Sgt. King

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., 22, of 404 Main St., Riverton, has been awarded a blue and gold Distinguished Unit Citation ribbon. He is a crew chief in the top scoring P-51 Mustang fighter group in the Mediterranean theater under the command of Lt. Col. Yancey S. Tarrant of Brownwood, Texas.

The Mustang Group was cited for its outstanding performance of duty against the enemy on April 21, 1944. Despite having nearly reached the limit of their endurance after having flown over five hundred and eighty miles through almost insurmountable weather conditions, the P-51's fought off a total of sixty enemy fighters, in two groups of thirty each, which threatened the bomber formation. By destroying sixteen and probably destroying or damaging a number of others, the Mustangs enabled the seven groups of 15th Air Force heavy bombers, which had not received the recall signal sent out because of the adverse weather conditions, to complete a highly successful mission against the important enemy installations and production centers in the Ploesti-Bucharest area of Rumania.



P-51D of the 31st Fighter Group, Fifteenth Air Force

SERGEANT KING HOME FROM EUROPE AREA

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thalberg King, 404 Main street, Riverton, has arrived home after 30 months service in the European war area.

On Thursday evening, December 21st, several of his friends were entertained at dinner, among them being Ac-T Norman DeLaney; Lt. George Durgin, who has recently returned from overseas; Reverend Edmond Turnock, Jr., and Corp. William Evans.

New Era, Dec. 28, 1944

New Era, Oct. 5, 1944

THALBERG KING, JR.

SERGEANT KING

BACK IN U.S.A.

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., 22, of Riverton, has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

Sergeant King was a mechanic in the Mediterranean theater. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thalberg King, 404 Main street, Riverton.

New Era, Jan. 25, 1945

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., arrived this week to spend a fifteen day furlough at his home on 404 Main street, Riverton. Sgt. King is located at Key Field, Mississippi.

New Era, March 29, 1945

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., who has been spending a fifteen day furlough at his home on 404 Main street, Riverton, left Friday to report for duty at Key Field, Mississippi.

New Era, April 12, 1945

SERGEANT KING

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Sgt. Thalberg King, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thalberg King, 404 Main street, Riverton, has received an honorable discharge from the Army after forty-one months of service.

Sgt. King served as a crew chief of the ground crew in the 15th Air Force located at Foggia, Italy. He participated in the invasion of Africa, Sicily, Anzio Beach, Salerno and the Ploesti Oil Field.

A citation was conferred upon Sgt. King in the latter engagement.

New Era, August 2, 1945

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ROBERT S. COLES

Robert S. Coles today wears the silver wings of an aerial gunner and the chevrons of a sergeant in the Army Air Forces.

He was promoted after successfully completing training at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field near Panama City, Florida.

Sergeant Coles, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Coles, of Riverton, was thoroughly trained in operation of .30 and .50 calibre machine guns, first on ground ranges and later in the air.

He will leave shortly to join a combat unit where he will receive additional training.

New Era, Feb. 4, 1943

ALBERT H. KENNEY

Pfc. Albert H. Kenney, husband of Peggy Ford Kenny, 616 Linden avenue, Riverton, has arrived home from the European Theatre to spend a thirty-day furlough. While overseas he served in five countries and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Battle Star.

New Era, July 19, 1945

COLES ON WAY

HOME FROM GERMANY

Recently released from prison camp after 18 months of captivity, Staff Sergeant Robert S. Coles, of Riverton Road, Riverton, has passed through the camp for Recovered Allied Military Personnel operated here and is on his way to the United States. The camp, "RAMP" Camp No. 1, clothes and cares for liberated prisoners until they are returned to America.

Sgt. Coles, a tail gunner in a Flying Fortress, was participating in his third mission when the plane was damaged by Nazi fighters and flak. He baled out and was taken prisoner on October 10, 1943, near Munster, Germany. Advancing American armies liberated him April 29.

