

Boys Make Planes In Scale Models For Use by Navy

By JANE HARDIN

"In recognition of wartime service in accordance with specifications approved by the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy, scale model aircraft for use by the United States government," 21 Birmingham boys received certificates last week entitling them to the honorary rank of cadet aviator. Walter Beers, who made three more than the required one model, received the next rank of ensign.

Boys who earned their awards are Jack O'Donnell, Terry Beas, Louis Farquhar, Robert Morrow, Richard Bowers, Robert Hawkins, Edward Brungarber, John Dalton, Robert King, Robert Old, Frank Everingham, Jack McCone, Ronald Jones, Roy Olson, John Follis, Robert Heth, Earl Guckelberg, Francis Niedonfahr, Lewis Keenan, William Old, and Fred Booth.

The planes were requested by the Navy for the military forces and civilian defenders to be used for such purposes as reconnaissance, range estimation, and determination of cones of fire. The project involved the construction of at least 10,000 types of planes, including those of the Allied and Axis nations and was carried on by school children throughout the entire United States. All models must be in to the nearest naval reserve base by June 30.

Maynard Mott and M. H. Smiley, Public School manual arts instructors, inspected the completed plans and Robert Brierly, shop instructor at Baldwin, supervised the general construction work.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Estes packed and shipped the approved models.

MEN IN SERVICE

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EASIER TO GET IN

Drastic reductions in physical requirements for vision and teeth in the U. S. Naval Reserve were announced today by Lieut. Byron E. Flechter, Officer in Charge of Navy Recruiting for this area.

The reductions in standards applied to most classes of the Naval Reserve except Naval Aviation and classes leading to officers' training or college men.

Lieut. Flechter urged men who have been rejected in the past for enlistment in the Naval Reserve because of vision or teeth to reapply at their nearest Navy Recruiting Station, which is in the YMCA building, 131 Mt. Clemons street, Pontiac.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc Everett Hemmerly of Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., arrived home Friday night to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hemmerly, 3800 Quart road. He leaves Monday, and although enjoying his holiday, is "anxious to get back," his mother said. He was inducted in January and was assigned to the Air Force.

LETTER OF THANKS

Mel Morehouse, a Birmingham man now stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., sends this letter in appreciation of the athletic equipment sent to his outfit by a group here.

"Dear Friends in Birmingham: "Just received your very generous gift of softball equipment. As you can see by the multitude of signatures below, every fellow in my outfit joins me in sincere thanks. It was swell of you all to be so thoughtful and, believe me, we are grateful. MEL MOREHOUSE (Signed by 30 other men and Major John L. Holcombe, Lieut. Benjamin A. Chase, Lieut. Benjamin F. Holcombe, Jr. and Lieut. Reed A. Booth).

FROM AUSTRALIA

Excerpts from a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gardner, from their son Herbert, who arrived in Australia not long ago:

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U.S.S. Michigan and was an Electrician's Mate, First Class, at the time of his discharge.

IN NAVY
John Reed Bachman, of 444

Berwyn road, has been enlisted in Class V-5 of the Naval Reserve and will be transferred shortly to the University of Iowa Air Base for flying cadet training. It was announced today by Harry C. Stork, Pontiac, recruiter in charge of this area.

Stork stated that enlistments for all branches of the naval service can be accomplished through the Navy Recruiting Substation in the YMCA Building, Pontiac.

Lowered requirements on eyes and teeth have opened service in the Navy to many who were heretofore barred. Examinations can be given at the Pontiac station.

AT PATTERSON FIELD
FAIRFIELD, OHIO—Donald Glen McBride, 912 Ann street, Birmingham, has been selected for training in ground work with the Army Air Forces at Patterson

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