

## 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, stationed about the country are invited to write their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed inductee is of interest.

### Gunnery Instructor Here to See Family

Luther C. Lord, gunner 3/C with the 45th Battalion of the Seabees in the Aleutians, has arrived home on his first leave in 18 months and is visiting Mrs. Lord at their home, 763 Ann street. The Seabees' gunnery instructor came by boat to San Francisco and then by train to Birmingham. He expects to have 22 days to spend here and then expects to return to Camp Parks, his home base. Weather is mild, the Birmingham man reports, and summer apparently is just breaking there. During his work Mr. Lord reports that he has had one trip by plane across the international date line and one trip to the mainland, through mountains tall and snow covered. Upon his arrival home he received notice of the unexpected death of his moth-

er, Mrs. George Breeden, at Martinsburg, Va. Mrs. Breeden has four sons in army service overseas in addition to the son in the navy.

Naval Air Cadet Martin Otto was home on an 18-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl R. Otto, 32450 Sheridan avenue, and left on Memorial Day for the naval air station at Ottumwa, Iowa, to continue his training. He had been in training at Iowa City for the past three months.

### Nine at Great Lakes

Nine more Birmingham men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. They are: Robert W. Letz, 263 6295 W. Maple road; Harold E. McDaniel, 24, 223 Hickory; George E. Spencer, 24, Muir Park; Stanton W. Lamb, 31, 832 S. Woodward; Lomb L. Hart, 21,

Mr. and Mrs. Buckering, 507 Bekeside, have just had word from their son, Pvt. Justin P. Buckering, of the airborne infantry, has arrived in North Africa.

Leo Cyrus Dutton, Jr., Radiomen U.S.N.R., recently spent 12 days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dutton, and then spent a month in Navy rest center at DeLand, Fla. He is now back aboard his ship. His brother, George, who recently enlisted in the Navy, is taking his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Lieut. (j.g.) George Rounds, after having completed two years duty in the Pacific as a Navy Air Force pilot, was stationed at Norfolk, Va. He has recently been transferred with his commander to Quonset Point, R. I., where he is working on his commanding officer's staff, with the Navy Air Force as the chief of staff of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rounds, of North Woodward avenue.

### Thousands of American Infantry Troops

Thousands of American infantry troops, some of whom are veterans of the Mediterranean fighting, are now in England undergoing the most rigorous training program in army history to ready them for the Allied invasion of the continent. Among these troops is Pvt. Thomas A. Harris, of 18500 W. 12 Mile road, Birmingham.

### AT COMMUNICATION SCHOOL

Frederick B. Smith, Jr., Birmingham, Mich., has been selected to attend the Officers' Communication course of the Field Artillery school at this post. Lieutenant Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Sr., 881 North Adams road, Birmingham.

Four more Birmingham men receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., are: William D. Salisbury, 24, son of Mrs. Dorothy Babcock, 324 Williamsburg; Werner H. Jensen, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil M. Jensen, 27066 Evergreen road; Joseph R. Ratz, 22, 1244 Cole; Marvin C. Perkins, 28, 30,000 Evergreen road.

C/Lawrence L. Johnson, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nelson, of West Maple avenue, has completed his college training for Naval aviation at Dartmouth college, N. H. He was assigned to Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, N. Y., upon completion of this course and has since been stationed at Midland Field, Midland, Tex., and at Meacham Field, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was picked as one of 15 men to be sent from Ft. Worth to Troy, N. Y., for the last class in flight preparatory school. Larry's sister, Barbara J. Johnson, is resigning her position as chief clerk of the Pontiac War Price and Rationing Board to enter the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She left Monday, May 29, for Camp Lejeune, N. C.

### RECEIVES HIS WINGS

Richard Irwin Reyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Reyes, 764

R. F. D. 2; Jack L. Rigden, 23, 384 Webster avenue; Eugene A. Trudell, 25, 772 Smith street; Ambrose J. Walsh, 24, 132 N. Woodward; Kenneth G. Wilber, 29, 287

Mrs. George Stephenson, of 527 Stanley, has a lot to be thankful for. Both her sons arrived home in the same week from three months of active duty overseas. Petty Officer First Class Edward G. Henry and Mrs. Henry arrived on Friday, and remained with Mrs. Stephenson until Wednesday—on Friday, and on Saturday. The only thing to mar the happiness was that Melvin's wife, who is on the West Coast, could not get reservations to come here and his leave was too short to go there. The two brothers were not home at the same time.

