

What's What About Our Men In Service

Wm. Terrell Says His Eccentric Follows Him To All Fronts

Somewhere in France, Oct. 4, 1944.

Dear Mr. Averill: I read your article in the paper about "How Far Can You Walk" and was glad to see that someone knows the value of the infantrymen, of which I am a member. As the saying goes, there is nothing in front of the infantry but the enemy and that is very true, isn't it? The Division you mentioned happens to be the one I am a part of and it is a fine Division. I have served with it since May. I have seen a lot of country and action with it.

The newspaper is just like my shadow. It follows me wherever I go. When I came to Africa it

followed me right along; the same when I went to Italy and now that I am in France I still get it regularly. Thanks for sending it to me. You will never know what the local news means to one so far away.

Yours,
PFC WILLIAM TERRELL
36109758
Co. B, 7th Infantry,
A.P.O. 3, New York, N. Y.

GOES TO PARRIS ISLAND

Pvt. Henry M. Dahlquist, USMC, has completed 16 months training in the Navy V-12 Unit at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and has been transferred to Parris Island, S. C., to continue officer training in the Marine Corps Reserve. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dahlquist, 692 Henrietta street, he was graduated from Baldwin high school in 1942 and attended Denison University as a civilian for one year.

Recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School (electric) on the Iowa State college campus, Ames, Iowa, saw Bluejacket Marvin C. Perkins, 29,0000 Evergreen road, Route 3, Birmingham, Mich., receive recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class.

WINS HIGH PRAISE

15TH AAP IN ITALY—Captain George M. Howard, of 2731 Rackham boulevard, Birmingham, Mich., is serving with a group recently commended for outstanding performance in the European theatre of operations. His wife, Mrs. G. M. Howard, resides at 820 West Troy street, Ferndale, Mich.

A/S Clinton H. Smith is receiving on-the-line training at Fort Belvoir, Texas. He is the son of Ray J. West, 631 E. Humphrey.

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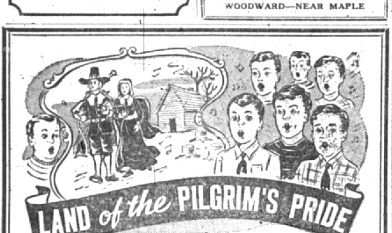
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Former Baldwin Grid Team Member Now At Submarine School

James R. Bedard, seaman 1c of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bedard, 1223 Highland street, has completed basic training at the submarine school, Submarine Base, Groton, Conn., for duty with the growing fleet of U.S. undersea fighters.

Seaman Bedard will be entitled to wear the twin-dolphin insignia of the submarine service after further experience aboard a submarine during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction through the Navy.

Bedard attended Baldwin high where he lettered in football. He has been in the Navy since last February and had recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill.

WAR HERO ARRIVES

Staff Sgt. Maurice Thompson, a bombardier with the American air force in Italy, has arrived home on a 23-day furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reside at 424 Park. At the conclusion of his day Sergeant Thompson will report at Miami, Fla., where he expects to be stationed several weeks as sergeant Thompson has been awarded an Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters and has completed sixty missions with his air crew. He was overseas seven months.

Louis T. Hagopian, USNR, spent his recent leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hagopian of West 14 Mile road. His guest was Charles Teach, AMN 24C, USNR, of Long Beach, Calif. Louis reported to USNR Midshipman's school at Abbott Hall, Northwest University, on Nov. 29. After 16 weeks at Abbott Hall, he is slated to receive a commission as an ensign and immediate sea duty.

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy—Private First Class Daniel H. Swartz, Jr., son of Mrs. Leola Swartz, who lives at 675 Purdy, Birmingham, Mich., has been promoted to corporal. He is a draftsman with the 34th "Red Bull" Division at Ft. Cav, Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Sgt. Wm. Green Tells How Servicemen Enjoy Newspapers

Birmingham Eccentric:

Gentlemen: I wish to inform you of my new address which has been changed for some time. I am still getting the paper, but it comes quite late. I enjoy the Birmingham Eccentric very much, and I know that all the other Birmingham boys in the service home and abroad do also. It seems to bring a man closer to home when he gets it. It sure gives me the blues when I read about all that is happening in Birmingham. Every article I read I can just see it in my mind. I lived in Birmingham for eighteen years before entering the service and I know it like a book. I read the paper from front to back every time I get it.

I am stationed with the Army Engineers over here in England. I have not had any combat experience as yet, but hope to be in the thick of it very soon. When I do get to fight I am going to do my best so that this war will soon be over. I am married, have been for two years and have a baby girl fifteen months old. That is one of my reasons why I want to get in the fight and do my best to end it once and for all. There are millions of more soldiers who feel the same as I do.

My wife and baby, Mrs. William M. Green, Jr. and baby Judy, are living with her parents in Des Moines, Iowa. They are just as lonely as all the rest of those who are waiting patiently for us boys to come home. I am fighting for the future of my children and everybody else's.

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Birmingham Pilot Shoots Down Jap Zeke Fighter Plane

Lieutenant William D. Biggers, U.S.N.R., of 8 Salem Court, Birmingham, Mich., and three other pilots of a Navy fighter squadron shot down a trio of Japanese planes in a few minutes during a recent action near Cebu, Island in the Philippines.

Flying Grumman Hellcats (F6F), the Navy fliers were returning from a sweep over Cebu and Negros when they sighted two Jap pilots amusing themselves with an aimless exhibition of aerial acrobatics.

One kill was registered by Lieutenant Biggers. He caught a Jap torpedo bomber in his gun sights and blasted it into the ocean in a few seconds.

Petty Officer Carleton C. Patterson, Jr., Photographer's Mate 3rd, is home on an 8-day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton C. Patterson, 215 Woodland, who are assigned to a destroyer escort in the Atlantic.

IS AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

PFC. Forbes G. Van Wyck, husband of Mrs. Forbes G. Van Wyck, 727 Adams avenue, Birmingham, graduated this week from the aircraft mechanics course conducted by the Army Air Forces Training Command at Camp Curtis Taylor, a skilled aircraft specialist. Pfc. Van Wyck is ready for duty anywhere in the world as part of the growing army of skilled technicians turned out by the AAF Training Command.

Paul C. Westery, A.S. son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Westery, 3905 Big Beaver road, recently entered the Navy V-12 unit at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, as a transfer from Stevens Institute of Technology, to continue basic deck officer training. He had previously completed the eight months' course.

Bruce Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Maynard, of Mohan street, left Monday for Ft. Sheridan, Ill. From there he will report to Keeler Field, Miss., for reclassification in the Army Air Corps. Bruce was a member of the Army Air Corps reserve, Wallace Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roy, of Woodland, who was a member of the same reserve, left on Monday with Bruce.

Major Allen J. Martin Reverts to Inactive Status with the A.A.F.

Major Allen J. Martin, 3770 Latrunk road, who has served as an engineering officer at Fort Randolph Field, Texas, was transferred to the AAF Central Flying School, Maxwell Field, Ala., July 23, 1942, with reversion to inactive status. He is an aviator and a pilot.

Major Martin will be subject to recall when and if it should become necessary in the country's interest. A graduate of the University of Michigan, he received his B.S. degree, majoring in electrical engineering in 1929. He is a member of the Eta Chapter of the Eta Chapter Society, and serves the organization as a former chairman in the Michigan section.

Mrs. Alice C. Martin, nee, is living at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin, at residents of Grand, Mich.

Frederic Winston Fox, USNR, stationed in the South Pacific, has been promoted to lieutenant junior grade. He is the son of Mr. M. Howard Fox, 1040 East Maple.

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