

LT(JG) John L. Dickmann

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JOHN DICKMAN JOINS "FIGHTING FOXES" SQUADRON

Becomes Fifth Young Man to
Enlist in Corps From Osh-
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Banker

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The fifth recruit for the "Fighting Foxes" is John Louis Dickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dickman, 234 East Irving street, Mr. Dickman being vice president of the First National Bank.

John is 21 years old and a graduate from the Oshkosh High school where he was a member of the Scholastic Honorary society. From there he attended the Oshkosh State Teachers college two and one-half years preparing himself for an engineering course. While at high school and in college, Dickman won a letter in football at both institutions. Like many typical American youths, he has been active in Boy Scout work and acted as assistant scoutmaster at the Longfellow school. During vacations he worked at the Wisconsin Axle Company.

Flying will not be new to Dickman. He has been taking a civilian pilot training course at the county airport and has many hours of solo work to his credit.

Oshkosh Out in Front

So far, Oshkosh is still leading



John Louis Dickman

the other eight cities of the Fox river valley in number of inductees. Local sponsors say the rapid expansion of naval aviation and its increased facilities for training offer an unprecedented opportunity for high school graduates to obtain flight training in the navy. Unfamiliarity with aviation matters should not prove a detriment since the thorough system of training is based on the assumption that the majority of candidates have had no previous flight instruction. Moreover, the percentage of those who successfully complete the training is high.

At the meeting of the 1939-40-41 High school graduates last night in Room 305 at the High school, Ensign William Gillerlain emphasized the fact that there are no obligations whatsoever in consulting the navy recruiting office, not until the selectee raises his right hand and says "Yes" is it that he is in the navy. Ensign Gillerlain also mentioned that those who pass the preliminary test here in Oshkosh will be sent to Chicago at the navy's expense for further examinations and it is only after passing them successfully that the candidate is asked if he wishes to join the naval air force or not.

Pays \$75 a Month

Gillerlain added that the pay of aviation cadets while on active duty undergoing training is at the rate of \$75 a month, plus a money allowance for subsistence of \$1 a day. While on active duty as officer pilots, after the completion of flight training, they receive the full pay and allowances of their ranks as commissioned officers, including extra pay for flight duty. The base pay, flight pay, subsistence and rental allowances of an ensign amount to approximately \$245 a month. However, the rental allowance of \$40 a month is not paid if government quarters are furnished.

While on active duty undergoing training, aviation cadets are issued government life insurance in the amount of \$10,000, the premiums on which are paid by the government.

Applications are being received at the navy recruiting office at the Oshkosh postoffice now.

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DICKMANN CITED FOR AERIAL ACTION

A permanent citation has been received by John L. Dickmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dickmann, 234 East Irving street, for his air medal air medal, from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, in behalf of the president.

Dickmann, who was a lieutenant junior grade, is now attending the University of Wisconsin and residing with his wife at 1426 East Johnston street, Madison. He is in his junior year and expects to graduate next January. He is a mechanical engineering student.

The medals were earned by Dickmann by completing his 10th mission in aerial action against Japanese forces in the vicinity of Iwo Jima, while serving in composite squadron No. 77, attached to the USS Rudyerd Bay. Due to the fact that during the war citations were temporary, or incomplete, for security reasons, permanent citations are now being awarded.

Dickmann received the air medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while serving in composite squadron No. 77, attached to the USS Rudyerd Bay, during action against enemy forces in the Iwo Jima area from Feb. 19 to 27, 1945." After completing his 10th mission during the period from Feb. 19 to March 7, 1945, Dickmann received the gold star and "contributed materially to the success of his squadron." The citation said that "his gallant devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

John Dickmann

NEENAH — Word has been received of the death Oct. 21 of John Louis Dickmann, Whittier, Calif., whose sister lives in Neenah.

He was born Jan. 18, 1921. He was a Navy pilot in World War II in the Pacific Theater, and was a member of the Navy League and the Experimental Aircraft Association. He had resided in California for 31 years.

Surviving are his widow, Harriet; one daughter, Debra Dickmann, Colorado; one son, Jack Dickmann, Whittier, Calif.; one brother, Dr. R.C. Dickmann, Bakersfield, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. John Nebel, Neenah.

Services and burial were in California.