

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.

Donald Bruce Dolg, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mitchell Dolg, 18722 San Diego boulevard, Birmingham, Mich., is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

MARKSMAN CALVIN G. Eades, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Eades, 803 Ruffner, was recently awarded a marksman's medal for proficiency in firing the .45 caliber automatic pistol at Maxwell Field, Ala., an installation of the AAF training command. He is completing nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

Lt. William P. Hathefley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hathefley, 988 Humphreys, after a leave at home, has recently returned to his base at Enid, Okla., where he is an instructor. He has been promoted to first lieutenant.

LIEUT. BIRRELL HOME

After completing 31 missions over enemy occupied territory, Lieut. Jack Birrell, 1272 Holland, has returned home for a 30-day leave with his wife and baby. Lieut. Birrell has been stationed in England since January, where he piloted a B-17. A former Eccentric employee, he wears the air medal with four oak leaf clusters and the distinguished service flying cross. He will return to England upon the expiration of his leave.

Ensign Richard M. Wenzell arrived home Monday, July 24, to spend a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Wenzell, 1570 Northlawn. Dick has been on board a carrier in the Atlantic for the past nine weeks.

Pvt. Nicholas Martin, Jr., whose parents reside at 312 Linden road, is home from Camp Stewart, Ga., on a furlough visit. He is with an anti-aircraft battalion.

Stg. Milton Pearsall Thinks Eccentric Best Home Town Paper

Have been receiving my papers in record time lately, some within a few days from my preceding date. I look forward to getting them as immensely as I read each one. I consider the Birmingham Eccentric the best little home town newspaper in the U. S.

My congratulations to the people of Birmingham on their recent War Bond Drive, my paper of July 15 stated that they went over the top. Thanks again and ad my best regards to all.

Sgt. Milton Pearsall

A. C. Stephen F. Booth, home for ten days from Bryne Field, Texas, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth, Cranbrook, leaves today to return to duty.

WINS PROMOTION WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE SWITZERLAND

Don. N. Higgins, 24, 285 E. Lone Lake road, Birmingham, Mich., has been promoted to technical fifth grade.

Cpl. Higgins, a veteran of both the Canadian and British campaigns, has been overseas 18 months and has spent most of this time as driver for an artillery battalion. He has three brothers in the service: Charles, Higgins in the engineering corps who is stationed in the Southwest Pacific; Machinist Mate, second class, Albert Higgins, U. S. Navy, and Guy William Higgins, who is in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Richardson, 585 Pleasant street, have had the pleasure of having both their son and daughter home at the same time. Virginia Richardson, Petty Officer 1st class of the Waves, returned to her base at Atlanta, Ga., where she is an aviation machinist mate. Saturday, after having spent six days at home. Cpl. Harry E. Richardson, who was home on a 10-day furlough from Yuma, Ariz., left Monday for Fresno, Calif.

Pfc. Donald Moorhead, serving with the American forces over in India, where the weather really gets hot, has received the Army good conduct medal, according to the appreciation of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Moorhead, 807 Bennaville.

James G. Brien, serving in the Marshalls, has informed his wife, the former Mary Widenman, 355 Puritan, of his promotion in rank to Lieutenant (j.g.). Mrs. Brien is residing with her parents, the T. W. Widenmans, while Lt. Brien is overseas.

Norman McKay Now Requisition Clerk In Quartermaster Co.

AN EIGHTH AAF COMPOSITE Station, England.—Sergeant Norman A. McKay, of Birmingham, Mich., is requisition clerk in a quartermaster company attached to the AAF at this fighting training base.

Technician McKay's job of procuring supplies at various quartermaster depots takes him into many parts of England.

In a quartermaster company attached to the AAF since January, 1942, he has been serving overseas 13 months. He was a supply sergeant at Camp Cook, Santa Maria, Calif., before coming overseas. Since being in England, he has visited with two uncles in Scotland, and an aunt in Newcastle.

McKay was formerly with the Yellow Truck and Coach Mfg. Co., Pontiac, Mich. He is a graduate of Birmingham high school and a brother, Richard McKay, is in the Navy. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McKay, now live at 1706 West Boston boulevard, Detroit, Mich.

