

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

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Chester Tycer has been promoted from the rank of corporal to a ranking commission.

He received his commission and lieutenant upon successful completion of the officer's course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Tycer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tycer of Portland, was inducted into the army August 18, 1942. He is a graduate of Medford high school and Southern Oregon College of Education at Medford.

He was active in athletics in high school, and particularly in football. The following year he completed the phases of military law, strategy and technique of modern infantry as well as the tactics of leading small infantry in combat.

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This award was for noteworthy achievements while participating in many bombing missions against Jap shore installations, airbases and shipping in the South and Southwest Pacific and the Philippine areas.

Sgt. Ratliff entered the armed forces in September, 1942, received his AAF training at armament and gunnery schools before coming overseas in May, 1944.

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