

### 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 invited to write their friends. Even the address of a newly placed soldier is of interest.

**STATIONED IN ENGLAND**  
**AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND**  
STATION (Somewhere in England)—Lt. Nelson C. Hatherley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hatherley, 938 Humphrey street, Birmingham, Michigan, is now overseas and has participated in a course, designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and soldiering in an active theatre of war. His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes take off to smash the Nazi war machine.

**AT FLORIDA AIR SCHOOL**  
Aviation Cadet Jack L. Coons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Coons, 407 Greenwood avenue, Birmingham, is undergoing his primary flight training at Lodwick Aviation Military Academy, Avon Park, Florida. The school, 2151st A. & P. Base Unit, operates under Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command, Maxwell Field, Ala. Its popular designation is "The Country Club of the Air," in recognition of its being the

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**RESCUED FROM SHIP**  
B. F. Plumley, of 644 Purdy, has recently had word from his son, Ivan W. Plumley, seaman first class, with the Coast Guard, whose ship was smashed by enemy gun fire or mines on a return trip to England from the new French invasion beaches. Seaman Plumley was one of 14 members of the crew of the LCI ship rescued. From the crew of 29 15 were reported missing. He is now in England in a rest hospital. He went through the Sicilian and Salerno invasions.

**RECLASSIFIED**  
Burton E. Diemer, 1-A; Thomas O. Cox, 1-A; Percy E. Schell, 1-A; Carroll T. Womack, 1-A; Findley E. White, 1-A; James Kennedy, Jr., 1-A; James C. Zedler, Jr., 1-A; Charles K. Page, 1-AH; Leonard F. Lierbia, 1-C Ind.; Walter J. Capling, 1-C Ind.; Frank H. Ladd, 1-C Ind.; Donald E. Williams, Jr., 1-C Ind.; Carlton E. Flemington, 1-C Ind.; William F. Smith, 1-C Ind.; Eugene Griffin, 1-C Ind.; Paul Balanecki, 1-C Ind.; Leonard P. Nantarrow, 1-C Ind.; Richard Gibson, 1-C Ind.; Frank W. Nischodowicz, 1-C Ind.; Gordon W. Smith, 2-A; William R. Kreyer, 2-A; Harry B. Walter, 2-B; Charles L. Haslam, 2-B; Walter H. Killing, Jr., 2-B; James M. Merritt, 2-B; Stanley M. Heitman, 2-B; Edward V. Henley, 2-B; Peter W. Chase, 2-B; Ford R. Carter, Jr., 2-BH; Albert R. Robinson, 2-C; Peter W. Silva, 2-CH; Russell W. O. Pickering, 2-CH.

**HOME FROM ITALY**  
Sgt. William H. Melhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Melhorn, Ferndale, has just arrived home from overseas duty where he has served 25 months with the U. S. Army Engineers. His father is a newsman on the shop staff of the Birmingham Eccentric and Sgt. Melhorn has many close friends here. He arrived from Italy June 14 enroute to Fort Butler, North Carolina, where he will report for other duty. The veteran says he went through two major

invasions and many battles without a scratch. He was through both the African and Italian campaigns and also visited in Sicily. He wears an Army citation. He was with the first contingent of Army Engineers sent overseas and was in Ireland, Scotland and England while in training. He left here in July, 1941.

**ON SHORT FURLOUGH**  
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**ARRIVES IN ENGLAND**  
Lieut. Robert Waggoner, 539 Henley, pilot of a P-47, has arrived safely in England according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Waggoner. He has already started flying and emphasized the fact that the English countryside looks very good. The fields are green and well cultivated and he has seen no signs of damage or wreckage.

**WINS PROMOTION**  
Word has been received by Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Russell, 1291 Holland, that their son, Lieut. Donald L. Russell, has recently been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in England. He is the pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber.

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### Wm. Merz Glad To Receive Eccentric

The following interesting letter has just come from William C. Merz, serving with the U. S. Navy somewhere in the Pacific:

Dear Sirs: May 29, 1944  
Please correct my mailing address as I was advanced to the rating of Second Class Storekeeper as of the first of May, and the young lady who types my address never did seem able to spell the word "Disbursing" correctly. But don't have her worry over that, because there are a lot of sailors in this Navy who can't spell it either.

My Eccentrics are arriving in fairly good shape; that is, they reach me in a little over three weeks from the time they are mailed and it is good to be able to read the local news from home, but it seems such a long time between issues that I sometimes wish the Eccentric were a daily paper. Up until the present time, I have shared my Eccentric with Ensign Harold G. Wandinger, of Pierce Street, B. Now that he has been transferred, I'll be the only Bir-

### Sgt. Bob Carson Wins 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE—Sgt. Robert G. Carson, 35, son of Mrs. Myrtle Edna Caraway, 514 Oakland avenue, Birmingham, has been awarded the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the 15th Air Force. It was announced by the 15th Air Force Headquarters, Birmingham, that Sgt. Carson's second cluster was awarded for his gallant and distinguished service in the European theatre of operations.

In the words of the citation, Sgt. Carson was awarded the cluster for his meritorious achievement in aerial flight with participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy's air forces. Sgt. Carson is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF Liberator bombardment group which has been bombing German built targets in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hallory, 1822 Pine street, have word that their son, Aviation Cadet Robert W. Hallory, has completed his graduate training at Maxwell Field, Ala. and has been sent to Solman Field, Worcester, Mass., for his advanced aviation training.

Pvt. A. Fleischer Plant, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fleischer Plant, 564 Brookside, arrived home Friday on a ten-day furlough from Camp Phillips, Kansas, where he is attached to an infantry division. Pvt. Plant has recently received the Expert Infantryman's award.

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Mary Huston Ormond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond of N. Woodward, is spending a few days with her parents while on leave from the U. S. Naval hospital, Mare Island, Calif. She has recently been promoted to the rank of Pharmacist Mate, first class.

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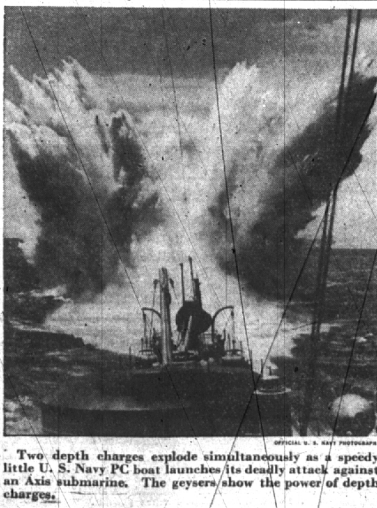
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