Requiem Set for Auburn Paratrooper

AUBURN—John Robert O'Byrne, a paratrooper in service with the United States invasion forces in France was killed on July 3rd according to word received from the War Department by the young paratrooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Byrne of 15 Orchard St. Paratrooper O'Byrne died on the same day he was wounded.

John Robert O'Byrne was twenty-six years old, having been born on November 19, 1918. He graduated from St. Aloysius Parochial School with the Class of 1932 and then entered East High School. At the time of his enlistments on February 4, 1942 he was employed by the Columbian Rope Company. He was the first paratrooper to go into the service from Auburn. He participated in the invasions of Africa, Tunisia, Italy and Normandy. On October 10, 1943 he was wounded while serving in Italy. He soon recovered and went back into active service.

Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor of St. Aloysius Church, will be a celebrant of a Requiem Mass which will be offered on Monday morning at 8 o'clock at the request of the Holy Name Society of St. Aloysius Parish of which the young paratrooper was a member. Paratrooper O'Byrne is the first parishioner of St. Aoysius' Parish to give his life for his country during World War II.

Besides his parents, John R. O'Byrne is survived by a brother **Pvt. James O'Byrne** with the U.S. Engineers who was at a recovery center in England when last heard from and another brother, **Joseph Paul O'Byrne** who is with an air corps communications detail in New Guinea; six sisters, Mrs. Margaret Pineau of York, Pa., and the Misses Betty, Agnes, Alice, Louise and Jane O'Byrne, all of Auburn.

Auburn Soldier Weds in England

AUBURN.—Corp. John W. LaVarnway of the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. LaVarnway of 43 Grant Ave., Auburn, and Miss Mary Patricia Tully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tully of Bristol, England, were married on July 22 in the Catholic Cathedral at Bristol, England.

Corp. LaVarnway is a graduate of Auburn's East High School and the University of Toronto. He enlisted nearly three years ago and has been overseas for two years. He will join his outfit in France in the near future. Mrs. LaVarnway is engaged as a statistician in war work in England.

Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

Lieut. Raymond E. Carter has been transferred to the basic pilot school at Majors Field, Texas, with duties as flying instruction. Lieut. Carter received his primary flight instruction at Fort Worth, Texas; basic training at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas, and was graduated from the advanced flying school at Victoria, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carter of Grant Ave.

Miss Florence Driscoll of Mann St., was sworn in the WAC last week at Syracuse. She is a graduate of Auburn Business School and will serve as a stenographer at Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Corp. James J. Cullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cullen of North Fulton St., has returned to Westover Field, Mass., after spending a 10-day furlough with his family. His brother, Edward, has been promoted to private first class and is stationed at Ft. Meade, Md.

Charles D. Lawler, F2/c, who was graduated on July 29 from the Diesel school at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, left last week to report for duty at San Francisco. He will then receive further orders. He is the son of Mrs. Anna B. Lawler of 58 Capitol St. and received his boot training at the Sampson Naval Training Center. He has been serving with Uncle Sam since last April. Lawler has been promoted to motor machinist's mate, second class.

Pvt. Thomas J. Poole of Fort Custer, Michigan, is home on leave. Previous to entering the service six months ago, Private Poole was a member of the guard force at Woodbourne State Prison in the Catskills.

Pfc Paul W. Hester has arrived somewhere in France, according to word received in Auburn this week. Before going to France he was stationed in England where he was attached to the Signal Corps of the Army.

Lieut. Paul W. Lattimore, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lattimore of Grove Ave., has reported to the AAF Training Command's Lockbourne Army Air Base at Columbus, Ohio, to take a course of instruction in flying the B-17 Flying Fortress. He won his wings at Stuttgart, Ark., in July, 1943, and received previous training at Helena and Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Capt. Clarence E. Sanford of the U. S. Army Air Base at Orlando, Fla., has been promoted to the rank of major. Major Sanford in the beginning of the war won nationwide attention when the Associated Press told the story of how his plane crashed at sea, how he swam three miles to a South Pacific island and how a Cruciform Medal he was wearing convinced the natives who found him that he was not a Jap but a "Jesus man." Major Sanford was returned to the United States in August, 1942, and has been stationed at Orlando, Fla., since December, 1942. Major and Mrs. Sanford and daughter Karen are making their home in Florida. Mrs. Sanford is the former Miss Margaret Holger of Mattie St.

