Bronx GI Given Citizens' Medal

FORT DIX—Another award of the American Spirit Honor Medal to a man at Fort Dix was made here last Saturday to Pvt. Morton Johnson of 844 Dawson St., Bronx, N.Y., a member of Company C, 305th Infantry Regiment.

The Bronx soldier, selected because of outstanding qualities demonstrated in the 9th Infantry Division's leadership Course, received the medal from his regimental commander, Col. George S. Beurket.

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THUMBNAIL SKETCHES:

Meet Men of Alerted 231st

(This is the fourth and final article in the series on the officers and enlisted men of the 231st Maryland National Guard unit which broke out of the Korean conflict—the 231st Transportation Truck Battalion—which entered active duty on Saturday.)

By BIDDY WOOD

Lt. Joseph Bracy

It was just about three weeks ago that I walked into the Richmond Market Armory — headquarters for the 231st—to gather background data for a feature series of four on the officers and enlisted men of the unit.

I was highly impressed by the tales of battle told to me by men who had done their soldiering on the fields of combat across the pond in World War II.

One man had led a platoon that evacuated 160 wounded GIs; another had reorganized a company under terrific shelling from the Krauts and successfully counter-attacked; and several men were Purple Heart wearers.

All Led Me to Bracy

Many of these men were heroes in their own right, but after each finished relating the details of their particular battle, they would say to me—"You go talk to Joe Bracy—he's the guy who did the fighting."

Lt. Joseph Bracy is the plans and training officer with the 726th Truck Company. He is 30 years old and lives at 833 Avondale Rd., with his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Bracy, and their seven-year-old daughter, Jo Ann.

A native of Boston, he did his undergraduate work at Tolson College in Austin, Tex., and received a master's degree from the Boston College School of Social Work in 1946.

He came to Baltimore two years ago and became the first person of his race to hold the job of employee relations counselor with the local Social Security office.

In the last war, he served with the 92nd Infantry Division, seeing action in Italy, around Arno, the Po Valley, the Cinquale Canal and Cervaytza.

The war story that his comrades remember best about Joe took place in 1944 during the fighting at Cervaytza.

Saw All Officers but One Die

Joe was a first sergeant with the third battalion of the 370th regiment. The first and second battalion's were crippled with casualties and Joe's outfit was sent to reinforce a staggering line.

He was assigned to L Company and during the fierce fighting, all of the officers were killed, excluding one who was wounded.

At top noncom in the outfit, Bracy took over and directed their actions. He led a detail of 20 men that volunteered to go into the heart of the battle area in the face of suicidal counter attacks, in an effort to evacuate the wounded.

For his heroism and display of leadership, in November of 1944, Bracy, along with four other men, was awarded a battlefield commission by Gen. Mark W. Clark.

That was one incident from Bracy's colorful World War II story, but to him it was: "Just a part of the job."

Cpl. Maxie Roe

Lt. W. Emerson Brown Jr.

Watts law firm, he is married to the former Miss Miriam Talbot and they have a six-year-old daughter, Andrea, a second grade pupil at School No. 103.

Sgt. Herbert E. Spencer has traded in his Navy blue and has donned the Army brown.

A Navy man from 1943-45 in the last war, he was stationed in Pearl Harbor for six months and served his other time on State-side duty.

Supply Sergeant of Battalion

Approximately 28 months ago, he became a land-lover and hooked up with the 231st. He is the battalion supply sergeant and is assigned to the Headquarters Company.

In civilian life, he was employed by the Social Security Administration. He is 24 years old and is married to Mrs. Alice Spencer. They live at 25 S. Bond St., with their four children, Gwendolyn, 7; Barbara, 3; Harold, 1; and Diana, two months.

Cpl. Quinton D. Brown

When the 231st was called to colors at 2 p.m., Sunday July 30, Quinton Brown was in New York seeing the sights.

The following day, when he returned, the squad leader with the 147th Truck Company, learned of the alerting. He had had designs for marriage—but this meant he would have to wait a little while.

He was Milton Blackston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blackston of the 100 block Aisquith St.

