

### Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send photographs and activities. Service men, sometimes absent for long periods, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-arrived husband man is of interest.

#### Six from Birmingham End Pre-Flight

SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, Texas—Four hundred and twenty-six aviation cadets from Michigan were included in the latest class to complete pre-flight training for pilots at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Included in the class were six from Birmingham.

The future pilots headed for primary schools and first flights in training planes which they hope will carry them to assignments as pilots in the Army Air Forces. Tuned by intensive training at the cadet center the youths are prepared for the rigorous program they will undergo at primary, basic and advanced schools.

From Birmingham were Aviation Cadets John R. Corson, 336 West Maple; Milton F. Coulson, Jr., 290 Berwyn; Joseph C. Parry, 1275 Smith; John A. Porter, 1035 Pierce; Bruce Robertson, 28279 Athlete; and John J. Wall, 6116, 966 Glenhurst.

#### AN AIR CADET NASHVILLE ARMY AIR CENTER

Cadet Roger Blackmore, 23 son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Blackmore, of 515 Tooting lane, Birmingham, Mich., has entered the center here.

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### Nazi Shook a Leg



It must have been a hopping hot retreat for one Nazi soldier, for he left his artificial leg behind. An American soldier gives it the once-over along with a pile of abandoned German helmets.

### Soldiers In India Are Told of Changes On the Home Front

Mrs. Charles Fletcher, 240 Park whose husband is stationed in India, received this clipping from the military newspaper on that front. The China-Burma-India Command.

#### THINGS CHANGED ON HOME FRONT

We're back to the "I wanna go home" question. All you jerks want to return to the States because of some woman. This is true almost without exception. You may talk about chrome bars, bourbon whiskey, cool movie houses, taxis less than 15 years old, an infatuation, but underneath it all is the nostalgia for the home, whether wife, sweetheart or grandmother. That type of thinking, given in a snare and a lustre because things have changed since we left.

So you left some beautiful babe all soft, second and a flouncing around in ruffles! Now she's probably driving a six-by-six truck. When you get back she'll have callouses on her soft, little hands as hard as an Indian pancake. That nice smooth back will have so many muscles that she'll either look like Jim Landon or the rear view of a general Grant tank.

She'll be wearing greasy over-the-relatives motifs of old fashioned wheel spinning. You can hear her now when you walk in. She'll wipe her hands on her trouser legs and say: "Glad to see you back, Toots. We got a new type of booster on our brakes that'll stop a truck fast like the pay load lands in the cab."

You'll tell her how you've been fighting the battle China or India and she'll say, "Yes, yes, Angie, but have you heard about our new new thing? The Amphetamine order of War Working Sweater Girls?" She'll probably tell you about the union movement, mean V-necked sweaters symbol of the V-For Victory business and, possibly, other things. It's going to be rough.

Some of you who have been disillusioned by the girl friend marrying some war worker or a dirty old man may pine to hold the cool, comforting hand of Mother or Grandma. Mother has placed her kids in a nursery, if she's got any kids that young, and is rolling gasoline drums along the docks of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Grandma is in slacks and spot-welding for Douglas Aircraft in St. Louis.

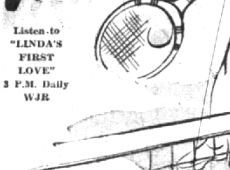
In fact, Grandma is probably having one hell of a time and Grandpa is just sitting around twiddling in his beard and fixing Grandma's lunch.

The few newspapermen in the Army out here. They've got ideas about getting back in the pocket and earning an honest living again. Haven't you heard that there are women on rewrite, there are girl copy boys and there's a lot of heresies) women are sitting around the rim of the copy desk? Can't you imagine an absent-minded editor, enraged about nothing in particular, calling for a "boy" and starting off: "Listen, you o' single-toothed facemile of one of Horace Greeley's worst nightmares, if this ever happens again I'll cut your head out and run it through the mangle. I'll deflower you, you Gibson eye. I'll send you to the receiving hospital and make you write whinsey about bed pans for three weeks. A short, young man, I shall consider it the supreme consolation of my life to fire you the day your grandpa is burned and your mother has an operation for cancer."

Just imagine how that city editor will feel when he looks up and sees a sweet young man, I shall consider it the supreme consolation of my life to fire you the day your grandpa is burned and your mother has an operation for cancer. You go home if you want to. We're staying in India.

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