# 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.

## Local Soldier Given Combat Decoration For Fighting In Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Private First Class Lee H. Beddow, whose home is at 27-480 Lasher Road, Route 3, Birmingham, Michigan, has been cited by his regiment of the 88th Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the Badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

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### READY TO GO OVERSEAS

Army Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa, 2nd Lieut. Charles T. VanDusen soon will complete his training at the combat crew training school, Sioux City, Iowa, and be ready to go overseas to do his part in defeating the enemy. Lieutenant VanDusen, pilot, in a heavy bomber crew, is the husband of Jane E. Van Dusen, 783 Puritan Rd., Birmingham, Mich.

He entered the service Feb. 20, 1943.

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John K. Spence, Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., writes to offer the Eccentric sent to him regularly. He is anxious to keep in touch with the local news, he says.

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### FLIGHT COMMANDER

ELLINGTON FIELD, HOUSTON, Texas—Lieut. Robert E. Allen is now a first lieutenant and flight commander at the Ellington Field navigation training center. Two and frequently three flights are flown daily (weather permitting) in A.T.-18 and C-60 planes, the twin-motored, split tail jobs which Houstonians can see in the air almost any hour of the day or night. These planes carry pilots, co-pilots and from four to six navigation cadets, the latter working at tables built into the cabin. He flew home on an I.D. mission for the week end and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen, of 459 Townsend street.

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Pvt. Bob Neumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Neumann, 487 Henley, will arrive home Monday from Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga. He will spend a month's convalescence furlough here.

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### IS FIRST LIEUTENANT

—AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, England—The promotion of William Gardner Cobb, a Birmingham, Mich., Thunderbolt fighter pilot, to the rank of first lieutenant was announced recently by Maj. Gen. W. E. Kepner, commanding general of the Eighth AAF Fighter Command in England. Holder of the Air Medal for "meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Europe," Lieut. Cobb is credited with the destruction of one enemy aircraft. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb, of 1009 Suffield road Birmingham, Mich.

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### PREFLIGHT TRAINING

SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, Tex.—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Forces. The present class includes 354 from Michigan, one of them being William E. Hyland, 30620 Telegraph road, Birmingham.

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George E. Potter, of Grosse Pointe Farms, grandson of Dr. Hugo Erichsen 415 Harmon street, has recently been commissioned a second lieutenant in the ground forces of the AAF in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Erichsen has two other grandsons in the service; they are: William Potter, A/S U. S. Navy, and Pvt. Theodore Potter, AAF. Lieut. Potter enlisted in the Army as a private two years ago.

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Two Birmingham, Mich., men were graduated recently from the Naval Air Technical Training Center located at Norman, Okla. The newly graduated men, now awaiting further duty orders to sea or to some shore station are: Charles W. Carrick, husband of Nacy J. Carrick, 1001 Fairfax road; Roy N. Bernath, 1800-18 Mile road.

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GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Among those graduating from an intensive course of basic engineering training at recent service school exercises here was Charles B. Thomas, 27, husband of Jean L. Thomas, Birmingham, Mich.

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Frank Macaskill, of the U. S. Merchant Marine, has just arrived home from a voyage to England and is to spend two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macaskill, 792 Chapin.

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Cpl. Allen Jones arrived home late Tuesday night from Lincoln, Neb. He is spending the brief 5-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Anne Jones, 740 Ann street.

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S/SGT Walter B. Carr, husband of Mrs. Jean B. Carr, of Vaughn road, has recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France. He is stationed at the air service command in England.

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Lieut. Nelson C. Hatherley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hatherley, 988 Humphrey, has been promoted to first pilot at his station in England. Lieutenant Hatherley wears the air medal and two oak leaf clusters.

### RECLASSIFIED

Harold R. Joslyn, 1-A; Hugh B. Morgan, 1-A; Arthur S. Jaynes, 1-A; Cornelius M. Harper, Jr., 1-A; Gordon E. Bates, 1-A; Thomas H. Clark, 1-A; Alan H. Cary, 1-A; John A. Pope, 1-AH.

Robert C. Whalen, 1-C Enl.; Clare H. Taylor, 1-C Enl.; Otto W. Mildebrandt, 1-C Ind.; Jack Fouracre, 1-C Ind.; Richard E. Beaubien, 1-C Ind.; Matthew F. Groves, 1-C Ind.; Stanley R. Kozlowski, 1-C Ind.; Harold J. Samel, 1-C Ind.; John R. Leonhuis, 1-C Ind.; James B. Conwell, 1-C Ind.; Daniel R. Dontje, 1-C Ind.; Charles Devitt, Jr., 1-C Ind.