Word has been received by Mrs. Richard E. Brown, 760 Bates, that Sgt. Richard E. Brown, returned to his outfit July 1. Sgt. Brown was awarded the purple heart for injuries he received in battle May 20. He spent six weeks in a base hospital in Japan.

Major Harry H. Phillips, in a letter from Saitan to his aunt, Mrs. Harry Stillman, 215 Berwyn, with whom he made his home, revealed his recent promotion to Major. A graduate of Notre Dame with the class of 1940, he entered the service in the fall of that year and has seen service in three campaigns, Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. His present assignment is that of a battalion 2d Marine Division. Major Phillips has been in the South Pacific area since January, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Boomer, 816 Pierce, have just received word that their son, Jacob C. Boomer, motor machinist mate, second class, has been ordered back to active duty after more than a year in a hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Jack served in the Pacific area as a member of a group of 15 left from a crew of 45. He was injured in one section of the attack.

Pvt. Lley Bristain, son of the LeRoy Bristains, of Square Lake road, was home over the week end from Camp Phillips, Kansas.

Donald Alfred Dittich, 26, husband of Mrs. Hazel Mae Dittich, Box 875, Birmingham, Mich., was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Great Lakes Naval Training School, located on the Northwestern University campus, Evanston, Ill.

April cash receipts from farm marketing in the United States were six per cent greater than for April, last year, the Department of Agriculture announces.

Jack Steelman Writes About Visit To Various Cities In North Africa

Jack Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Steelman, 513 Rivenscroft, writes interestingly about his recent visit to various cities of North Africa where he has written his recent letter to us:

Somewhere in North Africa, I have been lying around this afternoon soaking up some of this hot African sun, so thought I would write a letter of what kind of life you would expect to find here in Africa.

"One certainly gets a different conception of this place by visiting it rather than just reading about it in books. It has many beautiful homes and sure has loads of scenic views that are out of the towns.

"The people are either of French or Arabic descent. The Arab dress in their white cloaks or frocks which are wrapped around them several times. They wear their turbans, which are a turban effect hat. The women run around mostly 'incognito' or in the traditional dress which is heavily veiled. I often wonder how they show their faces have tattoo marks running from their foreheads to their chests, and on their wrists and ankles being tattooed. Sandals are the usual wear. They wear their shoes either on foot or ride their burros. You can see them going to market with their baskets hanging on either side of their very small burros. Some of the more fortunate have a horse and bugle as they go to the French. There are very few cars and all of an old type.

"The French dress more like we do, with either sandals or shoes with wooden soles covering their feet.

Yanks Are Changing Australian Eating Habits By Example

When American servicemen in Africa began demanding sweet corn and eating it with obvious relish, Australians themselves began trying it and found they liked it. The Australian News and Information Bureau reports.

"The presence 'down under' of thousands of American servicemen and a food crisis resulting in severe rationing are bringing about change in the Australian eating habits that might carry through into the post-war period, the bureau says.

"Poultry, a pre-war luxury, is becoming a staple article of diet in the hands of the Yanks. Bacon, once referred to as 'underground ration' is now in great demand. Slaughter a number of processed cheeses, new ice cream recipes, various types of breakfast foods and more attractive breads are among the dishes now becoming popular with native Australians. In tens of thousands of homes, imaginative Australian housewives are turning out typical American diet, many of which are prepared with unrationed foods, such as chicken and rabbits.

"Before the war, most Australian tables groaned, though not with what most Americans regard as good things," the Australian Information Bureau explains. The pre-war diet consisted of heavy meat roasts (mutton taking first place); starch vegetables out of the frying pan, the baking dish or saucepan; baked or boiled potatoes; and too many heavy puddings.

"Good fruits, although in abundance and inexpensive were not eaten enough. Today, Australians are eating all kinds of fruits being appreciated since the fruits were introduced from the United States for breakfast. It has been in the present war to convince Australians that salads and lighter meals, so popular with Americans, are better suited to Australia's climate than the foods to which they have been addicted. Most Australians live in weather that of California or the American southern states.

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND—Lieutenant George E. McCutcheon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon, 679 Lakeview, Sec. 2, Frederick Gilman son of Mrs. M. S. Gilman, 679 Lakeview, Sec. 2, recently completed his orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldiering against the enemy in France. Before entering the Army Air Corps, he was a member of the Michigan State College, East Lansing and Sgt. Gilman at the U. S. Army Air Corps, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

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Open Training Camp For Rehabilitation Of Vets of War II

Veterans of World War II have an opportunity for vocational technical training and rehabilitation when needed, at Pine Lake Camp which is being opened this month by the Office of Veterans Affairs, and operated by the State Board of Control for Vocational Education.

