

High Praise Comes To Sgt. Perry For His Fine Mess Hall

WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION IN TOKYO—"Best in the Division" was the title bestowed on the mess hall presided over by Technical Sgt. Gordon E. Perry, Birmingham, Mich. The honor came recently when Assistant Secretary of War McCloy and Lt. Gen. Robert J. Eichelberger, commanding general of the 8th Army occupied Japan.

The immaculate mess hall, located in one of the large frame buildings of the former Japanese Military Preparatory Academy near Tokyo, had previously been inspected by Brig. Gen. William G. Chase, commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division and Brig. Gen. Reg. E. Chandler, commanding general of division artillery.

Said Gen. Eichelberger: "You can't find better than this at Ft. Bliss, Texas!" Ft. Bliss is the home of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Perry has been overseas since April, 1944. He was recently transferred to the 1st Cavalry Division from the 43rd Infantry Division with which he participated in the Luzon campaign. He received his present rating October 10.

Supervising a staff of 20 cooks, 3 mess sergeants and 5 helpers, Perry is kept busy dishing out 1,500 hot meals a day. He is looking forward to the Thanksgiving dinner, a mess sergeant's field day, (Eighth Army Men's 1 1/2 pounds of real turkey per man.)

Before entering the service December, 1942, the Michiganian was employed by the Detroit Excelsior Tool and Works as a Supervisor of bushing inspection. Upon discharge, he plans to follow the military. He will attend the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill.

His wife, Mrs. Helen Perry, resides at 161 Orchard drive, Room 1, Birmingham, Mich.

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Red Cross Begins Collection of Christmas Gifts



American Red Cross workers of Oakland County Chapter have started their task of collecting gifts for Percy Jones Hospital patients. The task is being headed

up by the camp and hospital committees and must be concluded by Dec. 15. Romaine Thompson, Bloomfield Hills (left above), is chairman of the project and she is

being assisted by (left to right) Mrs. Walter D. Appel, county camp and hospital committee chairman; Mrs. Arnold D. Riker, who is

taking care of contributions for this section of the county, and Mrs. Basil E. Brown, who is handling publicity for the committee.

Birmingham Boys Studying in American University in England

SHRIVENHAM, England—More than 4,000 soldier-students from all 48 states are enrolled for the second term at Shrivenham American University, including two from Birmingham, Mich.

They include: Private David T. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Roberts of 424 Pierce street. He is 22. Roberts is a member of the 36th Engineer General Service Regiment and has been overseas a year. He formerly attended the University of Pittsburgh and Purdue University. At Shrivenham he is studying calculus and German.

Private Charles D. McCall, Jr., 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McCall of 212 Arzyle boulevard, a former Purdue student, he is taking math and chemistry at SAU. Overseas a year, he is assigned to the 66th Engineer Topographical Company.

Jack Flatman Tells Experience During Storm On Okinawa

Jack Flatman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flatman, 3135 Spring street, out on Walnut Lake road, writes from Okinawa, where he has been on Naval duty, telling of his experiences during the recent storm. There, for some time Jack had served on the U.S.S. Maryland, and just before the storm period was transferred to the Island.

For some weeks his parents did not hear from him, and then along came 16 letters all at once. He wrote just before the storm hit, telling of the fierce wind and storm warnings, and again after it passed.

Storm a Bad One About the storm he wrote: "Well we had a typhoon on this rock two days and what a mess! Well we

stayed with our tent till the last minute and then headed with our gear to the new chow house they are building. A lucky thing they had built or our names would be mud. The typhoon tore up everything. It was flying around and about 50 guys were killed. We slept in the chow house with about 2,000 other guys, and was it packed. They slept everywhere. I slept on the floor with a mattress cover over me and my wool sweater on. I didn't bring my bedding with me. It was really cold out, too.

"Well, I lived through that alright but today they had another bad thing happen. They had some dynamite hid up in the side of the hill about 300 feet from where I live. There were lots of tents around where the dynamite was. It was in a nothing line about a half a mile away. They were using clothes because they were afraid of them. They are overseas clothes. Well, I felt a rumble and got up and all of a sudden it blew the dynamite, and I mean, it blew. It killed about 30 of 40 discharged men. They were all set to go home. What a sight, I just blew the camp's tent flat. Stones flew for miles. Some of the guys that were on the road were knocked on the head by stones. One of the fellows was my buddy, and hurt pretty bad. In fact, he got it so bad that was a horrible sight at the camp."

5 Birmingham Boys Have Part in Annual Football Meetings

Four boys from Birmingham's 1945 football squad were honored last Saturday at a banquet given by the Michigan State College in East Lansing.

Captain Ed Davey, Bud Gasser, Bill Saffell, and Pete Good were among 125 boys from every major high school in Michigan who were guests of the college. An afternoon program was arranged for them including a tour of the campus, free use of all facilities of which the swimming pool attracted the most, and movies of several Michigan State games shown with comments by head football coach, Charles Bachman.

In the evening, the fellows attended the banquet at which half-back Steve Contos of the Michigan State football squad, was presented the most valuable player award. The assembly was addressed by many dignitaries including head coach Bachman, athletic director Ralph Young, and Lieutenant Governor Vernon Brown.

Tuesday night Ed Davey, Bud Gasser, and John Anderson attended the University of Michigan Football Boost given in honor of Michigan's squad and Julius Franks and Tom Kuzma, former Michigan football players who were stricken with tuberculosis and bed-ridden for the past two years.

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WORLD ADVENTURE SERIES—Gasoline rationing didn't stop Francis E. Line, producer of travel and adventure motion pictures, from continuing his trade. He bought a tandem bicycle, packed his luggage (including Mrs. Line) aboard and toured Southern California. Line's experiences, an East trip plus interesting visits to many scenic spots are revealed in a natural color motion picture, "Southern California on a Bicycle," which will be presented at the World Adventure Series in the Detroit Institute of Arts, Woodward at Kirby, next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9, at 8:30.

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