

# What's What About Our Men In Service

## Lt. John Allman Gets Promotion

CAMP LEE, Va.—John M. Allman, son of Leslie C. Allman of 615 Hupp Cross road, Birmingham, has been promoted from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. He has been assigned to Company E of the 12th Regiment in Camp Lee's Quartermaster Replacement Training Center where Quartermaster soldiers are trained to take their places on the farflung battlefronts of the world.

Lt. Allman attended Cranbrook School, received his A. B. degree from Asperger College in 1938, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was owner and operator of his own business prior to his entering the Army. He was commissioned April 25, 1942 upon his graduation from officer candidate school and reported for duty at Camp Lee, May 4, 1942.

Lt. and Mrs. Allman who are the former Marjorie Gilray, of St. Clair, Mich., prior to their marriage June 6, 1942 at Detroit are living in nearby Petersburg, Va. A brother, Sgt. Richard C. Allman, is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

## Corp. Richard Smith To Become Officer

Corp. Richard Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin R. Smith, of Buckingham road, spent a few days with his parents during the holidays on his way from Long Beach, Calif., to officers' Candidate School at Camp Davis, N. C.

### GROUND TRAINING

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala.—Second Lt. David E. White, of 639 Purdon, Birmingham, Mich., is now enrolled as a student officer in the Army Air Forces pre-flight school for pilots at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he is receiving an intensive course in ground training preparatory to his flight instruction.

Lt. White attended Culver Military Academy, 1936-39. Upon the completion of his training here, he will be sent to one of the many primary flying schools in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center.

### IN ARKANSAS

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark.—Pvt. William Renton, who was inducted recently and whose former address was 200 Park street, Birmingham, has been assigned for training to the Medical Replacement Training Center here. His training will embrace eight weeks, after which he will be assigned for duty to some Medical Department organization.

### LEAVES FOR TRAINING

Harry E. Bissett, Jr., left Wednesday to begin training with the Marines.

## Board No. 7 Classifies Group

Classifications, Jan. 4, 1943  
George V. Craig, (v); 1-2; Lloyd L. Stanley, Jr., 1-4; Warren H. Field, (v); 1-3; William K. Lawrence, 1-3; Lawrence Schack, 1-3; Otto William Milbrandt, 1-3; Bruno Niedowicz, 1-3; John R. Hulbert, 1-3; Frank L. Greer, 1-3; Allen L. McCabe, 1-3; John D. Megall, 1-3; Arthur C. Reinhold, 1-3; John L. Setzer, 1-3; Leonard A. Wineman, 1-3; Emil E. Deaton, 1-3; Clarence L. Chaffield, 1-3; William D. Sevin, 1-3; Harold C. Bingham, 1-3; Charles D. McCombs, 1-3; Paul N. Greene, 1-3; Robert S. Clark, 1-3; Thomas J. Stuber, 1-3; Alexander P. Lotero, 1-3; Franklin W. Pierce, 1-3; Frank J. Carrett, 1-3; James A. Sage, 1-3; Leslie H. Clarke, 1-3; William M. Ballard, 1-3; Robert Brown, 1-3; F. E. Hathaway, 1-3; Eugene A. Descaamps, 1-3; Eugene A. Williams, 1-3.

### E. W. HILL AN OFFICER

PT. MONMOUTH, N. J.—Second Lieutenant Elwood W. Hill is a graduate of the Officers Candidate Department of the Eastern Signal Corps School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He successfully completed the course of instruction for officer candidates and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States on Dec. 21. He is now assigned for duty with the Signal Corps. Lt. Hill was a former resident of Blount Hills and was organist at Christ Church Cranbrook.

### THE NEWS IN INDIA

Mrs. Ralph Fletcher, 651 Bloomington, has received to the editor of a weekly newspaper, the C. B. I. Roundup, published at New Delhi, India. The editor, P. V. Charles C. Fletcher, who is stationed with the Army Air Forces in India. The Roundup has a professional look and is published in the office of the English paper at New Delhi. Most of the news concerns things back home, but of course, there is considerable space given to local affairs. Much of the news appears to have been received hot off the wires while other dispatches are apparently clipped from newspapers brought from home by the regular Ferry Command service. "C. B. I." means China, Burma, India.

