

PROMOTIONS

In the 794th.....

To T/5

Pfc Samuel Kimberg, 1339 Elder Ave., Bronx, New York.

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In the 759th.....

To S/Sgt

Sgt John A. Keiser, Industry, Pa., Penna RR.

Sgt Robert Weber, Castle Shannon, Pa; Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.

To Sgt

Pfc Bernard J. Bockhold, Umatilla, Oregon; Union Pacific RR.

To T/4

T/5 Joseph Bugna, Menlo Park, Cal., Southern Pacific RR.

T/5 Laif Sveum, 107 Columbia, Seattle, Wash; White River Lumber Co.

To T/5

Pfc James George, 2151 Santa Rita, Oakland, Cal; Southern Pacific Lines.

Pfc Edsel Mathews, 201 E. Clark St., Champaign, Ill; Peoria & Eastern RR.

Pfc Herbert C. Hamrick, Swandale, W.Va; Elk River Coal Co.

Pfc Clayton H. White, 1521 Pool St., Toledo, Ohio; Pennsy RR.

Pfc William Herron, Lowell, Ind., CI&L RR.

Pfc George Rowe, Georges Creek, Ky.

Pvt Charles E. Kilmar, Wheelerville, Pa., Susquehanna & New York RR.

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In the 783rd.....

To T/5

Pfc Patrick C. Dileo, 28 Church St., Pittston, Pa.

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In the 724th.....

To 1st Sgt

T/4 Benjamin L. Jones, Sr., 1344 S. Oswego, Tulsa, Okla; Carter Oil Co.

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In the 757th....

To S/Sgt

Cpl Rocco DiCarlo, 115 N. 24th St., Camden, N.J.

To T/5

Pfc Edward J. Oceana, 1225 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

To Pfc.

Pvt Raymond Sturtzer, 18 - 17th St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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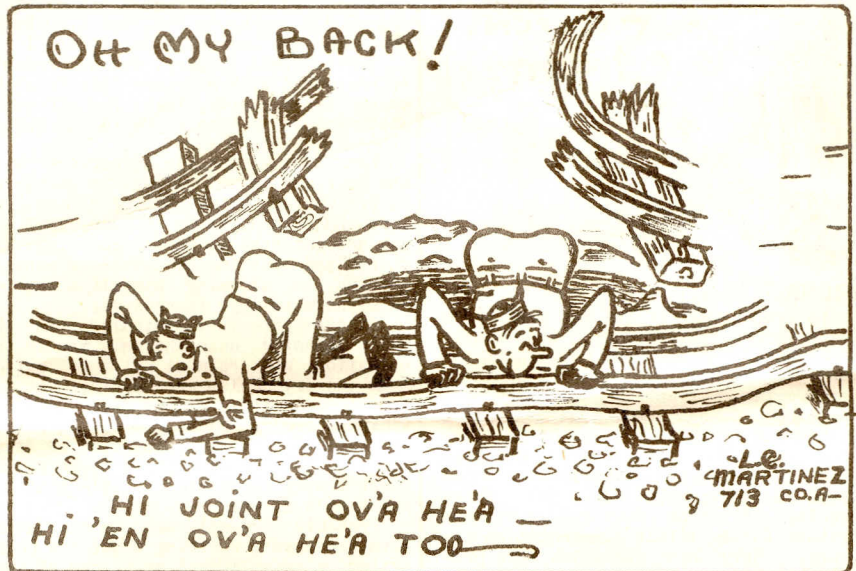
The Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Pfc Dwight Gilbreath at a special formation of the 764th Ry Shop Bn., on May 12th.

Gilbreath earned the award for extraordinary heroism on Nov. 20, 1944, while serving with the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment.

An attacking platoon was pinned down by fire from two enemy machine guns. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Gilbreath crawled forward toward the enemy flank. Unable to reach the spot and still maintain cover, he boldly dashed across the open ground and hurled hand grenades, wiping out both enemy emplacements.

Presentation of the medal was made by Lt. Col. Emil G. Ringberg, CO of the 764th.

