

Men in Service Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send news of the boys' whereabouts to the editor... Men in Service is a new feature...

2 Birmingham Men Graduate With Class In Military Aviation

SELMAN FIELD, Monroe, La.—Richard L. Burlingame, son of Mrs. Caroline L. Burlingame, 436 Bonnie Briar, and Robert W. Mallory, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mallory, 1825 Pine street, Birmingham, Mich., were members of the largest navigation class in the history of military aviation which was graduated at Selman Field Oct. 2 as Class 44-12. From here the graduates go into concentrated combat training at other fields. In a few months, they will be flying in every theatre of the war.

Representatives of forty-five states, the District of Columbia, Mexico, and Canada were represented in the class, members of which received 19 weeks of continuous flight training under the direction of the AAF Training Command and the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

ATHENS, Ga.—Naval Aviation Cadet Lawrence L. Johnson, of Birmingham, Mich., has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here for intensive physical training and ground school instruction.

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Lt. Ted Huxford Has Lot of Fun Over His Picture Seen In Rome

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Ted is the son of Mrs. Robert Huxford, 688 Bloomfield court, has sent home a picture of the photographic shop window, showing his picture on display there.

Anyhow, Ted writes, he has seen a lot of Italy since landing here with the American forces; also seen a lot of fighting. He says very little about the latter.

Birmingham Officer Assists With Work At Medical Depot

WITH U. S. FORCES in France a medical depot in the supply area is outfitting hospitals with everything from X-ray machines to penicillin to the front, and fixing false teeth and eye glasses as well.

Huge white ice boxes with gigantic red crosses preserve the plasma that means life to the boys up front, and here too is the miraculous penicillin that works more wonders every day.

Pvt. Charles Hasse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Hasse, 1844 Devonshire road, left Sunday morning for Camp Pike, La., after spending a 14-day furlough at home.

James M. Wagner, QM 3/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Wagner, 267 Oakland avenue, flew home Sunday evening from Boston, Mass., to spend a four-day leave here with his parents.

Richard T. Cushing, who is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., has recently been promoted from corporal to technical sergeant, fourth grade. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cushing, of Manor road.

Pvt. George A. Sterling of 651 Oak street, Birmingham, a graduate of Baldwin high school, is now in Holland with an engineer combat battalion. He states that the country is beautiful and the Dutch people are doing everything in their power to show their appreciation to the United States troops.

Lt. (j.g.) Tom Ellerby, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ellerby, 27 Southfield, is expected home today on a brief delay en route. He is expected from his post at San Clemente Island to a new base at Quonset Pointe, R. I.

Pvt. William S. Match, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Match, 620 Scott street, writes from overseas that he is now on duty in Holland. He states: "Have traveled a bit beautiful and the Dutch people are doing everything in their power to show their appreciation to the United States troops."

Larry Bissett, Jr., writes his parents from somewhere in the east that he is coming along all right. The youthful Birmingham serviceman is with the U. S. Marines and it had been seven weeks since his last letter reached his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bissett, 171 Henrietta.

Next To Date With Pretty Girl Soldier Likes Ice Cream Best

A number of Birmingham young men, back from overseas duty, declare that their one most wanted thing is ice cream. And they seldom get it. It's about the first thing they ask for when they arrive back in the United States.

From the Italian front come stories that next to a date with a pretty girl, those homesick doughboys would ask for a dish of ice cream. Ice cream causes as much of a celebration and is talked of as much as the weekly football game back in college days.

Writing from this same area a Birmingham youth says, "One of my fondest dreams here is about eating pie and ice cream. My own personal choice would be an entire dishery pie absolutely smothered in ice cream."

Corp. Robert J. Filkins writes from France to his mother, Mrs. St. Dennis, 444; Bureau, W. Cray, Ray Filkins, 151 Chestnut, that he has been with General Patton's American Third Army, knocking out the door of Germany for some time. He served through the major battles in which the Third participated, pounded through France and up to "Germany's front door."

He writes: The youthful fighter has been overseas almost three years, serving in the field artillery. He was in Iceland 18 months, going to was in Iceland 18 months before going to England and France.