After being freed, Sgt. Coles and three Air Corps men traveled 95 miles in a German staff car they had found. They were then taken by air to the "RAMP" camp.

Staff Sgt. Coles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Coles.

New Era, May 31, 1945

Staff Sgt. Robert Coles, son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Coles, Riverton Road, Riverton, is spending a sixty day furlough at his home. He was liberated from a German prison camp in May and returned to the States. At the termination of his furlough he will report to Atlantic City re-distribution center.

New Era, June 21, 1945

From WW2pow.info

Name	Robert S Coles
Ser. Number	32365331
Grade	Staff Sergeant
Service	Army
Arm	Air Corps
First Report	10/10/1943
Last Report	06/01/1945
Race	White
Residence	New Jersey
Organization	Bombardment Heavy
Parent Unit	0390
Unit Type	Group Regiment Commands System
Area	European Theatre
Source	Official Sources
Status	Liberated Or Repatriated
Detaining Power	Germany
Camp	Stalag Luft 3 Sagan Silesia Bavaria

Riverton Legion Post Dispute Enlivens Plan for Memorial

(Special to the Sunday Times-Advertiser)

RIVERTON, Jan. 13.—A dispute over the formation of a new American Legion post here has enlivened the plan of Riverton war veterans for a permanent memorial to those serving in the armed forces.

Over a year ago almost 40 of Riverton's veterans grouped to form their own American Legion post, something which Riverton has not possessed for 20 years. The new group adopted the name of the Riverton Memorial Post, but were informed that they could not be granted recognition by the American Legion since there was already a Legion post in nearby Palmyra. This action was taken by the Burlington County Executive Committee of the American Legion and created considerable local feeling here,

where local veterans estimated there are approximately 400 servicemen, the bulk of whom are not members of the Palmyra Legion post.

Meanwhile the Riverton group has completed construction of a brick honor roll on which the names of local men and women in the armed forces will be placed permanently. The structure has been situated on a lot near the railroad station in the centre of town and will be presented to the Borough of Riverton as a public park.

Adding to the discomfiture of local veterans is the fact that their application papers included the signature of Colonel Franklin D'Olier, a former resident of Riverton and the first national commander of the American Legion.

*The Sunday Times Advertiser,
Jan. 14, 1945*



HARRY L. PETERS

Mrs. P. S. Walter, 609 Cinnaminson street, Riverton, has received word that her son, Pvt. Harry L. Peters, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Pvt. Peters had been reported missing in action since December 20, 1944.

New Era, March 29, 1945

From WW2pow.info

Name	Harry L Peters
Ser. Number	33806057
Grade	Private First Class
Service	Army
Arm	Infantry
First Report	12/20/1944
Last Report	05/22/1945
Organization	Branch Immaterial Infantry Division Band Dental Co
Parent Unit	0110
Unit Type	Group Regiment Commands System
Area	European Theatre Germany
Source	Official Sources
Status	Liberated Or Repatriated
Detaining Power	Germany
Camp	Stalag 4b Muhlberg Sachsen 51 13

WILLIAM J. BURNS

BURNS—POPOFF

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Teheran, the capital of Iran, when Sgt. William J. Burns, Jr., took as his bride Miss Victoria Popoff, of Russia.

Sgt. Burns has been in Teheran for two and a half years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Burns, of 112 Broad street, Riverton.

As soon as a visa is granted Mrs. Burns will return to the States to reside in Riverton.

New Era, May 24, 1945

JAMES BURNS

James Burns, 29, of 707½ Cinnamon street, Riverton, has advanced to first class seaman, aboard a battleship off Okinawa.

He entered the Navy in June, 1944, went through basic training at Bainbridge, Md., and joined this ship last September. He helped to cover landings at Leyte, Mindoro and Luzon in the Philippines before taking part in the Okinawa campaign.

His battle station is in one of the ship's turrets, where he helps to load shells into the main battery guns.

New Era, July 5, 1945

MILTON

MORELAND, JR.

