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Group of 17 Newarkers Together in New Guinea

In a letter to The Newark News Staff Sgt. Leo Shpiner of 349 Lyons avenue reports he is one of 17 Newarkers who are in the same anti-aircraft outfit in New Guinea, and who have been together throughout 14 months of service in the Army. The 17 were among 121 inducted October 7, 1942, through Selective Service Board No. 8, Peshine Avenue School. They were put together at Fort Dix, were shipped to Camp Edwards, Mass., and to various other training camps in this country before sailing from an Eastern port of embarkation last September.

Sgt. Shpiner's letter said in part: "Upon disembarking we hiked for three miles and in front of a choice bit of jungle were told to get to work and make our homes. By nightfall enough room had been cleared to pitch tents. This was our induction to jungle living. Improvements have been made at a rapid pace and our homes are now fairly comfortable and livable. We have little in the line of conveniences, hauling water from the purifying tower in a tank for drinking purposes, go to the creek for our bath, use candles and flashlights instead of electricity. The weather here is bad. In season it rains at least once a day, and in the dry season, we are in now, we pray for rain every day. Entertainment is provided by special service, food is good and plentiful, medical attention amply provided and although the battle with the elements is quite severe, we are coming into control."

The group, besides Shpiner, comprises:

Sgts. Abe Wagner, 295 Renner avenue; Max Feldman, 132 West Market street; Steve Dobon, 19 South street; Dan Fernandes, 612 Belmont avenue; Marty Quint, 1007 Broad street and George Vernick, 48 Huntington terrace; Cpls. Arthur Rose, 132 Shepard avenue; Andy Shemansky, 26 Hunter street; Jack Rubin, 32 Hill street; Dan Terroni, 920 Hunterdon street; Anthony De Angelo, 392 Badger avenue; Tony Santora, 29 Watson avenue, and Alex Kivitz, 86 Hawthorne avenue, and Pvts. Ben Cohen, 57 Lillie street; Phil Susskind, 278 Ridgewood avenue, and Dave Rego, 1 Jeffrey place.