Pfc Gilbreath's home is at Benton, Illinois.



SIX GHQ OFFICERS PROMOTED

Promotion of six officers in GHQ of the Military Railway Service has been announced. They are:

From Lt. Col. to Colonel — Robert J. Crane, 1 Leighton Ave., Yonkers, NY (NYC).

From Major to Lt. Col. — Stanley R. Beggs, 826 2nd St., Hudson, Wis. (C&N&O); James H. Heron, 1601 Stanford Ave., St. Paul, Minn., (GN); and Jesse M. McLellan, Summerville, S.C. (ACL).

From Captain to Major — Horace G. Moore, 1051 James St., Jacksonville, Fla. (ACL).

From 1st Lt. to Captain — John A. Vopatek, Jr., 358 Downing Rd., Riverside Ill. (C&NW & Western Traffic Exec Comm).

New insignia were pinned on by General Gray at a ceremony in his office, attended by other GHQ officers.

MEDALS PRESENTED TO THREE IN 755TH

Bronze Star Medals have recently been awarded to two officers and one enlisted man in the 755th Ry. Shop Bn.

1st Lt. Charles W. Cookes, 196 Bellaire Ave., Springfield, Ohio, received the award for his leadership, organizational ability and devotion to duty in restoring U. S. locomotives and cars to service after they had been through enemy bombing and strafing. Before the war he was employed by the N&W as an engineer and shop inspector.

1st Lt. Robert L. Hummer, 121 S. Wabash Ave., Brewster, Ohio, was cited for the same meritorious service, rendered between Oct. 21, 1944, and March 20, 1945. A former brakeman for the Wheeling & Lake Erie RR., he is now boiler shop superintendent for the 755th.

T/Sgt Manfred Morganroth, 6462 63rd Place, Rego Park, N.Y., received the medal for exceptional meritorious service in connection with personnel procedure and unfailing devotion to the needs of his buddies, Aug. 18, 1944, to March 18, 1945; as sergeant major in the personnel section at Bn Hq., combining flawless direction of financial matters pertaining to the welfare of both officers and enlisted men. In addition, he was cited for service rendered during the early stages of the unit's move into Belgium, when he tactfully promoted good will between the soldiers and Belgian people. Formerly associated with the Atlantic Toy & Novelty Co., he is now manager of the 755th PX.

RUSSIANS AID YANKS....

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gency bridge construction job across the Soane River.

Now back in Germany helping to rebuild the cratered, jumbled mass of wreckage that was the Reich's railway system, "Black Mike" Menna is happy in the service. Besides the cheerful Russians, he has a squad of GIs to assist in the rehabilitation.

One Unfulfilled Ambition

In his unique accent, "Black Mike" says the Russians are great workers, but giving them directions is a "leetle Tough". They don't savvy English, let alone Yankee railroad jargon. But once they get the idea, they work!

There's just one thing "Black Mike" Menna would like to do before he goes back to his wife in Slateford, Pa. It has nothing to do with railroading or the war. He just wants to drop around a little village at the foot of Italy's Mount Vesuvius. He hasn't seen them in eighteen years.

"A long time," says "Black Mike," looking wistfully at the horizon.

THREE JERRIES FOUND IN BOX CAR

The capture of three German soldiers and recovery of numerous rations was recently accomplished by MP's of the 397th according to a report from the Security department of 2nd MRS Headquarters.

Pfc Huell B. Merrick, an M.P. guard commander on a train passing through Creil, France, was making his usual inspection rounds during the stop. Reaching a car with an open window, he looked in, and caught a glimpse of a man's leg.

Having his guards surround the car, Merrick called to the man to come out. After a little persuading, by means of a few stones thrown into the car, a Jerry soldier pushed aside some loose boards on the top of the car and yelled "OK, OK". He was followed by two more.

A quick search of the prisoners brought to light a quantity of cigarettes and toilet articles from their pocket. The Krauts were turned over to the Military Police at the station, and Merrick's train continued on its way.

— Cpl. Fritz Erickson.