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Capt. Finneran, Ex-Cornell Grid Ace, Decorated On Guadalcanal

(The following story was written by Staff Sgt. Solomon Blechman, 530 Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, N. Y., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent).

GUADALCANAL — (Delayed) — Marine Capt. Frank K. Finneran, of Rockville Center, N. Y., a former resident of Harrison, N. Y., recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for heroic achievement as commanding officer of a rifle company in action against the enemy on Bougainville from Nov. 25 to Dec. 27, 1943."

The citation, which accompanied the award, signed by Admiral W. F. Halsey, read in part: "Captain Finneran led his company in attacks against Japanese forces and helped dislodge the enemy from strong defensive positions. During the organization of our main lines of resistance, his company was under constant enemy fire from small arms, mortars and heavy artillery for a period of eight days."

"Numerous casualties were received and, due to the close proximity of Japanese forces, it became necessary for his company to withdraw several times to permit friendly artillery fire to be placed on the enemy. Despite difficulties presented by the jungle terrain, enemy fire and loss of personnel, he set an example of combat leadership and maintained the security of his lines at all times."

Capt. Finneran is the husband of Mrs. Carolyn E. Finneran of 32 Lexington Avenue, Rockville Center, L. I. He was graduated from Harrison, N. Y., High School in 1937 and in 1941 from Cornell University, where he was an outstanding football player. The captain, a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, is the son of Mrs. E. J. Finneran, formerly of North Street, Harrison.

Purchase R. C. Elects Leaders

Mrs. Thomas Day was elected chairman of the Purchase Chapter of the Red Cross at a recent meeting at the Community House.

Elected to serve with her were Mrs. Walter Butler, vice chairman, Mrs. William C. Haviland, treasurer, and Mrs. John J. Lowitz, secretary. Mrs. LeRoy Haight was chairman of the nominating committee which included Mrs. George Love and Mrs. Truman Mersereau.

Mrs. Haight reported that 63 workers had contributed 14,632 hours during the year, and that production had been double that of the previous year. A total of \$8,490 was collected in the War Fund Drive it was reported by Mrs. Read Taylor. Meetings of the production workers on Wednesdays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. were announced by Mrs. Love, while Mrs. Erich Brandeis, home service



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