Russell C. Farrow and Milton L. Moreland, Jr., both of Riverton, have been inducted into the Army and are receiving preliminary training at Fort Dix.

New Era, March 9, 1944

Pvt. Milton Moreland, Jr., a member of the Seventh Army, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moreland, Lippincott avenue, Riverton. Pvt. Moreland was wounded while fighting in Germany. He was flown to England where he was hospitalized and has just been transferred to the Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. Pvt. Moreland wears the Purple Heart citation for bravery in action and being seriously wounded.

New Era, March 29, 1945

Pvt. Milton L. Moreland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moreland, Lippincott avenue, Riverton, is spending a thirty-day furlough at his home. He has been confined to the Halloran General Hospital undergoing treatment for a leg injury received in service overseas.

New Era, August 9, 1945



GERARD C. EDSSELL

JACK A. BURNS

Jack A. Burns, of Riverton, left Thursday for Bainbridge, Maryland, for training, having enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

New Era, Oct. 26, 1944

THOMAS J. FORD

Thomas J. Ford, formerly Pharmacist's Mate, U.S.N., has been transferred into the Medical Corps of the Marines and is now stationed in North Carolina.

New Era, May 27, 1943

Thomas Ford, serving in the U. S. Navy, is spending a brief leave at his home in Riverton.

New Era July 15, 1943

Thomas J. Ford, Ph. M 2-c, 25th Marines 4th Division, who has been in the Saipan and Tinian invasions writes that he is now at a rest camp. He is the son of Mrs. Thomas Ford, Cinnaminson street, Riverton.

A second son, John J. Ford, S 2-c, has enlisted and has reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944

RIVERTON YOUTH SAVES MANY LIVES AT SAIPAN

Somewhere in the Marianas—(Delayed)—A former drug store clerk from Riverton, N. J., is now one of the hardest working medical corpsmen in the front lines of Saipan.

He is Navy Pharmacist Mate Second Class Thomas Ford, who used to work at Keating's Drug Store.

During the early hours of the fighting, when his unit suffered many casualties, he was busy saving lives. He made repeated trips back and forth, under fire, between the front lines and evacuation stations over the islands winding roads.

Ford and his dusty little jeep became a familiar and welcome sight to the front-line units.

He is the son of Mrs. Isabelle Ford, of Riverton.

New Era, Nov. 2, 1944

Thomas Ford, Ph.M 2-c, U. S. N., was wounded while in action on Saipan last June and has been awarded the Purple Heart which he sent home to his mother, Mrs. Isabel Ford, Cinnaminson street, Riverton.

Ford has been in Navy since September, 1942, and participated in 3 major invasions — Marshalls, Saipan and Tinian.

Jack Ford, who joined the Navy in August, is at present studying at the Naval Air Technical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

New Era, Nov. 30, 1944

FORD HONORED

A letter was recently received by Mrs. Isabel Ford, Cinnaminson street, Riverton, that her son, Thomas Joseph Ford, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism. The citation follows:

"In the name of, the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, takes pleasure in awarding the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to Pharmacist's Mate 2-c, Thomas Joseph Ford, U. S. Naval Reserve, for service as set forth herein: For heroism while serving as a Medical Corpsman attached to a Marine Rifle Company during operations on July 16, 1944.

During an attack, the Company was pinned down in a crossfire of enemy machine guns which were producing heavy casualties. Despite this Ford continued to work calmly and efficiently while under constant enemy fire, administering first aid to our casualties, after, he, too, was wounded, until he was forced to be evacuated for treatment. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest tradition of the U. S. Naval Service."

H. H. SMITH,
Lieut. General,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Ford has already been awarded the Purple Heart and the President's Unit Citation and has forwarded these medals to his mother.

New Era, Feb. 8, 1945

Ford continued next slide

THOMAS J. FORD

FORD IS CITED

Mrs. Thomas J. Ford, 715 Cinnamon street, Riverton, N. J., has just been informed that her son, PM 3-c Thomas J. Ford has been awarded the Silver Star Medal.