### MORE ABOUT PEW

SELMAN FIELD, Monroe, La.—Three officers of the headquarters staff of this air navigation training field have been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. Included is Capt. Frederick C. Birmingham, who held the post intelligence officer, who was commissioned a first lieutenant last May 12 and is a graduate of the Army Air Forces Officers' Training School at Miami Beach, Fla. He served briefly at Maxwell Field, Ala., before reporting to the Monroe Field.

He was born in Steubenville, O., and was graduated in 1921 from Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass. He attended Williams College. At the time he entered the service he was engaged in real estate in Birmingham, a suburb of Detroit.

### WHAT YOU CAN TELL

Many people are in a quandary as to just what they can reveal about their men in service. Letters which come from overseas are censored, and usually anything contained in them may be told or printed without harm to the recipient. The censor has never used names of ships unless facts about them have first been officially told, nor have he identified the units to which personnel are attached. Further information contained in the following news release from the Office of Censorship:

"On battle fronts every day men risk their lives to discover the location and strength of the military units of the enemy. Yet at home so many of us are presenting the enemy with information of the same military value."

"This is the information which newspapers and individuals are asked not to tell the enemy:

"DO NOT TELL the names of ships upon which sailors serve."

"DO NOT TELL the troop units in which soldiers serve overseas."

"There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic, but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, 'Company C, 500th Infantry,' is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown, 'Aboard the U. S. S. Wibonson,' is in the Atlantic."

### HOME FROM ENGLAND

Lt. (j.g.) Ralph DUBOIS, U.S.N.R., who has been stationed in England for six months, arrived home for a ten-day leave Tuesday. His fiancée, Mary Quinn, formerly of Birmingham, now of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. DuBois, of Baldwin avenue, for the ten days.

### DRAFT OFFICE NEWS

A large group of men is leaving for Detroit today; their names appeared in last week's Eccentric. If they pass their physical examinations, they will be sworn into the Army and sent home for a brief furlough. The next induction will be Jan. 23.

The office will be open henceforth from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including Saturday. Overtime pay for Federal employees, recently authorized, makes the longer hours possible.

### Two Spohr Boys In Air Forces

Capt. Donald N. Spohr, of the Army Air Forces, is now serving overseas. But his younger brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Spohr, 632 West Lincoln, do not know where they last heard from him in a phone call Dec. 8.

Pvt. Kenneth F. Spohr is now at Chanute Field, Ill., in an Air Force officer candidate school.

## Harold D. Lucey Promoted to Captain

SELFLEDGE FIELD, Mich.—Capt. Harold Donald Lucey, Air Force, has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant at Selfridge Field.

A native of Springfield, Mass., where his father, Frank J. Lucey, now resides, Capt. Lucey was educated in the public schools of Boston, Mass., and at Boston University. His permanent address is 1235 Cedar drive, Birmingham, Mich., but Mrs. Lucey and their two children are with him at Selfridge Field.

Following four years of R.O.T.C. training at Boston University he was first commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve in August of 1927. During 1928 he served at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., and at Camp Screven, Savannah, Ga. He was promoted to first lieutenant in March, 1931. During his absence Mrs. Lucey is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Strickler.

### Clemson Page Named a Captain

Word has been received of the promotion of Clemson N. Page from first lieutenant to captain in the Army Air Force. Capt. Page is on overseas duty with his squadron. During his absence Mrs. Page is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Strickler.

### Gets Commission As Tank Destroyer

John C. Haldane, 25 years old, of Brownell street, Birmingham, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Tank Destroyer Command in graduation exercises held Dec. 23 at Camp Hood, Texas.

### ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

Pvt. David Livingston of the Military Police, has arrived safely in Great Britain, according to V-Mail letter received by his aunt, Mrs. Edith Groves, of Frank street, with whom he made his home before going into the Army. He said that the people were very nice and was amazed at the way all the English women were working and seemed to like it.

