

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the men in service, and to share with the country, as well as their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed, indicated means of interest.

Bronze Star Is Given Lieut. Earle Wilson

Word had been received by Mr. and Mrs. Earle E. Wilson, of West Lincoln, that Earle, Jr., has received a bronze star for four days of major combat duty in France. His outfit is now in Paris and he writes that they found the road open as they came through, with the German horse drawn trucks lined up along the roadside riddled with bullets.

The people of Paris met them with flowers, em' tomatoes and wine which were laid good after Army rations.

They ate while driving trucks and jeeps or in a ditch and when they got to tired they couldn't go any longer, they threw their beds down beside their jeeps to sleep. Lt. Wilson says things look good for us.

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Wins His Wings

Stoned just three miles away from his post. The boys got together and had a grand time talking of Birmingham and school days combined with their latest conquests. Robert writes that it was the next best thing to coming home. Sgt. Heller has been overseas about a year and Cpl. Brown has recently been sent there.

WINS BRONZE STAR

Sgt. Michael Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gallagher, Bloomfield Hills, connected with a ground force bomber crew in England, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star to the E.F.O. ribbon. This information was made known in a letter to his parents. Sgt. Gallagher graduated from Vaughan school, and his mother employed in the local A & P store. "We work hard, and at times the going is plenty tough," wrote young Gallagher. "Don't expect to be home for some time, for this war isn't over yet." He intimated that he has been subject to robot bombing. "Food from home is great—boy! what I wouldn't give for a bunch of corn 'n' potatoes or even some bananas," he concluded.

LEAVE A BUD

Lee A. Budd, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Budd of 211 Puritan road, was a member of the 28th class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Columbus Army Air Field near Columbus, Mississippi, on Sept. 8, 1944. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and appointment as a Flight Officer in the Army Air Corps. P/O Budd entered pilot training last September 1943, and attended flying schools at Albany, Georgia and Greenwood, Miss. before his graduation at the advanced flying school near Columbus, Mississippi. He recently completed a foreign language course at Georgetown under the A.S.T.P., attending the Chinese section.

MEET IN PACIFIC

Cpl. John E. Brown and Sgt. Robert V. Heller met "somewhere in the S. W. Pacific" recently. Mrs. Heller had forwarded Cpl. Brown's latest address to her son Robert, who upon investigation learned that Cpl. Brown was stationed at Camp B.

RECENT GRADUATE

Recent graduate of the Kingman Army Air Field flexible gunner school, assigned a few miles outside of Kingman, Ariz., was 19-year-old Pfc. John Davis, Jr., son of John Pitkowsky of 1515 E. 17 Mile road, Birmingham, Mich. He recently entered the Army at Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 3, 1942. He attended Big Beaver high school.

MADISON, WIS.—Pvt. Charles C. Otto, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Otto, 415 Lake Park, has been enrolled in the technical school training of radio mechanics students at Truxa Field, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command in civilian life. Pvt. Otto was a student at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills. He received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Tex., prior to his arrival at Truxa.

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We are out of the hellish country now and we are not sorry for those days when the year ebbs were capturing prisoners. It was what the Army calls a "fluid situation." When the newspaper says merely that "chopping-up is being carried out," they are covering a word of fire. As this is one of the toughest things an infantryman has to do, he never knew what is happening. One next, however, until traces begin to show on the road around him. The roads are narrow, rocky, and steep, and the armor can't cover them all. Even now, the word "front" is a misnomer because there are no lines. Many of the Germans were captured voluntarily because they were afraid the French will get them first. It saves us trouble.

Those Errickson Boys Busy Doing Their Bit For Uncle Samuel

After a brief furlough, Sgt. E. Robert Errickson has returned to his air base at Casper, Wyo., where he has been in training with a combat crew.

Sgt. Errickson received his wings at Tyndall Field, Fla. Before enlisting in the air corps, he was stationed at Camp Davis, N. C., where he received the Good Conduct medal and also the American Defense Service medal.

C/M Rogers W. Errickson is expected home in the near future from the South Pacific where he has been on duty for the past year. C/M Donald Errickson will be home on leave around Sept. 16. He is a first classman at the U.S.M.M. Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., and expects to graduate in November. He also wears a ribbon in lieu of a medal for having served in the American theatre of war.

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Pvt. Bill Main, son of Mrs. F. L. Main, 437 Linden road, Birmingham, Mich., has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. While attending this school he received instruction in the Electronics course and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Pvt. James Cugler returned Sunday to Madison, Wis., after having spent an 8-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Coulter, 290 Lake Park. He is enlisted in the A.S.T.P. program at the University of Wisconsin.

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Pretty Parisienne Denise Thiellet demonstrates bathing hatter she fashioned from the mottled green silk of parachute which brought Yank paratrooper safely to French soil. The fabric has found many uses, has become almost a symbol of liberty in France.

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Sgt. Herbert Cornell Awarded 4th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

15TH AAF, in Italy—Technical Sergeant Herbert B. Cornell, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Cornell of 1224 Beaverton, Mich., has been awarded the fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal. It was announced by 15th Army Air Force Headquarters.

In the words of the citation, Sgt. Cornell was awarded the Award "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A waist-hatch gunner, Sgt. Cornell is stationed in Italy with 15th AAF Liberator bombardment squadron which has been bombing Vienna, Steyr, Tolson, Blechhammer, and other vital targets in the network of

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