The citation is as follows: In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, takes pleasure in awarding the Silver Star Medal to Pharmacists' Mate Third Class Thomas Joseph Ford, U. S. Naval Reserve for service as set forth in the following "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving as a medical corpsman attached to a Marine rifle company on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on July 16, 1944. During an attack, the company was pinned down in a cross fire of enemy machine guns which were producing heavy casualties. Despite this, Pharmacist's Mate Third Class Ford continued to work calmly and efficiently while under constant enemy fire, administering first aid to our casualties, after he too was wounded, until he was forced to be evacuated for treatment. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Signed

H. M. SMITH, Lieut. Gen.
U. S. Marine Corps.

PM 3-c Ford has also been awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal and the Purple Heart.

FORD CITED AGAIN

Mrs. Thomas J. Ford, 715 Cinnamon street, Riverton, has just received another citation from her son, Pharmacist Mate 2-c Thomas J. Ford. It reads as follows;

Headquarters
Fourth Marine Division, Fleet
Marine Force
c-o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Cal.

In the name of the President of The United States, the Commanding General, Fourth Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, takes pleasure in awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Pharmacists Mate, Second Class, Thomas J. Ford, (651-55-49), U.S.N.R., for service as set forth in the following Citation:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving as a Medical Corpsman on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February, 1945. When the rifle platoon to which he was attached was forced by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to withdraw approximately seventy-

five yards behind its farthest point of advance, leaving several seriously wounded men in that area. Pharmacists' Mate Second Class Ford, with complete disregard for his own safety, left a covered position to move forward through this heavy fire and render aid to the casualties. Although the intensity of the enemy fire made immediate evacuation of the wounded men impossible, he continually exposed himself by moving among them to render aid, and remained with them for more than two hours, until the advance of the platoon beyond his position made their evacuation possible. His initiative and courageous devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

C. B. CATES,

Major General, U. S. Marine Corps.
Pharmacist's Mate Ford has been awarded the following citations: Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy-Marine Corps Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star.

*New Era,
August 2, 1945*



New Era, July 5, 1945

RIVERTON SOLDIER GETS SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY

Staff Sgt. Charles F. Leusner, of Riverton, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy. The award was made by the commanding officer of the 30th Infantry Division.

The citation, read at the presentation, pointed out: "Sgt. Leusner was assigned to duty with an infantry unit engaged in an attack on the enemy. When one of his comrades was wounded by hostile mortar and artillery fire, Sgt. Leusner ran to his assistance and at the risk of his life, in the face of continuous enemy fire from observed position, carried the wounded man to a rear position. This unselfish heroism has been an inspiration to his comrades. Upon his return Sgt. Leusner received orders to withdraw his mortar section and reorganize. This he accomplished in superior manner in spite of the heavy enemy fire. The superior soldiership, courage, and devotion to duty exhibited by Sgt. Leusner reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

The commanding officer in making the presentation, said, "I am proud to be the commanding officer of units composed of such fine men. You have worked hard and deserve a much greater reward, which will come when our one final task is completed. May God guard you on the continued road to success."

CHARLES F. LEUSNER

LEUSNER BACK IN UNITED STATES

S-Sgt. Charles F. Leusner, son of Mary Leusner, Riverton, is currently stationed at the Redistribution Station, Camp Butner, N. C., where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Sergeant Leusner was returned recently to the United States after having served 15 months in the European theatre of operations, where he served as mortar sergeant.

He holds the Silver Star, European theatre ribbon with five campaign stars, Good Conduct ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge.

New Era, July 12, 1945



New Era, Nov. 9, 1944



JOHN WOLCOTT

WOLCOTT TO ATTEND ADVANCED COURSE

1st Lt. John Wolcott, of Riverton, has been selected to attend the Officers' Advanced Course of the Field Artillery School at this post.