Albert E. Kline, MSTH 2 1/2 of the Seabee base, came several days on leave. He has been with his wife at their home at 187 Townsend. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Kline, 1212 Holland, He expects to be sent to some southern mountain ranges in the area I've been traveling in and three weeks ago I climbed one that was about 2,000 feet high. So far, I've seen Casablanca, Rabat, Algiers, Oran and Gibraltar. Casablanca is a big something like Detroit in that regard, but is much smaller and looks more like a California city except there are numerous Arabs in the streets, and the streets are dirtier. Rabat is the cleanest and prettiest town I've seen in North Africa. It has wide clean streets and the buildings are practically all white with flat-top roofs, containing the Sultan of Morocco's summer palace, which is surrounded by a wall, 1/2 mile long on the sea side. However, it is very hard to get into the palace due to the laws.

### Visits Algiers

Oran is a hole, and the dirtiest city I've seen, where you have to wear a hat. Hazelwood street, Birmingham, recently won its silver wings of a pilot and was promoted to the rank of flight officer in the Army Air Forces at Turner Field, Albany, Ga., Col. John B. Patrick, commanding officer.

### RECALLED

Paul Mathew, 1-A Ind.; Robert B. Nanman, 1-A Ind.; Kenneth O. Serre, 1-A; William H. Daeschner, 1-A; Theodore C. Peck, 1-A; Edwin H. Strub, 1-A; Robert W. Wallace, 1-C Enl.; Raymond N. Craig, 1-C Enl.; Emil M. Cajaja, 1-A; Donald D. Nimmo, 2-B; Alton F. Chatfield, 2-B; Willard L. June, 2-B; Hugh F. Bentley, 2-B; James A. McIlroy, 2-B; Harry W. Taylor, Jr., 2-B; Irvin T. Yankee, 2-B; Chestley D. Jones, 2-B; William L. O'Brien, 2-B; Robert F. Lovaas, 2-B; Jack A. Erickson, 2-B.

James F. Galford, 2-BH; Peter W. Silva, 2-C; Carroll T. Womack, 2-C; David F. Cole, 4-F.

Donald L. Kimmins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kimmins, Upper Pattison, has received word from Birmingham, is home on leave from Great Lakes Naval Training center where he has just completed his boot training.

Mrs. Carrie M. Harris, of 887 Haynes street, has received word that her son, Pvt. Alton Harris, has arrived somewhere in the South Pacific for duty with the signal corps of the Army.

## Charles Dye Writes About His Experiences In Northern Africa Where He Is Stationed As A Technical Observer With Fisher Tanks

The following letter is from Birmingham, and written to friends at the Fisher Tank plant in Detroit where he worked for some time. It tells of experiences in Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dye, 581 Lake Park.

Dear Gang: I received your letter of Jan. 7 and I really appreciated it. None of my mail arrived from U. S. until Feb. 20 and for 3 months I was literally cut off from the U. S. but I got used to it after a while. When I finally did get some mail, there were 20 letters in a group. Please excuse pencil since some where in my travels I have lost the one pen I owned and the P. X. hasn't gotten any in yet.

North Africa is quite a place, a lot different than one would think. In some ways it resembles California and has numerous orange trees and quite a bit of irrigation for the trees. Also there are several high snow-capped mountain ranges in the area I've been traveling in and three weeks ago I climbed one that was about 2,000 feet high. So far, I've seen Casablanca, Rabat, Algiers, Oran and Gibraltar. Casablanca is a big something like Detroit in that regard, but is much smaller and looks more like a California city except there are numerous Arabs in the streets, and the streets are dirtier. Rabat is the cleanest and prettiest town I've seen in North Africa. It has wide clean streets and the buildings are practically all white with flat-top roofs, containing the Sultan of Morocco's summer palace, which is surrounded by a wall, 1/2 mile long on the sea side. However, it is very hard to get into the palace due to the laws.

### French Food O. K.

The French, themselves, are enjoyable to work with and take patience and at times is discouraging. I have met about four French brigadier and they all have given instruction and classes to everybody from majors to privates. The French food is O. K. but they drink an awful lot of wine and their meals at noon last at least two to two and a half hours. There were several times when I went a week on wine with no water, which may sound wonderful but isn't if you do it all the time. The French are very hospitable and polite to Americans, and if they like a person they will do anything for him. They are also very friendly. I have been working with them without an interpreter since about the middle of February, even though my French is still broken I can understand when they talk very easily.

On the subject of women—I have made the acquaintance of two girls who were here for a short time. However, to take these French girls on dates it was necessary to take their parents also. That seems to be the custom over here. However, I've been out with very few women here and I'd give plenty to go out on a party like those we had before. Left.

### Very Hot There

As you see I got the pen. I've changed location again and am in another French outfit. It's beginning to get hotter than Hades here and last week I was teaching classes when it was 130 degrees in the sun. It must be terrific here in the summer, especially over a hot engine.

As for "keepin' 'em rollin'." I can't say except that I've been plenty busy over here and at times wished it was back in the office. However, the work is very interesting and there is always something new happening every day. Well, so long for now, and good luck to all of you.

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CHARLES DYE.

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