

Hrkach, John
Joseph
Anthony

Commissioned



Following three and one-half years in the service of Uncle Sam, 19 months of which was in active service in the China, Burma and India theater of operations, First Lieut. John Hrkach is now spending a 20-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hrkach of Bethlehem R. D. 4. A graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, he enlisted in August, 1940. Initial training was received at Bowling Field, Washington, D. C. In due order followed training at Muskogee Flight School, Oklahoma; Ellington Field, Texas, and Middleton, Texas, where he was an instructor of bomber recruits and finally at Greenville, S. C. Lt. Hrkach left for foreign service on December 23, 1942, and had been in the China-Burma-India area until his return home. As 2nd Lt. he saw much active service in the above area and was awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in missions totaling more than 100 hours and was commissioned shortly before his return home as 1st Lieut. He will leave shortly for a two-week period of rest at the Atlantic City Redistribution Center and will then be assigned to new duties over here. One of the highlights of his return was greeting his brother, Sgt. Joseph Hrkach, whom he had not seen for two and one-half years. Sgt. Hrkach who was in Army service at Puerto Rico for two and one-half years and is now in training as an aviation cadet at Tallahassee, Fla., was at home on a furlough shortly after his brother's arrival. Pvt. Anthony Hrkach, recently inducted and who is in training as a cadet at Miami Beach, Fla., has not as yet, seen his brother.

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