Lieutenant Wolcott, son of W. B. Wolcott, Moorestown Road, Riverton, is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania. His wife and small daughter, Judith, reside at 236 Windson Avenue, Haddonfield, N. J. He has reported here from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Enlisted men and officers are constantly returning to the nation's only Field Artillery School for instruction in the latest artillery tactics and techniques.

The accuracy and effect with which artillery fire has been delivered on the enemy by our troops overseas reflects the value of this training.

New Era, Nov. 16, 1944

EARL SHRADER

Mrs. Earl Shrader was in town last week visiting Major Shrader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shrader, of Elm avenue. Major Shrader, who is attached to Chemical Warfare Division, Washington, D. C., joined his wife here last Sunday.

Major and Mrs. Shrader are living in Arlington, Va., for the duration of the war after which they will reopen their home at 622 Elm avenue, Riverton.

New Era, Nov. 16, 1944

JOHN H. RIDDLE

Cpl. John H. Riddle, of Riverton, was one of 113 enlisted men and 50 officers in the second class to graduate recently from the B-29 gunnery training course at Harlingen Army Air Field Flexible Gunnery School.

New Era, July 12, 1945

BENJAMIN W. WILLIAMS

New Era, Nov. 16, 1944

GRADUATED FROM BOMBARDIER SCHOOL

Midland Army Air Field, Texas—The first class of Negro Air Crew members to be graduated from this key bombardier school today finished the toughest 18 weeks prescribed by the Army Air Forces training program, and received their commissions as second lieutenants and flight officers from Col. Charles H. Dowman, commanding officer. Among the new officers was Benjamin W. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Williams, 501 Howard street, Riverton.

Already skilled as aerial gunners, today's graduates are real triple-threat members of the deadly aerial combat teams. In their study and practice of dead-reckoning navigation they have learned its application to the problem of bombing enemy targets and how it can aid in making evasive action more effective. They have become as familiar with aerial reconnaissance photographs of enemy installations as with the road map of Texas. They have learned camouflage and how to detect it; they have studied the weak points of enemy ships; they have learned to identify enemy aircraft. They are bombardment experts.

Now these young bombardier-navigators are ready for the final phase of their combat training in which they will take their places as key men in the aerial combat teams of the Army Air Forces.

JOHN L. DENNELER

Mrs. William Denneler, Pomona Rd., Riverton, has returned from a visit with her son, Sergeant John L. Denneler, at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Sgt. Denneler has been transferred this week to the English General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J.

New Era, April 26, 1945



DENNELER TELLS OF PACIFIC BATTLES

It's a far cry from pruning rose bushes in New Jersey to killing Japs in the Southwest Pacific.

However, Corporal John L. Denneler proved himself just as tough an infantryman with the 77th Infantry Division on Guam and Leyte as he was an expert florist before the war in Riverton.

"I guess it's all a matter of mental attitude," he observed in an interview at a West Coast debarkation hospital. "No civilized person likes to kill another. However, as long as barbarians like the Japs and Nazis are on the loose we have to exterminate them as we would rats spreading a deadly disease. Personally, I thought no more of killing Japs than I did of spraying bugs on a rose bush back in New Jersey.

"Anyway, it was a question of killing or being killed, because most of these Nips fought to the death, and I had a sort of hankering to come back alive from the Southwest Pacific," he added with a grin.

Corporal Denneler had his doubts about whether he would take up horticulture again one day on Leyte, while his outfit was storming a Jap-held hill near Ormoc.

"I was acting as a messenger that day and had just delivered an important communication to one of our platoons that was partly cut off, when I found myself face to face with three evil-looking Japs," he recalled. "They emerged from behind some brush and started up a slope after me, their rifles blazing away."

▲The New Jersey Doughboy jumped into a ditch and returned the fire.

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He got one Jap when the trio was about 25 yards from him. The two remaining Japs spread out and rushed at him from opposite sides.

"A friend of mine who had heard the fire took care of one Nip in the nick of time," said the Infantryman. "I took care of the other."

