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TV: Eddy Duchin's Son

Soldier-Pianist Plays Father's Theme in Sullivan Show Appearance

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MOST of the excitement on last night's "Ed Sullivan Show" over Channel 2 was caused by the appearance of a young soldier-pianist named Peter Duchin.

Private Duchin is the son of the late Eddy Duchin, whose piano and orchestra entertained listeners a generation ago at New York's Central Park Casino, on the radio and on many recordings.

The performance of Private Duchin was brief but enjoyable. He played "Summertime" and his father's popular theme, "To Love Again," based on Chopin's Nocturne in E flat.

His style at the keyboard is not yet so authoritative as his father's was. But he has time on his side. He is 22 years old and handsome enough to attract admiring attention without the benefit of music.

It would not seem that he is being coddled by the Pentagon. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., a military establishment that never has been confused with a country club.