

Ford, Mark
Patrick
James
Thomas

Ford Brothers On Active Duty

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PVT. MARK F. FORD

Four brothers, all serving on active duty overseas, received promotions in rank and citations, recently.

Pfc. Mark F. Ford entered the service in November, 1942, and trained at Fort Eustis, Va. He graduated from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago and was sent for further training to Camp Haan, Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va. Mark, who took part in the invasions of France, Belgium and Germany, with the First Army, was awarded two commendations by his commanding officers. One of them read in part, "Every one in the United States



PATRICK FORD, F 1/C

should have seen the way you carried out your tasks in this tremendous undertaking. It will indeed be one of your proudest memories and rightly so, for you assured success to the war's greatest close support, bombing thus opening the road to the heart of Germany".

Patrick Ford, F 1/C, just returned from the South Pacific and is spending a 30 day leave at his home. After serving 18 months on a carrier at sea, Patrick has participated in 42 major battles. He is now awaiting further assignment.

Pfc. James Ford, with the Allied Force Institute in Rome, was award-



PFC. JAMES J. FORD

ed the Combat Infantryman's Badge for "having attained a high degree of combat proficiency as is evidenced by exemplary conduct in action against the enemy." James entered the service in February 1943 and after landing overseas, took part in the invasions of Sicily, Salerno, Naples, Casino and Anzio. Before his induction, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Cpl. Thomas M. Ford who has been stationed in the South Pacific since December, 1943, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation "for outstanding performances in com-



CPL. THOMAS FORD

bat during the seizure of the Japanese held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas June 15. The corporal entered the service May 4, 1943 and received his training at Fort Ord, Calif. Before his induction, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford, 415 Adams Street, have received a German flag from their son James, stationed in Italy, and a 9 by 12 German flag from their son Mark, stationed in Germany. A Jap flag was also sent home by Thomas from Saipan.

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