One thing he will never forget about his combat experiences was the heroic action of Infantry company medical aid men, declared Corporal Denneler.

Always Ready

"They were always Johnny-on-the-spot to take care of the wounded, oblivious of danger to themselves," he recalled. "It is difficult to single out one example of their courage, because those 'medics' were risking their lives every day to save ours. While we were on the beachhead on Leyte, a man in my outfit had his leg badly mangled by a mortar shell explosion. A captain in the Medical Corps amputated the leg right there on the beachhead under intense enemy fire and had the wounded man evacuated to a safe place. Then the officer calmly turned to another wounded soldier and continued his work."

Holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action, Corporal Deneller is 38 years old. He has been in the Army three years and received basic training with the 77th Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, before going overseas 11 months ago.

The Doughboy, who plans to re-return to the florist business with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Denneler of Riverton, after the war, was struck down by infantile paralysis late in January while on his way to his company mess hall in Leyte. Returned to the United States by air for special hospital care, he is well on the road to recovery.

HARRY S. GOOTEE

Pvt. Harry Gootee, who is stationed in Utah, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gootee, of Riverton.

New Era July 15, 1943

P.F.C. Harry S. Gootee and his bride are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gootee, of Lippincott avenue, Riverton. Private Gootee is stationed at the Army Air Base, Salt Lake City, Utah.

New Era, Feb. 10, 1944

Pfc. Harry Gootee and wife are enjoying a 15-day furlough at the home of Private Gootee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gootee of Riverton. Private Gootee is stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944



RICHARD N. BUCKALEW THERESA BUCKALEW

SIDNEY LEE KUENSEL

Sidney Lee Kuensell, 24 South Bellevue Ave., Riverton, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Kuensell, was among more than 1,150 midshipmen graduated May 31, 1944, from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, with a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

New Era, June 8, 1944

HOWARD V. GIBSON

Corporal Howard W. Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gibson, 703

Cinnaminson Street, Riverton, and husband of Mrs. Jean Gibson, 629 Second Street, Florence, a Radio Operator with a veteran Troop Carrier Group in Italy, has recently been promoted to the grade of Sergeant.

Sergeant Gibson entered the Army in September 1942, and has served Overseas since November 1943. He is a graduate of Palmyra High School.

New Era, Sept. 21, 1944

FRANK CURZIE

Sergeant Frank Curzie, U. S. Army, the genial former employee of L. L. Keating for many years, has received his honorable discharge after two years of service, much of which was spent overseas with the Medical Corps.

New Era, Oct. 12, 1944

Lt. Richard L. Lilley has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lilley, of Thomas avenue. Lieutenant Lilley recently received his commission at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is now stationed at Camp Houze, Texas.

New Era, Oct. 1, 1942

Lieutenant Richard C. Lilley is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lilley, of Thomas avenue. Lt. Lilley has been assigned to the Paratroops and will receive his training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

New Era, March 18, 1943

Lieutenant Richard C. Lilley and Mrs. Lilley, the former Miss Opal French, of Dallas, Texas, spent a few days recently with Lieutenant Lilley's parents, Thomas avenue, Riverton. They also visited Cadet J. Robert Lilley at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Lieut. Lilley just received his wings as a bomber pilot.

New Era, Jan. 25, 1945

J. ROBERT LILLEY RICHARD C. LILLEY

*Trenton
Evening Times,
August 29, 1943*

Lilley to West Point



J. Robert and Richard C. Lilley

J. Robert Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lilley, who formerly resided at 2610 Nottingham Way and now live in Riverton, N. J., has been notified by Congressman D. Lane Powers that he has received one of the principal appointments to the military academy at West Point for 1944.

Lilley, a graduate of Hamilton High School in the class of 1941, was recently inducted as an aviation cadet and is now at Greensboro, N. C.

A brother, Lieutenant Richard C. Lilley, is stationed with the 17th Airborne Division of Parachute Infantry at Camp Mackall, N. C.