Robert H. Watts, 1-C Ind.; Theodore Sirene, Jr., 1-C Ind.; William J. McHugh, 1-C Ind.; Robert E. Salkeld, 1-C Ind.; Thomas D. Allen, 1-C Ind.; Winfred E. Peck, 1-CH Ind.; Clayton B. Howe, 1-CH Enl.; Paul J. Mulanix, 2-A; Frank M. Smith, 2-A.

Thomas Kaiser, 2-A; Marc T. Patten, 2-AH; Thomas E. Campbell, 2-AH; George W. Lawler, 2-B; Robert E. Creviston, 2-B; Oliver W. Hill, 2-B; Vincent F. Wilczynski, 2-B; Earl R. Geyer, 2-B; Richard K. Scales, 2-BH; Theodore M. Flood, 2-BH; Thomas J. Torpey, 2-C.

Frank H. Caldwell, 4-A; Henry G. Stoll, 4-A; Robert E. Byrd, 4-A; Harold J. Havremale, 4-A; Arthur F. Ritter, 4-A; Hermon W. Evans, 4-A; Carl W. Miller, 4-A; Clare B. Barnes, 4-A.

Howard B Green, 4-A; Henry J. Brown, 4-A; Raymond H. Smith, 4-A; Clarence C. Heimmiller, 4-A; Harold J. Schmidt, 4-A; Findley E. White, 4-F; Donald J. Marchand, 4-F; Robert V. Fox, 4-F; Calvin D. Huffman, 4-F.

William H. Klea, 1-A; George L. Wilson, 1-A; Raymond A. De-Mumbrick 1-A; Ralf A. Crookston, Jr., 1-A; James C. Lebow, 1-A; Howard L. Richardson, 1-A; Alva O. Willis, 2-A; Aaron W. Greenawalt, 2-A.

Lionel R. Colburn, 2-B; Bethel G. Burgess, 2-B; John S. Gellatly, 2-B*; William L. Oles, 2-B; Harry S. Oliver, 2-B; Michael J. Fitzsimbons, 2-B; Ferris C. Standiford, Jr., 4-F; Boyd P. Kness, 1-AH; William C. Scott, 2-AH; George O. Caldwell, 2-CH; Willard L. June, 4-FH; Curnell A. Stanger, 4-A.

*Appeal Board Decision.

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## Local Aerial Gunner Wins Silver Wings

HARLINGEN ARMY AIR FIELD, Texas — Another large class of Aerial Gunners to guard Army Air Forces bombers was graduated this week from the AAF Training Command aerial gunnery school here and among the qualified "Sharpshooters of the Sky" was Pfc. Edward D. Soicer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale H. Spicer, 227 Gray Court, Birmingham, Michigan.

At brief graduation exercises held here he received a pair of gunner's wings as well as a promotion in grade. Unless retained at Harlingen as an instructor, he will join an aerial combat team.

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A/C Edward P. Quinn has successfully completed basic flying training at Stockton Field, Calif., and will proceed to an Army advanced flying school to take the final steps toward the attainment of his silver pilot wings. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Quinn, 611 Henrietta, Birmingham, Mich.

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Tech Sgt. Thomas R. Walton, son of Mrs. T. R. Walton, 370 Townsend, has returned to the United States and is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, after 26 months in the Aleutians. He is expected home on furlough soon to visit his wife and small son, Tommy, who reside at 1140 Lake Park.

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John R. McGregor, Motor Machinist Mate 3/C, who has recently returned from duty overseas, is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. McGregor, 968 Ann street. John will report to Norfolk, Va., Sept. 1.

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GREAT LAKES, Ill., Aug. 14—Among those graduating from an intensive course of torpedoman's training at recent service schools exercises here was James R. Bedard, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bedard, 728 Humphrey, Birmingham, Mich.

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## Robert Allen Made Army 1st Lieutenant

ELLINGTON FIELD, Texas—Robert E. Allen of Birmingham Mich., has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant at this installation of the Army Air Forces Training Comand. He is a son of Eugene L. Allen of 459 Townsend street, Birmingham, Mich.

His wife is the former Barbara June Carter of 1973 36th street, Sacremento, Calif.

Before entering active duty on May 9, 1942, Lieutenant Allen was in General Motors research at Detroit, Mich. He came to this station in November of 1943. Here he is assigned as a flight commander in the Advanced Navigation School.

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Jvt. Robert E. Barton arrived home Sunday on a surprise visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barton, 487 Oakland. He returned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., the same day.

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### ON GEN. KENNY'S STAFF

Lieut. Col. John Chick, who has been overseas ten months, has completed his missions in New Guinea and has been appointed A-3 of the 5th Air Force in New Guinea under General Kenny.

