

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 over the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed industrial man is of interest.

Income Tax Tips For Men in Service

The law requires members of the armed forces stationed in this country to file federal income tax returns by March 15, but under the provisions of "pay-as-you-go" the majority of service returns will result in refunds rather than tax payments, according to Harold N. Graves, Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Each member of the armed forces should send his 1943 returns to the same internal revenue collection office where his 1942 return was filed, attaching Form 1125, which he should have received from the collector, showing the amount of his 1942 tax and how much was paid on it.

Service personnel on sea duty or outside the continental United States are not required to file returns or pay taxes until they come back or after their war ends.

Service men are advised that:

1. The first \$1,500 of last year's active service pay is not taxable and should not be included in income. For instance, an officer whose base pay last year was \$2,000 would report only \$500.
2. If the serviceman's 1942 tax was larger than the tax on his 1943 income, he may recalculate his 1942 tax under a special formula which may result in reducing the 1942 tax to the same amount as the tax on 1943 income. Advice on how to figure the recalculation may be obtained from any collector of internal revenue.
3. If a married serviceman has no taxable income, and his wife is filing a separate return, she may use all of their \$1,200 personal exemption by claiming the amount on Form 1040, or by checking block number 4 on the back of Form 1040A.
4. If a serviceman is abroad and his wife's own income is less than \$1,200, she may also postpone her return until he comes back.
5. Dependents of servicemen

should not include in their income any amounts received as allotments or family allowances.

NAVY FAMILY

Ensign Russell E. Fisher, who received his commission at the University of Michigan last week, left Tuesday night for the Naval Communications School at Harvard. His brother, A/S Robert A. Fisher, who has been spending a few days at home, left Tuesday night for Columbus, O., where he will visit his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Conkly, before resuming his work at Harvard. Still another brother, Donald, left last week Tuesday for Great Lakes, Ill. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Fisher, 256 Abbey road.

Ensign Lloyd L. Stanley, U.S.N.R., arrived in Birmingham Sunday to spend a week's leave with his wife and mother, Mrs. A. A. Stanley, 432 Madison. He has been at Norfolk, Va., and will go to New Orleans where he will be a communications officer on the U.S.S. Holton.

A/S Fred C. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman Booth, has been transferred from the U.S.S. T.C. at the University of Michigan.

Cpl. Walter L. Fry, Jr., with the field artillery in training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, has arrived to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Fry, Vaughan road. It is his first furlough visit in nine months.

Paul T. Smith, Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Smith, 489 Arzyle boulevard, left Tuesday evening for Ann Arbor to report for duty in the Navy V-12 program at the University of Michigan. He is a Baldwin high school graduate with the January class, this year.

Clayton Gordon, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Gordon, 359 Baldwin,

Wednesday entered the Naval V-12 program at the University of Michigan. He had been in Ann Arbor as a regular student since last autumn.

George A. Sterling, 651 Oak street, was among the 238 cadets in the basic engineering unit of the Army Specialized Training Program at Indiana University, Bloomington, who were graduated at commencement exercises Monday afternoon, Feb. 28. One hundred and eleven service men are in the language group of the University's ASTP also were graduated.

Four youths from Birmingham have reported to the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the AAF Training Command, to begin another phase of their training in the U. S. Army Air Forces. These men are aviation cadets Donald C. Ellenwood, 327 Park St.; Edward E. Hopper, Jr., 1311 E. Lincoln Ave.; Lawrence C. Inman, Jr., 18360 San Jose boulevard; and Robert W. Malloy, 1700 1/2 E. 11th.

A/S Jerry Palms, USNR, left Friday afternoon for Birmingham after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Francis Palms, of Square Lake road.

Thomas L. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland W. Fox, Kennesaw or mechanics school in Keesler, is stationed at Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. He is 17 years, 11 months and 17 days old.

Aviation Cadet Edwin F. McShaffrey, 27100 West 12 Mile road, is receiving his last training at the AAF Pilot School at Garden City, Kans. He recently completed elementary flight training at Cimaroon Field, Okla.

Pvt. John William Main, son of Mrs. Frank Main, of Lansing, Mich., who has been at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., for the past six months in the A.S.T.P., has been sent to Trux Field, Madison, Wis., for training in radio.

