

TONY PASSALACQUA GETS SERVICE LEAVE

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**HAS BEEN IN ASIATIC WAR ZONE
FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS**

The rotation plan of granting furloughs to men who have been serving overseas, in accordance with needs for troops in specific theaters of war which must be determined by the theater commander, is now in operation.

In keeping with the War Department policy that the returned soldier shall be given such recognition as is desired by him for his extended service at the front, information about his return is being gathered by the Transportation Corps, Army Service Forces, and is being made available to the press and radio in the soldier's home community through Public Relations Offices.

The following information was taken from a card filled out by a returned soldier at a Port of Embarkation.

Private Anthony Passalacqua, Engineer, returning from 16 months overseas in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations will arrive on approximately 15 Nov. at Camp Claiborne, La. prior to reaching his home at RFD 3, Newton, Ill., where he will visit his wife, Mrs. Anthony Passalacqua.

JUNIOR BURCHAM HOME ON FURLOUGH

**DECORATED FOR HEROIC EFFORTS
AGAINST JAPS**

Staff Sergeant Marion Burcham has returned from the south Pacific for a furlough to be spent with his wife and his father, Marion Burcham, Sr.

For the past several months he has been helping in the war against Japan being attached to the Army Air Force as a radio gunner on a B-25 bomber.

He was awarded the air medal last December for "meritoious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Muschu and Kairiru Islands.

In an attack on Jap shipping in Victoria Bay, an enemy transport was strafed and bombs were dropped on it from Sgt. Burcham's plane. The vessel caught fire and its destruction resulted. For this and other achievements in the line of Duty Sgt. Burcham was decorated by Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding the Fifth Air Force and a letter of praise was written to Mrs. Burcham for the deeds of valor performed by her husband.