

Hero of Ship Disaster Flies Home From Italy

MIAMI, FLA.—Flown back to the States from Italy by an ocean-spanning plane of the Air Transport Command, Staff Sergeant Arnett W. Lee, of Memphis, Tennessee, who last March was awarded the Soldier's Medal for outstanding courage in effecting the rescue of a number of his fellow soldiers trapped on a torpedoed ship, is en route home on furlough after clearing ATC's Miami Army Air Field.

A veteran of 3 months in the service, of which he spent 28 months overseas, Sergeant Lee was in charge of a group of men aboard a transport in the Mediterranean when, without warning, an enemy torpedo struck the ship, killed a number of his men outright, and wounding and trapping others in debris in the hold.

Despite the danger of the continually rising water and the shifting debris, Sergeant Lee let himself down into the hold with a rope and with feverish work managed to clear away enough debris to rescue the wounded men. He left the hold only on orders of the captain of the ship, when rising waters made further rescue work impossible.

In addition to the Soldier's Medal, Sergeant Lee wears five battle stars on his theater ribbons and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. His original assignment overseas was with an anti-aircraft organization, and he was later transferred to

a Quartermaster Corps truck company.

Before entering the Army he was employed as an assistant chemist with a textile finishing company in Memphis, and plans to return to that job following his discharge from the Army.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, who live with his two daughters at 1023 North Manassas Avenue, Memphis.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Thanks for practically nothing!"—Mrs. E. E. Wade to San Diego, Cal., judge who awarded her only 10¢ of \$50 damages sought.

"Isn't there a ban on talking about postwar?"—Sec. of Comm. Henry Wallace, at press conference.

"Only a ban on doing something about it!"—Response by newspaper correspondent at same.

"There's nothing much that free enterprise cannot—or could not—accomplish in this land of opportunity."—Lowell Mellett, columnist, one time of Washington.

"Benefit to the public is the basis of U. S. patent grant legislation."—Senior Judge Evan A. Evans, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It takes about 100 years before a man gets any sense."—Geo. Robt. Love, Bridgeport, Conn., celebrating 101st birthday.

SATCHMO ON WHIRLWIND TOUR



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