

Benner, Anna J.

Quakertown WAC Returns From Duty On European Front

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From Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, N. J., under date of January 12, comes the following concerning Sergeant Anna J. Benner, formerly of Quakertown: "The first overseas veteran of the Women's Army Corps to report to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here is Sgt. Anna J. Benner, 26, of 504 Juniper Street, Quakertown, Pa. The pretty sergeant checked into the station this week after more than 21 months of service in Africa and Italy. She returned to this country in October and was married during her furlough to Pfc. Frank Benner, of Perkasio. The ceremony took place at Oak Ridge, Tenn., where Pfc. Benner is stationed. Although she outranks her husband there is no friction on that score between the happy couple. 'I came in for a lot of good natured kiddies from my husband's buddies while on furlough,' laughingly explained Sgt. Benner. 'Every one half expected me to start ordering him around but we understand each other perfectly.' Sgt. Benner served as a postal clerk in Algiers and Italy and came through several bombing raids unscathed. 'On one occasion in Algiers I was really frightened,' she said. 'The enemy kept coming over and strafing the building where I was quartered. Everyone felt so helpless; fortunately no one was hurt.' Sgt. Benner was among the first group of the Women's Army Corps to serve overseas. She is a holder of the European, African, Middle East Campaign Ribbon with a bronze star for the Italian campaign, Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. Before her marriage she was Sgt. Anna J. Ramirez, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Ramirez, of Quakertown."

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