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Pvt. Louis J. Schneider completed the 12-week engineering drafting course at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., on Aug. 5, graduating first in the class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schneider, 747 Puritan. Before entering the Army in June, 1943, he graduated from Cranbrook School and attended the University of Michigan.

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## David White Made First Lieutenant

A BOMBER COMMAND BASE, Somewhere in India—Promotion of Second Lieutenant David E. White of Birmingham, Mich., to the rank of First Lieutenant has been announced at the headquarters of a Bomber Command squadron with which he is now serving at this base in India.

Lieutenant White, a pilot on a Super-fortress, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. White of Birmingham, Mich. His wife, the former Miss Elizabeth A. Pease, is now living with her parents at 1251 Birmingham road, Birmingham, Mich.

Prior to entry into service, Lieutenant White was with the Detroit Transmission, Division of General Motors, Detroit, Mich.

Lieutenant White graduated from the Culver Military Acaremy, Culver, Ind., in 1939.

Peanut-harvesting machines newly developed include one that will dig, shake and windrow the vines; a combine harvester that will pick the nuts; and shellers for preparing seed for planting, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

## John Eckenrode Petty Officer at Culver

Culver, Ind., Aug. 11—John E. Eckenrode, 248 Argyle, is pictured in a power launch at the Culver Summer Schools with Adm. H. A. Yarnell, former Commander of the Asiatic Fleet, director of the Culver Summer Naval School. Petty officers first class, in the Naval School, Eckenrode is also a member of the Culver Military Academy cadet corps.

Other Birmingham youths attending the Summer Schools are Midshipmen Richard Austin, 915 Westwood drive, and George C. Campbell, 839 Randall court, and Woodcrafter Thomas E. Seaholm, 856 Kennesaw road.

## S/Sgt. Ward Chatfield Says People In Great Britain Where He Is Now Located Know What Rationing Means; No Pleasure Driving

Staff Sergeant Ward J. Chatfield writes from "somewhere in Great Britain," that people over there really know the meaning of food rationing and gas rationing. He says:

"This is to advise you that my address has been changed. Hope this will be the last change for a while.

Am sure glad to receive the Birmingham Eccentric over here. Your paper serves a double purpose. When I'm finished with it, I pass it on to other Detroit boys that are here. Even though they may not be from Birmingham, they enjoy reading it anyway because it's something from near home.

Might be interesting to note that we are situated very well here. We have an excellent hospital. It's one of the best, I think. The personnel here have excellent barracks—only here we call them "billets." We get good food. So we could hardly ask for more. Incidentally, we are located "somewhere in the British Isles." Just where can't be said. The countryside around here looks much the same as ours. We are located in the country not far from a small town.

The people over here are very hospitable toward us. They really know what rationing is over here. You people home don't; They don't drive their cars unless it's for business. They are rationed on everything. They don't seem to mind it though. They are very confident now that this war is going to end soon and we all hope so.

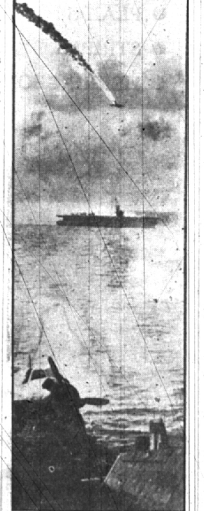
I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a "hello" to the fellows that I know in Birmingham, such as Bill Averill, Clyde Peabody and the rest of the fellows that I went to Custer with a couple of years ago. I guess we have split up to the four corners of the earth. I imagine the fellows remember the fun we had in barracks 1011 over at Custer when we first came in. I'd be glad to hear from any of them. Can't guarantee when I'll get around to answering any letters that come as we are rather busy but will do the best I can.

Very best of luck to all and will be looking forward to receiving the Birmingham Eccentric as I did in the States.

Yours truly,

S/SGT. WARD CHATFIELD"

## Death Dive Fails



A burning Jap plane vainly attempts to crash-dive into a U. S. carrier west of the Marianas Islands. The picture was taken from another carrier, foreground. (Navy photo.)

## Infantry Officer

Lt. Donald L. Parry

FORT BENNING, GA.—The first person to congratulate Lt. Donald J. Parry, 651 Harmon avenue, Birmingham, Mich., after his graduation from the Officer Candidate School at The Infantry School here was Col. Walter M. Farris, Chief of operations at the school, who is shown here congratulating the new officer. Lt. Parry was a student at the University of Michigan from 1934 to '38, and while there Col. Farris was at the university as an instructor in the R.O.T.C. Parry was discharged from the R.O.T.C. in the last semester of his senior year because of a slight physical disability. The disability was corrected and he was drafted in Aug. 1943, and assigned to the Sound Section, The Infantry School. He entered the Officer Candidate School in April 1944. (Official U.S. Army Photo—Infantry School Photo)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