Change Name of Local Rifle Club

For some time an ever increasing interest in pistol and revolver shooting has been shown among the Birmingham Rifle Club members. This interest took a tangible form at the recently held semi-annual meeting. It was decided to change the club name to the Birmingham Rifle and Pistol Club.

In the past local shooting has been stopped during the winter months because no suitable indoor range was available. The club has now made arrangements to use a basement at 136 N. Woodward and work is proceeding rapidly in installing a 60 foot range. All the necessary material is not expected for a week or two. However, the range will be in readiness shortly after its arrival.

This centrally located range will inaugurate a new and popular indoor pastime to Birmingham shooting lovers. The club president, Lawrence B. Smith, says he is highly elated over the interest being shown and reports that a carefully selected committee is busy thrashing out the details.

Tentative plans include one night each week for rifle shooters, one night for pistol shooters and one night for the Junior Rifle Club. President Smith says that every precaution is being made to make the new range absolutely safe.

Beginners will be carefully instructed in the use of firearms and the relationship between the home and school.

BALDWIN P. T. A. TEA The Baldwin P. T. A. held its first annual meeting Tuesday afternoon following the business session with a tea for all the mothers and daughters of Baldwin and the Academy. The special purpose of this affair was to acquaint the parents and teachers with a closer relationship between the home and school.

ASKS CHRISTMAS CARDS

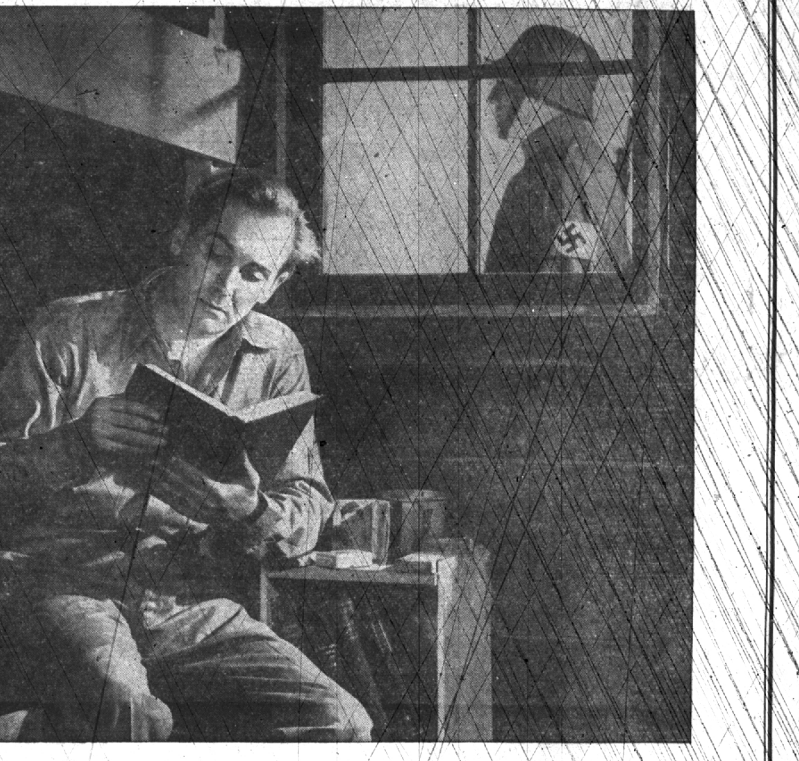
Carthage Ghoblet, of Norman Street, Birmingham, has written to the Southwest Pacific to ask for Christmas cards. He has been in the Southwest Pacific for a year and a half. He would like to receive Christmas cards from his family and friends. His address is: P.O. Box 571, Merrill, Tapanahi, New Guinea.

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But instead of a cap and gown, he was given—last June—the garb of a war prisoner. Instead of a diploma, he received a number. Instead of a business career, he started on the long, dreary existence of a prisoner of war.

Someday he'll be released. Someday soon, he hopes. But even soon is a long while to a boy who might have graduated last June.

He could continue his studies, of course. Through War Prisoners' Aid he could be supplied with books, paper, pencils—not only he, but thousands like him.

But it takes money to buy these books, to buy the paper and the pencils—money that can come only through your generosity.

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