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=EFM MRS H SCHWEIKERT=

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HARRY A SCHWEIKERT.

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Made Lieutenant On Battlefield

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Schweikert of 68 Birchwood drive, North Arlington, have received word of the promotion of their son, Harry A. Jr., to second lieutenant in the field with the Seventh Army in France. The advancement came on his 70th day of active combat duty.

Lt. Schweikert has written his parents he finds overseas duty "conducive" to promotion. In his eight months' service in the United States he got only as far as first class private



Lt. Schweikert

but, after transfer to the Pacific area, he rose to staff sergeant in six months. Returning to this country, he won no further advancement for a year and then was transferred to the European war theater.

In his first three months there he rose to squad leader, platoon sergeant, platoon leader and, recently, to second lieutenant. He was wounded in France, but was treated in the field for removal of shrapnel and continued on duty until a lull in the fighting permitted hospitalization at the rear. He has received the Purple Heart.

Lt. Schweikert has three brothers in service. Pfc. Francis X. has been reported missing in action in Belgium since last month. T/Sgt. John is with the Eighth Air Force as an engineer on a Flying Fortress. Sgt. Vincent is with the marines in the Pacific.

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Lt. Harry A. Schweikert

Lt. Schweikert Is Commissioned On Front Line

Harry A. Schweikert, formerly of Union City and now residing in North Arlington, was commissioned a second lieutenant on the battlefields of France after just 70 days of front line combat.

He states that overseas duty is conducive to a good rank. He spent eight months in the states after his induction and merely rose to private first class. In the first six months in the Pacific area he rose to the rank of staff sergeant—a rank he held for 28 months. After 19 months of Pacific duty he returned to the states. Here he stayed for a year and then was called to active duty in the European theatre of war. In his first three months in France he rose from squad leader to platoon sergeant to platoon leader or second lieutenant.

While serving in France he was wounded but refused to leave the line of duty and was operated on for the removal of shrapnel, by his buddies, while in the foxhole. During a lull in the battle he was removed to the rear for hospitalization, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

To quote Lt. Schweikert, "Come on overseas and make a success of your life—and/or end it."

Three brothers of Lt. Schweikert are now serving on the various battlefields, Pfc. Francis with the 82nd Division of the Paratroops, now missing in action; T/S John, with the 8th Army Air Force as an engineer on a Flying Fortress, and Sgt. Vincent with the U. S. Marines in the Pacific.

Schweikert Made First Lieutenant

Harry Schweikert, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schweikert, of 68 Birchwood drive, has been promoted to a first lieutenancy. He received his original commission on the field of battle. Lt. Schweikert is serving in the 15th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division, U. S. 7th Army at Frankfurt in Germany. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, with cluster, the Bronze Star, for expert leadership and good judgment in the fighting in the Vosges mountains; and a Presidential Unit Citation. His division was honored for its part in fighting in the Colmar Pocket, which was a bloody and bitter campaign similar to that fought at Anzio. The division was also cited by the French government.

The lieutenant has three brothers also in service. T-Sgt. John is home on a 15 day furlough from Smyrna, Tenn., where he is a chief engineer in the AAF. He was returned to this country after completing 30 missions over Germany in a B-17. He wears the Air Medal and 5 oak leaf clusters.

Sgt. Vincent, USMC, is stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, after serving three and a half years in the Pacific.

Pfc. Francis, a paratrooper, is at Fort Benning, Ga., after one and a half years overseas. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for 90 days, having been captured at Bastogne.