

**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. Stories are featured about the country, are humorous for some of their friends, even the address of a well-known individual man is of interest.

**Pfc John M. Rosso Is Presented Expert Infantryman's Badge**

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., returned from service under the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Force Redesignation Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

**CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.**—Pfc John M. Rosso of 644 Pierce St., Birmingham, Mich., a member of the 86th (Blackhawk) Infantry Division, has received one of the highest honors given to members of the Army Ground Forces—the Expert Infantryman's Badge. The award was presented by Major General Harris M. Melasky, commanding the division.

Pfc Rosso is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rosso of 644 Pierce street, Birmingham, Mich. The Infantryman's Badge is probably one of the hardest for a soldier to earn. It demands that he be a first class fighting man, in top physical condition, and skilled in every phase of ground fighting and close combat.

Pfc. Rosso, who was inducted at Fort Custer, Mich., Oct. 1942, graduated from Baldwin High School and attended University of Michigan.

**WAITS ARMED ORDERS**  
MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Lt. L. Bernard W. Carey, Jr., 23 of Birch

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**Father Writes In Verse to Daughter He Has Never Seen**

Cpl. Hugh McHugh, 280 Daines, now serving his country in France, recently wrote the following to his daughter, Patricia, whom he has never seen:

"Dear Pat: I never envisioned, little girl, that your inheritance would be a universe so in a whirl. Your Dad must fight to make you free.

But that's the way it is, my sweet, if you're to have your childhood dreams, If you're to play in freedom street And eat your fill of chocolate cream.

Your Dad wants you to have the right To go to school, To learn to read, With Dapping, Jew or Monnonite And Darning no man or creed.

Your Dad is sorry, Angel Mine, He has but this to offer now His fondest love, this meager line 'Til he comes home to kiss your brow.

Your Dad."

**PERRIN FIELD, Texas (AAF TRAINING COMMAND PILOT SCHOOL)**—Aviation Cadet William H. Breech, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Breech of 85 Manor road, Birmingham, has arrived at this basic pilot school for 10 weeks of intensive training which will lead to graduation as a flying officer of the Army Air Force. Perrin Field is a unit of the AAF Center Flying Training Command.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cruickshank, 247 West Merrill, that their son, Ward, has been promoted in rank to captain of an ambulance company stationed in France. He has been overseas since February and has been stationed in France since July.

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**Captain Marin Writes About His Work Up Near Front Lines in France Assisting With Task of Getting the Wounded Aboard Planes**

Captain G. E. Marin, of the medical gas treatment battalion, who has had extensive experience in Wales, has moved over to the battle lines in France and writes to Harry Bisset of his exploits since he was a past president of the Birmingham Rotary club and attended club sessions in some of the foreign countries. The golf balls he mentioned were sent him through the local Rotary club.

His last letter, postmarked August 28 follows: Sunday, August 27 Somewhere in France

Dear Harry: Your good letter a few days ago and enjoyed hearing from you. Ordinarily mail doesn't take from the states, but ours an outfit move as often as when we are back to get it at all.

**Near Front Lines**

We are operating as an air evacuation unit. We receive casualties in ambulance and ship them out by air. While they wait with us, we give them whatever treatment is required to keep them in good condition until they are evacuated to the large hospitals in the rear. Most of the work is done in the hospitals as far as surgery and definite treatment concerned. They have all the necessary equipment. We, on the other hand, have to keep moving about to shorten the ambulance haul. The closer we can get to the spot where these casualties are picked up, the sooner we can get them on a plane. It is very interesting work. I am sorry I can't get you figures concerning what we are doing for the various phases of our operations, but all that is hush, hush.

**Golf Balls On Way**

As yet, the golf balls have not caught up to me, but I know they will ship them right back to that lovely spot in South Wales to which we are so joyfully entertained. I can't begin to tell you how nice these people were. The course was very hilly and when they say "in the rough" over there they really mean it. You break your back

**Charles Wise Takes Charge of Company Firing Nazi Guns**

It was Charles Wise, of Pontiac, who knows a lot of folks in Birmingham and who is with the Tank artillery overseas, who took charge of the cannon company which turned the big Nazi guns on the front line against the German tanks.

Bill Gibbs, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibbs, of Beachwood road, Beverly Hills, left September 1 for the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes Ill., where he is taking his boot training.

Donald Wise, petty officer third class, arrived home September 13 to spend a leave with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Wise, Don is just back from seven months on duty in the South Pacific, where he was serving as signmaster aboard one of the merchant marine's victory ships. He has been in the Navy for the past 18 months and will return to San Francisco by plane, the end of the week.

John Russo has ended his visit home and today should reach the Pacific coast in California to continue his army training. The infantry man was home for 12 day visit.

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