The child was rushed to the hospital Sunday after Mr. Blackston accidentally kicked the stove being used by his wife to dress her hair, police said.

Sgt. Herbert E. Spencer

Cpl. Joseph L. Cole

Sgt. Oscar S. Harvey

Sgt. Oscar S. Harvey is a Federal paid employee, who in normal times is one of the caretakers at the Richmond Market Armory and is the supply sergeant while the unit is on active duty.

With Unit Since Its Birth

The 25-year-old sergeant is assigned to the 147 Truck Company. He has been with the 231st since it was first re-organized in October of 1946.

A former Douglass High School pupil, he has finished correspondence courses in electrical drafting and preliminary radio theory.

Sergeant Harvey did not serve in the war, but worked at Forj Holabird as a draftsman. He lives at 604 Parkin St., with his wife, Mrs. Catherine C. Harvey and their two children, Sylvia, 8, and George, 6.

He is a member of the Mount Hope Baptist Church.

Sgt. Eldred R. Wilkerson

There is one thing Sgt. Eldred Wilkerson knows he will miss if the 231st receives shipping orders—"my girl."

She's at Top of List

He puts this at the top of his "things I'll miss-list."

The 20-year-old sergeant is a June graduate of the Dunbar High School. He has been in the National Guard for three years and is assigned to the Headquarters Company as the supply sergeant.

Sergeant Wilkerson lives with his mother, Mrs. Janie Wilkerson of 2035 Ruxton Ave.

A former Carver Vocational School pupil, Cpl. Roy V. Burroughs is a truck driver with the 726th—the "Rolling Six."

Heard News Over Radio

Twenty-one years old, he lives with his mother, Mrs. Mary Burroughs of 829 W. Franklin St. He has been in the National Guard for three years.

A member of the Orchard St. Methodist Church, he was home relaxing, when the news flashed over the radio, telling of the alerting of the 231st for active duty.

Cpl. Roy V. Burroughs

Jobs Still Exist at Proving Ground

Several vacancies still exist at Aberdeen Proving Ground for skilled machinists, it was announced of Wednesday by Baker Middelton, civilian personnel officer.

New vacancies also exist for automotive engineers, carpenters, medical officers (general and training instructors (fire control), Still open are positions for aeronautical engineers, civilian gunners, electronic equipment operators, mathematicians and physicists.

Applications are being accepted in the Civilian Personnel Office, Room 10, Building No. 310, APG headquarters, during regular duty hours. In addition, the office will be open for applicants on Saturdays also, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MRS. ANNIE J. MADDOX

BALTIMORE

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Maddox, widow of John Maddox, of 1842 Druid Hill Ave, were held at the Holland Funeral Home, Thursday. She is survived by one brother, one sister and a son-in-law. Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

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Beechwood Park Attracts Vacationers

Here's a view of Beechwood Park, located on the Magothy River in Pasadena, Md., just 20 minutes ride from Baltimore.

Seen relaxing at their boat mooring at Beechwood Park, near Baltimore, are little Miss Deborah Smith, Capt. Andrew E. Davis, and Sidney Sterling. Quite a nautical group, eh?

These Baltimoreans, Rosie Jones and Verlene Hall, both of South Paca St., did more than soak up sun. They got wet!

Mrs. Dorothy James of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Eleanor Males of Washington, look as if they'd like to take another dip in the water.

Here's a comely mermaid, caught by the camera as she basked in the sun at Beechwood Park. She is Miss Edna DeShields of Baltimore. She's a student at Douglass High School.

Mrs. Gloria Spriggs of Baltimore, and Dianes H[illegible]nes of Westminister, Md., both found that sand isn't the only thing to pose on. These rustic ch[illegible]airs make good props.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Regins and daughter, Malin, find the sand at Beechwook Park to be of the right consistency for those perennial castles. The family is from South Baltimore.

Nothing adds to a beach scene more than that "grand ole' inner tube." It's an all-purpose device: non-swimming grown-ups use it to bob in the water, kids use it to roll on top of slumbering sun bathers and to practice their swimming with and 3-year-old Brenda Males of D.C. and 6½-year-old Sodona James of Arlington, Va., above, used it all three ways.

Sun and Fun