Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Service men, scattered about the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed inducted man is of interest.

In Naval Air School

William D. Biggers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Biggers, 8 Old Salem court, who entered Naval air training at Grosse Ile, Feb. 15, 1941, went from there to the Naval air station at Jacksonville, Fla., for a short time, and then to Pensacola. He will be graduated there in about three or four weeks as a Naval pilot. At present he is regimental adjutant of the cadet regiment.

Pre-Induction Exam

For news of the new pre-induction medical exams, see an article on Page 1.

Flying Cadet Writes

Editor's note—Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Watt have very kindly allowed us to reprint this letter from their son, Bob, a flying cadet at Randolph Field, Texas. Mrs. Watt plans to leave this week to attend graduation exercises this week-end.

"Dear Mother—

"Let me know your train schedules exactly, as I want to get off here on a special pass to meet you. Be sure to reach here in time for dinner Friday night at the post. There is a train that comes direct to Randolph Field gates.

"Well, I passed my 10-hour check ride yesterday, that's my last flying check ride in the Army! None at Kelly Field. I do have a check ride on "blind flying" but they never worry you with that, as they do the major check rides which are very, very exacting.

"Went to Temple, Texas, on a "cross-country" today, 210 miles each way, (near Waco) and I didn't vary a mile from my course—very easy I thought. I now have 53 hours and 20 minutes to my 70 required for Randolph Field graduation. (60 were required from primary work at Arledge). If we have good weather I'll be all done flying when you arrive. Weather not too good, however.

"My grades here have been tops again except for radio code—it just doesn't "take" for me. I can get by 8 words per minute, though.

"My instructor left tonight for California to ferry back a Vultee BT-15 (trainer like ours) to San Angelo, Texas. He'll be back next Monday. Wish I were with him. Think it be a nice job!

"Write soon about your schedules. Only ten days more till Friday the 24th.

"Love,

"Bob"

He Escaped Maneuvers

Editor, the Eccentric:

I guess it's time for me to crawl out of my shell and let you know what is happening to me.

Most of the fellows I came down with have been on maneuvers, but fortunately or unfortunately, I haven't. However, I have been on quite a few bivouacs since I last wrote. Most of them are the same, you drive out a way from camp and pitch your tents, have your meals out and sleep out over night and then come back to camp. But the last one I was on will always remain in my memory. It rained the whole day and night before we pulled out, and when it rains here it really rains. So on a Thursday morning before the break of dawn we left, in a cold miserable drizzle. It took us till ten that morning to get to our base camp. We had dinner and supper there and as we had nothing to do, most of us slept all afternoon and after supper till 2:10 A. M.

At that hour we pulled out and travelled all night without any lights at all. At times two men had to walk along at each front wheel and guide it through. We travelled about three miles and finally pulled into our firing position at 5:30 a. m. After setting up our guns and getting our communications in, which took us from 5:30 till about 6:15, we waited for the order to fire. It was about 2:30 in the afternoon when the order came. We fired nine shots. Our last three shots which were fired one after the other were all direct hits, which were the best of the battalion, as a result our battery has been given the privilege of having three day passes instead of only week-ends.

Lately we have been combining business with pleasure. We have been invited to several towns for parties and have combined them with bivouacs. All of the people here have treated us fine, if we were part of their own families, and we really appreciate it.

Pvt. MAURICE THOMPSON
Battery "C" 1st Bn.
177th Field Artillery
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

From Fort Leonard Wood

Editor, The Eccentric:

The Sixth Division is now back in camp. We started home on a Thursday and got to camp last Tuesday. We stopped at Minden, La., the first night out and we were really in a swamp for the grass was about shoulder-high. We stayed there until Saturday morning. We were near the end of the convoy and one of our lieutenants estimated that there were over 2,000 trucks in the convoy! We would pull into the camping area after dark most of the nights; I can pitch a pup tent in the dark now! We would roll about 2:00 o'clock at night and get the same meal again for breakfast! It rained Monday night and we got all wet. The rain blew in on me and woke me up; I reached for my flashlight and found it in about an inch of water! When we were ready to leave we discovered that it was too muddy to try to get out, but all of us pulled weeds and made a road over the muddy places. The trucks made it ok, although some got stuck and had to be pulled out by man-power. We got to the fort about 3:00 Tuesday night. The trip was tiresome, as we had to ride 22 men in a truck; we thought we were crowded going down with only 12 men in a truck.

We are going on maneuvers again the 15th of November, to North Carolina. We will go as a battery so it will be tougher than the last maneuvers. I am on fatigue duty, keeping 5 fires going and cleaning up two barracks. I had a little trouble with a noncom last week, so I am on duty today (Sunday).

Pvt. J. A. TERRELL
2nd S & A Battery
177 Field Artillery
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

(Pvt. Terrell arrived in Birmingham, Friday on furlough.)

Operation

Word has just been received here that Pvt. Donald C. Guenther, of the 210th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft, Fort Sheridan, Ill., is recovering from an emergency appendectomy. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guenther of 14 mile Road.