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JESSE PERKINS

Word has been received here from Jesse Perkins, of Riverton, who is now with the Seabees, that he has arrived overseas and is in the best of health. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Perkins, of Riverton.

New Era, May 27, 1943

A letter has been received from Jesse Perkins, with the Navy Seabees, that he has been promoted from 2nd Class Seaman to First Class. He is well and on duty somewhere in South Pacific.

New Era, August 19, 1943

Word has been received here from Jesse Perkins, formerly of Riverton, now with the Navy Seabees, that he has been promoted from Seaman 1-c to Third Class Petty Officer. He is now stationed on the Admiralty Islands and is in good health. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Perkins, of Riverton.

New Era, Aug. 24, 1944



GEORGE JOHN PERKINS

Sgt. George John Perkins, 420 Thomas avenue, was given a medical discharge from the U. S. Army last week. Sgt. Perkins was injured by a fall on the ice during maneuvers while stationed at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin.

New Era, May 11, 1944

REGINA S. GROOME

Miss Regina S. Groome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Groome, of 417 Linden avenue, Riverton, left yesterday to join the U. S. Nurses Cadet Corps. She will receive her training at the University Hospital in Philadelphia.

New Era, Feb. 3, 1944

Cadet Nurse Regina S. Groome has been transferred from University Hospital to Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia for advanced training.

New Era, Sept. 7, 1944

HARRY V. GROOME

Aviation Cadet Harry V. Groome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Groome, 417 Linden Avenue, is home on a three day furlough from Memphis, Tenn.

New Era, Oct. 14, 1943

GEORGE G. SIDDALL

P.F.C. George G. Siddall, who is serving with the U. S. Army overseas, has recently been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

New Era July 15, 1943

NEW ERA, THURSDAY, JUNE

D DAY ARRIVES

In local communities, as elsewhere throughout the entire Nation, the arrival of D-Day Tuesday was an occasion of solemnity, since there are doubtless many local citizens who rode the first boats to the beaches.

As soon as the invasion announcement was heard the church bells were rung and places of worship were open all day for prayers. Many availed themselves of this opportunity. In the evening, all churches held services and these were well attended.

So great was the interest here it appeared that every available radio was constantly in operation lest some important bit of news be missed.

Probably every family heard the President's Prayer at 10 p.m.

New Era, June 8, 1944

A letter written June 10 by Sgt. George G. Siddall, U. S. Army, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Siddall, Jr.; 604 Linden avenue, was received Tuesday, June 27.

Sgt. Siddall is attached to the 26th Infantry, 1st Division—the outfit that took so much hardship during the first wave of the invasion. The letter spoke of the terrific struggle, and of the many casualties and of the weariness.

Sgt. Siddall was not wounded, which was most welcome news for his parents. "This can't be over too soon to suit us. We need mail and cigarettes. Remember me to everyone."

This is one of the first letters received from the battle front and by its very tone indicates the viewpoint of all our fighting men.

New Era, June 29, 1944



George G. Siddall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Siddall, 604 Linden avenue, Riverton, has received an honorable discharge from the Army. He had served in the European theatre of war for three years.

New Era, July 12, 1945



Troops from the First Division land on Omaha Beach at Normandy



Next veteran here



*Please send a scan if you can of
any veteran whose name is listed
on the Honor Roll and we will
display it in this album.*

*— John McCormick for the
Historical Society of Riverton*

Plaque Ceremony May 29, 2011

This Sunday morning a spirited crowd witnessed the dedication of a plaque which added over thirty names to Riverton's Honor Roll.





Effective January 4, 2012...

ATTENTION: Borough Council has authorized the establishment of the Riverton Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. Interested parties who would like to serve on this committee should contact...

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This is a work in progress...

Find more photos posted on the Riverton Veterans page of the HSR website. We invite readers to submit comments, reminiscences, photos, and such to be posted.

The End

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