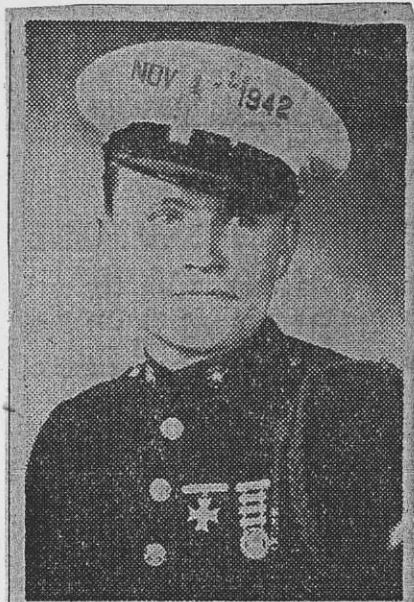


Van Nest, Henry A.



"LEATHERNECK" PROMOTED—Henry A. VanNest, (above), U. S. Marine Corps, is a corporal now, although the first class private's stripe on his left arm belies the information. The young Marine is somewhere "down under" in the thick of the present fighting. Son of a veteran of the World War, the late Corporal Arthur K. VanNest and Mrs. Eva Gross Snell, and grandson of Mrs. John R. Gross, of 1513 East Fourth Street, he is well known in this city. His father served in the armed forces for 17 years and was the holder of several decorations and the son wears medals in marksmanship, rifle, pistol and bayonet practice. He is interested in music, playing six instruments and at the time war broke out his principal ambition was to attend the Band College in Washington, D. C. When he had been a year in the service (he had enlisted one year after graduation from Plainfield, N. J., High School in 1940) he was home on a 15-day leave and during that time was guest conductor of a 75-piece band in the high school auditorium. He left the States in May for service in the South Pacific area.

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