One Way To Tell

Two small girls were playing together one afternoon in the park.

"I wonder what time it is," said one of them at last.

"Well, it can't be 4-o'clock yet," replied the other with magnificent logic, "because my mother said I was to be home at four, and I am not."

NO HUNTING—NO TRESPASSING signs for sale at The Eccentric office. Special prices on quantity lots. (26-35)

VITAMINS ARE OKAY
But A Good Hearty Laugh Will Pick You Up Quicker. Enjoy
"HOLD THAT GHOST"
Birmingham Theatre

Is it worth 1¢ AN EVENING to protect young eyes with GOOD LIGHT?

You'd probably be willing to pay much more! But that's all it costs to operate an I.E.S. study lamp with a 100-watt bulb for an entire evening. Your dealer has many attractive models on display—stop in today. (We do not sell these lamps.) The Detroit Edison Company.

Locked up? The Ten Star Car Insurance Policy provides bail and release bonds.
KELLY INSURANCE
Phone 324.

GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY . . . By George

"I wonder what makes me so tired? I can hardly hold up my head."

National Deficit To Rise Sharply

According to official Treasury Department figures, the deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, was $5,103,400,000 and Daniel W. Bell, Under Secretary of the Treasury, estimates that the deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942 will be more than two and one-half times the 1941 deficit, or $12,765,000,000.

Radio Commentator Next On Fisher Series

Edward Tomlinson, NBC commentator on South America, will be the Detroit Town Hall speaker in the Fisher Theatre Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 11 a. m.

He returned to this country Oct. 6 from a 15,000 mile trip through the strategic countries of Eastern South America. This was his first visit to all countries of our sister continent. The National Broadcasting Company set up special short wave transmitters aboard the various ships on which he travelled, and sent along engineers and technicians so that he could broadcast weekly from the high seas, during plane trips and from cities. These facilities made possible several scoops in international developments while enroute.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. Just what is inflation and how can it be minimized?

A. Inflation is a decrease in the buying power of the dollar caused by a rising cost of living. This in turn, is brought about by a heavy public demand, resulting from a rapid increase in the national income, for things which cannot be produced in large enough quantities. Every citizen can help minimize inflation by buying defense bonds and stamps.

Q. How can I get cash for my defense saving stamps if I should need to redeem them?

A. Go to any post office.

Note—To buy defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association. Also, stamps now are on sale at most retail stores.

4 O'CLOCK every Wednesday is the deadline for turning in your classified "Want Ads."

Lathrup Townsite News

by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Mrs. John A. Freese, of Lathrup boulevard, entertained her Detroit luncheon-bridge club, Tuesday.

Roller Skating Party

Nadine Joyce Hubbard, daughter of the Arthur E. Mitchells, of San Quentin drive, celebrated her 15th birthday last week with a roller skating party held at the Birmingham rink. Twelve boys and girls attended.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davison spent the weekend at Grand Rapids. The Howard Stocks are at Sandusky, Ohio, this week. Grandad Peppiatt is enjoying hunting and fishing at Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. R. E. Allias, of Saratoga boulevard, was hostess on Tuesday to her Detroit luncheon-bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Diederich, of San Rose drive, were hosts on Sunday at a family dinner.

Mrs. Theodore N. Eoff, of Lathrup boulevard, returned recently from a six-week trip to the West Coast. She visited her aunt, Mrs. John H. Hall, of Los Angeles, and en route home stopped with friends at Lubbock, Texas. Mr. Eoff also spent his vacation in California, he returned two weeks ago.

Dance Scheduled

Alligators and hep-cats, take notice! Lathrup Seniors will hold their fall Hop the night of Oct. 25 in the school auditorium. Music will be furnished by a local orchestra which has a swellish bunch of tuneful numbers at a benefit dance held last month. Remember? The committee in charge of arrangements is planning some novel entertainments and refreshments.

Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Mrs. W. E. Waddell and Mrs. Emil A. Frederick, are a few of the crowd who will motor on Wednesday to Pinckney, Mich., to attend a turkey dinner and bridge benefit sponsored by Kings Daughters.

Nancy Helen Himes, daughter of the Eugene Himes, spent the past school holiday with friends residing at Wyandotte.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Schnabl were hosts last week to Mr. Frank Lyons, of St. Louis, Mo. A dinner in his honor was given Saturday night.

Scrambled eggs, pork sausage, and coffee was the order given by the hikers after their early morning walk, Wednesday. The place was the John Diederich recreation room. Contract followed. Lathrup unit of hikers meets each morning at Town Hall at 8:15 for an hour's walk. All are welcome to join the fifth group.

DUPONT PAINTS
VARNISHES · DUCO · DULUX
See The Complete Line
PARKS COAL CO.
369 E. Maple Birmingham

FREE! TRAINING that is worth $1500.00

READ HOW YOU TOO CAN BECOME AN EXPERT IN AVIATION, RADIO OR ENGINEERING AND DRAW GOOD PAY WHILE YOU LEARN!