### Wylie Groves, Jr. Named a Sergeant

Here are a couple of facts about the two sons of Wylie Groves, 915 East Maple, Wylie, Jr., who has been doing personnel work in the radio section at Langley Field, Va., has been promoted to sergeant. Pvt. Garth Groves, who transferred by the Air Force from Miami Beach, Fla., to the radio school at Truxton Field, Wis.

### Sgt. Shanley Rosso An Officer Candidate

A. Shanley Rosso, for many years teller at the National Bank, is now an officer candidate at the Army Administration Service school at Grinnell, Iowa. "There's a lot of work to be done here and that means—no much time for recreation," he wrote in having his Eccentric sweet to his next station. Until recently, some vagary of the Army had sent him to Chicago for training as a mess sergeant.

### Sgt. Forbes McKay Home from Iceland

Sgt. Forbes McKay, son-in-law of the Robert D. Lynds, is home from Iceland, and is spending a brief furlough at the Lynd home on Fernside avenue, prior to going to the infantry officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga. His wife is the former Margaret McKay, they were married in 1937.

### WELCOME PHONE CALL

Christmas morning, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Appell of Elm street, received a wonderful Christmas message call from their son, Pvt. Francis Appell, who is stationed in Panama. His mother, father, and brother, Jack, all took turns talking to him during the eight minutes, he was on the line. Pvt. Appell has not seen his parents for three years.

### JOINING NAVY

Still free to choose their branch of military service, 1-year-old draftees are joining the Navy in unprecedented numbers. According to Lt. Comm. Byron F. Fleckner, officer in charge of Navy recruiting in lower Michigan, more than 400 17-year-old Michigan men joined the Navy during December.

### GREAT LAKES, ILL.

Chester S. MacMillan, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. David MacMillan, 228 George street, Birmingham, was graduated today from an intensive 10-week course at the Naval Training School for machinist's mates. He is now eligible for an assignment to a petty officer's rating.

Now awaiting assignment to active duty with the Fleet or at some other naval shore station, this Bluejacket is considered a Navy "specialist" and will be attached to service which will training him to put to good use the training he has just completed.

Nineteen of the 49 specialist trades used in the Navy are taught in the service school here at Great Lakes.

**WORDS THAT WASTE WAR HOURS**

Information, please. Information, please. Information, please.

There are two words that crowd the busy telephone wires unnecessarily... they waste 960 hours of switch-board time each day in Detroit alone! "Information, please," whether the request is spoken or dialed, uses central office lines and equipment that already are humming with a war-created burden of calls.

Not all requests for information are unnecessary. But experience shows that three out of four of them are calls for numbers listed in the directory.

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ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$1,245,680.21
Canadian Bonds	4,900.00
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Guaranteed	1,605,844.16
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	70,500.00
Other Bonds	
State and Municipal Bonds	1,198,425.78
Industrial Bonds	38,008.61
Railroad Bonds	54,965.27
Public Utilities	25,838.17
Loans and Discounts—Secured—Secured by Adequate Collateral	121,214.61
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured—To Birmingham Individuals, Business Enterprises, and Corporate Units of Oakland County	23,096.26
Real Estate Mortgages—All on Birmingham and Community Improved Property	904,176.81
Overdrafts	29.19
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	7,500.00
Banking House	34,747.45
Furniture and Fixtures	15,229.47
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased	393.29
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,399,409.28</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital—Common Capital Stock	\$ 125,000.00
Surplus Fund	125,000.00
Undivided Profits—Net (Not Accrued)	65,956.05
Reserve for Contingencies	5,000.00
Interest Collected But Not Earned	511.35
Dividends Unpaid	9.86
Other Liabilities—Canadian Discount, Federal Tax, Expense Checks	6,823.60
Outstanding and Social Security, and Sundry Credits	6,823.60
Deposits—	
U. S. Government and Other Public Deposits Secured by Pledges of U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	\$ 241,394.37
Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks and Bank Money Orders Outstanding	36,995.64
Other Deposits	4,792,718.41
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$5,399,409.28</b>

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P. G. Barnett, Cashier.

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