Joseph L. Falvey, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo D. Falvey of South Fulton St., is enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala. He will receive a nine-weeks' training course at this Army Air Forces Training School.

T/Sgt. Anthony J. Catalfano has received the Air Medal for exceptionally meritorious service while on combat missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe. He is a radio operator-gunner on a B-24 Liberator. Catalfano entered the Army on Sept. 16, 1942. His wife makes her home at 93 Van Anden Street.

Laura E. Scanlon, S/2c, has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School and has received orders to report for further instruction at Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Scanlon of R.D. No. 5, and has a brother, James, E.M.3/c, serving with the Navy on convoy duty.

Corp. Robert J. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foster of N. Seward Ave., has recently completed his course at the Air Service Command Station in England. Before entering the Army Air Force he was a student at Notre Dame University. His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our liberation of occupied Europe.

S/Sgt. Joseph M. Doran of 160 North St., is at a rest camp in Italy. In a letter to his father, Thomas M. Doran of North St., he reported that he had been in Rome. Staff Sergt. Doran is a graduate of Auburn High School and entered the Army in January, 1941. After receiving training in southern camps he went to the Hawaiian Islands and was then returned to Fort McClelland as an instructor. Last January he was sent overseas.

Flight Officer Joseph F. Calisprone of Auburn has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action while serving as a navigator on the B-17 Flying Fortress "I'll Be Around." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Calisprone of VanAnden St.

Second Lieut. William H. Greene of Auburn, bombardier on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been presented the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombing assaults. He is the son of Mrs. Fred Keesee of Prospect St. and entered the service on Aug. 13, 1942.

Corp. Joseph M. Costello, 299th Engineers, U. S. Army, has been awarded the Purple Heart for gallantry in action, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Mazzoli Costello of Weedsport. Corp. Costello has been in the service more than two years and was wounded when he took part in the invasion of France. He is now being hospitalized in a U. S. Army Hospital in England.

Edward F. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Richards of Mann St., has been promoted to the grade of corporal, according to an announcement received from the Third Air Force Replacement Depot at Tampa, Fla. Richards graduated from West High School and attended New York State Teachers' College at Cortland for a year. He enlisted in the Army on Dec. 15, 1942, attended a physical training school at Miami Beach, Fla., and was assigned to Tampa depots. on Dec. 14, 1943.

S/Sgt. John Marr, Sgt. Joseph Emperor, Pfc Vincent Maffeit and Technician 5th Grade Ernest Werden are stationed at the same air depot in India. While in the States they were based at widely separated points and met in India only recently. The units to which they are attached are part of the XX Bomber Command Show B-29 Superfortresses now in action against the Japanese. Sgt. Marr entered the service on Aug. 11, 1942. Sgt. Emperor, son of Mrs. Margaret Emperor of Canpa St., has been in the service since Nov. 4, 1942. His brother, Lieut. John J. Emperor, USAAF, was killed in the European area in October, 1943.

RITES HELD FOR SOLDIER

AUBURN — John J. Ferro, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ferro of 50 Washington Street was drowned on Sunday while canoeing with a friend near Cuddybackville, N. Y. Ferro is a veteran of foreign service and was boating with a friend when their canoe overturned near West Point, N. Y. and both young men were drowned.

Fifth Grade Technician John Ferro entered the army on November 24, 1942. During the course of his training he attended and graduated from the Infantry Jungle Warfare School. He was in foreign service for a year and was enjoying a 30-day furlough. Information in Auburn stated that Ferro had been attached to a medical detachment at Fort Meade, Md. When the accident occurred he [illegible]. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Miss Mary Ferro and Mrs. Dominick DiNonno and a brother, Anthony, all of Auburn. The funeral was held on Saturday with services at St. Francis Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Waterloo Parish Plans Festival

WATERLOO — Plans for the annual Lawn Fete of St. Mary's Parish have been completed. The festival will be held on the church lawn August 22nd and 23rd. The committee appointed by the Rev. George T. McCall, pastor is as follows: Walter Brainerd, General Chairman, assisted by William Parsons, Carl Beck, Mrs. Madeline B. Daly, Mrs. Mary H. Dilts, and Mrs. Patrick O'Connor.

There will be booths of various types, ice cream and cake served and many other features. A special feature will be held each evening at 8 and 11 P. M.

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