IF YOU WANT to get ahead fast, to serve your country, to build yourself a good-paying future . . . here's the opportunity you've been waiting for.

The U. S. Navy may train you to become an *expert* in any one of nearly 50 skilled fields. Each month, over 5000 new men will be sent to a Navy Service School, where you can learn to be a Diesel engine operator, machinist, aviation mechanic, aerial photographer, radio operator, or whatever specialized work you're best fitted for. This first year's training which you get is worth at least $1500.

The Navy foots the entire bill. You earn while you learn. In fact, it is possible for an enlisted man to earn up to $126 per month—with keep.

You'll have plenty of opportunity for advancement in position and pay—*and you'll have fun while you learn!* You'll come out of the Navy fully prepared to take on a good job in private industry. And if you want to stay in the Service, you can go right to the top . . . and retire at the end of 20 years or 30 years with a liberal monthly income.

You can choose now between the regulars or the reserves. Both offer equal opportunities for advancement.

LOOK WHAT THE U. S. NAVY AND NAVAL RESERVE OFFER YOU

FREE TRAINING worth $1500. Nearly 50 trades and vocations to choose from.

GOOD PAY with regular increases. You may earn up to $126 a month.

You are entitled to a generous vacation period, with full pay, each year.

GOOD FOOD and plenty of it.

FREE CLOTHING. A complete outfit of clothing when you first enlist. (Over $100 worth.)

FREE MEDICAL CARE, including regular dental attention.

FINEST SPORTS and entertainment any man could ask for.

TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, THRILLS—You can't beat the Navy for them!

BECOME AN OFFICER. Many can work for an appointment to the Naval Academy or the Annapolis of the Air at Pensacola.

FUTURE SUCCESS. It's easy for Navy-trained men to get good-paying jobs in civil life.

LIBERAL RETIREMENT-PAY for regular Navy men.

Get this FREE Booklet

Mail coupon for your free copy of "Life in the U.S. Navy." 24 pages, fully illustrated. It answers all your questions. Tells what your pay will be . . . promotions and vacations you can expect . . . how you can retire on a life income. Describes how you can learn any one of 45 big-pay trades from aviation to radio . . . how many may become officers. 27 scenes from Navy life showing sports and games you may play, ships you may be assigned to, exciting ports you may visit. Tells enlistment requirements and how to apply. If you are between 17 and 31 (no high school required), get this free book now. No obligation. Ask the Navy editor of this paper for a copy. Or telephone him. Or mail him the coupon. You can paste it on a penny postal card.

WEAR THIS BADGE OF HONOR! If after reading the free booklet you decide to apply for a place in the Navy, you will receive this smart lapel emblem. It is a badge of honor you will be proud to wear.

ENROLL IN THE NAVAL RESERVE . . . BE RELEASED AFTER THE EMERGENCY

The Secretary of the Navy has announced:—"All men now enlisting in the Naval Reserve will be retained on active Navy duty throughout the period of the national emergency, but they will be released to inactive duty as soon after the emergency as their services can be spared, regardless of the length of time remaining in their enlistment."

Remember—the regular Navy and Naval Reserve offer you the same travel, training, promotions, pay increases. Physical requirements in the Naval Reserve are more liberal. Send coupon!

SERVE YOUR COUNTRY ★ BUILD YOUR FUTURE

Tear out and take or send this coupon to the Navy Editor of this newspaper

As

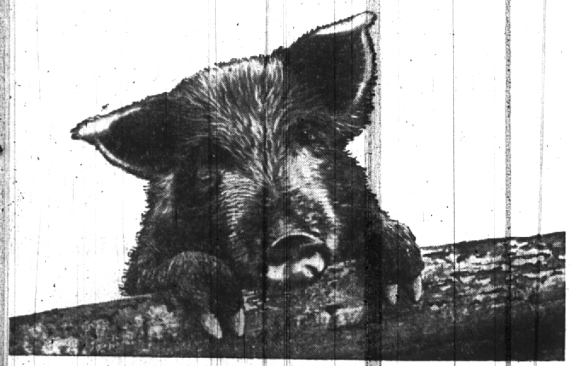
Without any obligation on my part whatsoever, please send me free booklet, "Life in the Navy," giving full details about the opportunities for men in the Navy of Naval Reserve.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____

ONE IN A MILLION



IN MOST of Michigan's southern counties, where corn is raised in abundance, hogs produce an important share of agricultural income. There are nearly a million pigs fattening on Michigan farms, and they will bring farmers upwards of $10,000,000 this year.

In the telephone, the successful hog raiser has an efficient, modern helper. He uses it regularly to help turn surplus grain into profitable pork, hams, bacon and lard. He orders feed and keeps informed as to the trend of livestock prices by telephone. The same swift communication system directs the movement of pork products from packing house to meat market to home refrigerator. A two-minute call to the store will bring you fresh country sausage or crisp bacon for tomorrow's breakfast!

A Duroc Jersey sow with her litter of ten fine babies.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

"A State with Riches Bleat" — No. 26 of a series of advertisements on Michigan's Natural Resources.