

Men In Service

Justin P. Buckeridge With Airborne Infantry In Liberated France

Word has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buckeridge, 607 Brookwood from their son, Pfc. Justin P. Buckeridge, Airborne Infantry, that he participated in the invasion of Southern France Aug. 15. His letter stated that he had performed his mission successfully, was unhurt, well and wouldn't have missed it for anything. He spoke particularly of the bravery of the people of France in their liberation.

Lieut. Ward Cruckshank Writes About His Ambulance Corps During Battling of French Invasion and After

Printed below is a letter which Mrs. Alice Cruckshank, 247 Merrill, received recently from her son, Lieut. Ward Cruckshank, who is company commander, 587th Ambulance Corps, colored troops, now in France.

"Dear Family: "We don't have known I've been here in France for quite some time, haven't you? We landed the 16th of July, and we weren't allowed until just now to say so. If you will look at your map, you will know all that we were in France, if that is any consolation. I haven't written in ages, but that is because I have been moving so very much that I can't stop to write.

"His Own Busy "The company has been terribly busy until just recently. During one night, I worked for four of the working day and night. Several of my drivers were working 18 hours straight without any rest whatsoever. We didn't measure it in time then, it was a measurement of distance. One of our trucks had driven 600 miles in all, without a stop except to load and unload patients and the simple grunts from anyone. That was when we were short of ambulance, but now we have our own ambulance.

"People Friendly "Naturally the people are very friendly to us. Whenever we move to a new bivouac area in an hour or so, all the neighboring farmers are out of us with bags full of fresh eggs, tomatoes, potatoes and peas. Some carrying a communal glass and a large straw covered bottle of cider, or cognac, and some carrying a small bottle of white wine. They make the complete rounds, shaking hands with everyone and offering what little they have to us. When we drive through the larger towns, everyone is lining the streets, tossing bouquets into the trucks, jeeps and ambulances, waving the tricolor, home made American flags, Polish flags and the French Croix de Lorraine flag. Beautiful girls kiss us, and even the lame, old and infirm manage to get into the cab and shout 'Vive L'American!'" Every town is decorated with flags and blue decorations returning to their bombed out homes wave at each and every truck that passes. So it's very gay and exciting.

"They had a period of about ten weeks like this. But now the men have returned and have rested unaided, and yesterday evening we returned to our old quarters at Norfolk, Va., and have been transferred to the Navy Fleet for a short completion of their ship when they will leave for New Orleans.

Warren Hersey There "For the information of the Herseys, Warren is over here. I haven't seen him, but I know what outfit he is in, and that outfit is here.

"I do get a kick out of your letters. You mention chewing your nails down to the ribs on D-Day and after, and here I sit in somebody's cow pasture washing my clothes, or taking a sunbath, or just a plain bath. Speaking of baths, the other night I took a group of men to a lake nearby for a swim. On the beach was the most gorgeous babe in a small bathing suit. I commented to Steve, 'Well, gee, what a beautiful babe!' thinking my English would be perfectly understood. She bent her little legs to me as I pass by. 'Good evening, Lieutenant.' 'No, I have some work to do, so I'll stop now. All is well.' I don't know if you'll be back in the States on Sunday, Sept. 17.

August 17, 1944.

Give Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal To Lt. W. Forester

Mrs. Leo Dutton, of Ruffner street, both boys finished their L-5 training at Norfolk, Va., and have been transferred to the Navy Fleet for a short completion of their ship when they will leave for New Orleans.

Sgt. Thompson Plays Important Part In Many Air Attacks

AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—Staff Sergeant Maurice E. Thompson, 37 B25 Mitchell bomber bombardier in the Mediterranean theater, flew in the large scale Allied air attacks featuring the opening of the beachhead in Southern France. It is announced from headquarters of the Twelfth Air Force in Italy.

Red Cross Will Help Speed Up Packages to U.S. Prisoners of War

Oakland county next-of-kin of American prisoners of war not only pay for advice from Oakland County Red Cross chapter in selecting gifts but they may even get the carton in which to ship them to U.S. prisoners in German hands.

Det. Thompson Plays Important Part In Many Air Attacks

The Detroit Lions—a dozen veterans and more than 40 recruits—have reported to Head Coach George A. Dorrans and Detroit Lions, Detroit, Mich., at the West Shore Country Club, Grosse Ile, as the Lions opened their football training camp.

Program Ready For Battle On TB

The Michigan Tuberculosis Association has just received an important program for the control of tuberculosis in this country. It is being led by Dr. Herman E. Hildebrand, chief of the new Tuberculosis Control Division of the United States Public Health Service.

Oakland Officials Write New Handbook

SEVEN Oakland County officials have helped write the first complete authoritative handbook on county government in Michigan. It is a 275-page "Manual of County Administrative Organization," and will be published Sept. 7 by the Bureau of Government of the University of Michigan.

Yellow Road Lines Become War Casualty

Motorsists beware through the years to hours of crossing the yellow line, their best looking out for white lines, says Charles M. Ziegler, State highway commissioner, today announced that it is imperative that the yellow paint used before the war be used because it contains chrome, one of the scarcest of war materials.

Tiny Radios Coming

A world full of small sounds is forecast for the year, says the editor of "Radio-Phon Magazine," who predicts a flood of miniature sets that will be made before the war ends. There will be vest pocket radios with this human body acting as antenna. They will be made to look like pocketweights, cigar lighters, ink calendars, dolls, animals, birds, and many more.

Back to School!

BACK TO SCHOOL! There seems to be a bit of real magic in those three words. For many it's the beginning of a new adventure away from home. For all it's the renewal of pleasant friendships. Back to school also means that Fall is here again and the time has come for a new outfit or two. We've gathered the cream of the crop for your approval... come and see the many, many beautiful styles in our most complete selection.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE HERSEYS, WARREN IS OVER HERE. I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, BUT I KNOW WHAT OUTFIT HE IS IN, AND THAT OUTFIT IS HERE. I DO GET A KICK OUT OF YOUR LETTERS. YOU MENTION CHEWING YOUR NAILS DOWN TO THE RIBS ON D-DAY AND AFTER, AND HERE I SIT IN SOMEBODY'S COW PASTURE WASHING MY CLOTHES, OR TAKING A SUNBATH, OR JUST A PLAIN BATH. SPEAKING OF BATHS, THE OTHER NIGHT I TOOK A GROUP OF MEN TO A LAKE NEARBY FOR A SWIM. ON THE BEACH WAS THE MOST GORGEOUS BABE IN A SMALL BATHING SUIT. I COMMENTED TO STEVE, 'WELL, GEE, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABE!' THINKING MY ENGLISH WOULD BE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD. SHE BENT HER LITTLE LEGS TO ME AS I PASS BY. 'GOOD EVENING, LIEUTENANT.' 'NO, I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO, SO I'LL STOP NOW. ALL IS WELL. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL BE BACK IN THE STATES ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 17. AUGUST 17, 1944.

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George W. Dutton, S. 2 C., and his friend, John J. Dutton, S. 2 C., of San Antonio, Tex., spent the week and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buckeridge, 607 Brookwood, during their stay in France.

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