"The purpose of the camp is to bridge the gap between hospitalization and employment for those veterans who have been disabled or are in need of a period for rehabilitation before attempting to return to work, to give training to other discharged veterans who are unable to find employment, and also to provide training for those who are unable to find employment, according to Col. Philip C. Peck, director of the Office of Veterans Affairs. Services are not restricted to the physically disabled veteran.

The camp is being equipped to offer training in the following fields: Machine shop, boat building, cabinet making, are welding, key, ylene welding, radio service, machine, drafting, office practice, bookbinding, watch and repair, commercial cooking, land, scaping, and sheetmetal work. These courses will be constant, as needed and the curriculum can be changed to meet changing needs. Instructors all will be persons certified by the State Board of Control for Vocational Education, and the training will be on the standards of all vocational schools and courses in the state. Only up-to-date methods and practices acceptable to industry will be taught.

GREAT LAKES, Ill., July 25—Among those graduating from an intensive course of gunners' mate training at recent service school here was Charles H. Martz, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martz, 724 Lakeview avenue, Birmingham, Mich.

Pfc. C. Allen Valpey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Valpey, 365 Baldwin, in a letter written to his parents on July 19 stated that he is now in France. Al said that crossing the Channel was a tedious trip, but he will be constant strain because of the heavy fog. He also said that, thanks to Miss Stickle, French teacher at Bauswin, his French was coming in very handy and he was able to make himself understood.

Reclassified

Vincent F. Wilcoxon, 1-A, Earl R. Greer, 1-A; Frank M. Smith, 1-A; Thomas Kaiser, 1-A; Carl C. Lee, Capt.; Wayne N. Cook, 2-A; Edward G. Sawyer, 2-A; Victor F. Uffels, 2-B; Chester L. Murdoch, 2-B; Frank W. Phillips, 2-B; Bruce Lewkowicki, 2-B; Harvey B. Greene, 1-A-11.

GREAT LAKES, Ill., July 31—Two Birmingham, Mich., men were among those graduating from intensive courses of specialized training at recent service school here at the U. S. Naval Training Center. The recent graduates, the schools to which they trained or their rates are: Jack Early Eight, 18, son of Mrs. Alice Early Bell, Rural Route 2, 1801 Watkins Road, basic engineering school, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Best, 2305 Big Beaver road, basic engineering school.

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ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan.

Notice is hereby given, that at a special election to be held at

- Precinct No. 1—Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Maple Avenue
- Precinct No. 2—Holy Name School, 620 Harmon Avenue
- Precinct No. 3—Adams School, Corner Adams and Oakland Avenues
- Precinct No. 4—Municipal Bldg., 151 Martin Street
- Precinct No. 5—Bell Funeral Home, 820 E. Maple Avenue (Elm Street Entrance)
- Precinct No. 6—Pierce School, 1829 Pierce Street

in said City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of August, 1944, the following question will be submitted to you:

"Do you favor confirming and approving the grant of the franchise ordinance to Consumers Power Company for authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to do a local gas business within the City of Birmingham, which ordinance was adopted by the City Commission on Monday, May 29th, 1944?"

A copy of said franchise ordinance is on file with the City Clerk and it is open to the inspection of the electors of said City.

At said election the form of ballot will be as follows: "Do you favor confirming and approving the grant of the franchise ordinance to Consumers Power Company for authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to do a local gas business, within the City of Birmingham, which ordinance was adopted by the City Commission on Monday, May 29th, 1944."

Yes _____ No _____

The polls of said special election will be opened at 7 o'clock A. M. and will remain open until 8 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard War Time of said day of election.

IRENE E. HANLEY City Clerk August 3, 1944

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- Van Camp Pork and Beans 2 cans 29c
- Premier or Crosse & Blackwell Grapefruit Juice lge. 46 oz. cans 32c
- Sunny Dawn Tomato Juice 46 oz. can 18 pts. 26c
- Sunny Dawn Tomato Juice 18 oz. can 3 for 21c
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