The Army Air Forces Training Command announced today the graduation of Pvt. James B. Wilson from the B-24 Liberator bomber or mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Pvt. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simons, 432 1/2 street, Birmingham, has just completed a course of approximately 17 weeks of training in all phases of servicing the heavy bomber, its fuel, electrical and hydraulic systems, instruments, engine operation and inspection.

Wilfred C. Becker, A/S son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Becker, has finished eight months of officer's training at the Naval College in Ft. Pleasant and will report next week for further training in the East. He is spending this week visiting in Birmingham, Detroit and Wendotte.

Aircrew Trainee Geoffrey C. Curran, formerly of 1520 Dunbar lane, has arrived at Perrin Field, Texas, Army Air Forces school for basic military instruction preparatory to entering a college training detachment for young aircrew candidates. Under the Training Command program, Trainee Curran will spend from one to five months in special college work before he is classified as a pilot, bombardier or navigator student.

Word has been received of the safe arrival in the South Pacific of Pvt. Robert S. Kendall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Kendall, of 1213 Dorchester road.

Morley Walker, son of J. Herbert Walker, 422 Arlington road, is stationed at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., where he is included in the army specialized training program. Army specialized trainees at Indiana University receive either basic or foreign area and language instruction.

A copy of the Birmingham Eccentric, placed in a Christmas package sent from Birmingham to William Milacek, somewhere in Italy, found its way into the hands of Elmer J. Harvey, 831 E. Maple, also serving with the armed forces in Italy. Mrs. L. G. Wagner, South Chester, recently received word from a relative that both young men enjoyed the paper a great deal.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Moss of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, have just received word from China that their son, John W. Moss, was recently promoted to

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technical sergeant. He is located in the interior of China instructing the Chinese in the use of American arms. Sgt. Moss is a graduate of Baldwin high school and was first drum major of the Baldwin band. A brother, Lt. William Charles Moss, is stationed at Camp San Jose boulevard, and Robert W. Malloy, 1700 1/2 E. 11th.

Ensign R. L. Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, is now on a submarine chaser in the south Pacific.

Pfc. Robert Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, Williamsburg road, Birmingham, and Pfc. David Striffler, of Pontiac, of the A.S.T.P. at Ann Arbor, are spending this week on a trip to New Orleans to visit the former's brother, Lt. Harry D. Wise, Jr.

Promotion of Robert E. Dunn, of Birmingham, to the grade of

corporal in the Army Air Forces was announced today at Antilles Air Command headquarters in Puerto Rico. Entering the Army April 10, 1942, at Fort Custer, Mich., Cpl. Dunn was assigned to his present overseas unit on June 30, 1943, and now is stationed in Puerto Rico. He received his first stripe Oct. 1, 1943.

Lawrence J. Jones, Jr., 17, of 767 Chapin, who recently enlisted in the navy, writes from Great Lakes where he is receiving his boot training, that he likes the navy very much. He is a member of Company 389 and says he would be glad to hear from his friends in Birmingham.

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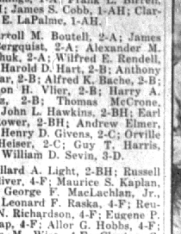
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'No Spicka--'



Seems to be a lot of conversation here, even if nobody is saying anything. Pfc. Maurice Quirk of Buffalo, N. Y., 5th Army M. P., has no Italian, and the old man doesn't savvy Yank.

CODE
1-A—Available for induction.
1-C—Locust or Enlisted (1-C is also the classification for a man who has been honorably discharged for medical reasons).
1-C class also is for men in the enlisted reserve corps of the military of service.
1-A—Man necessary in support of the war effort.
1-B—Man necessary in war production.
1-C—Allens (1-C—Division students and ministers of religion).
1-V—Physically, mentally or morally unfit.
1-A Classification for men who attain 45 years of age registering in any registration but the 4th. An "H" after classification signifies that a man is between 38 and 45 years of age. No man in the fourth registration, aged 45 through 68, has a classification 1-A-O—Conscientious objector but acceptable for non-combatant service.
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