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. Service men, scattered about the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed inducted man is of interest.

Returning Officer Tells Experiences

First Lieutenant Robert Woolley, 15th Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Woolley, 1042 Floyd street, gave a brief description of his duties as navigator of a B-24 at the regular noon meeting of the Exchange Club at the Community House Tuesday.

He also spoke of his visits to several of the Italian cities which he toured during short leaves he was granted between bombing missions.

Very little destruction was in evidence in the city of Rome where he spent Thanksgiving Day, but Naples, Florence and other cities showed the marks of heavy bombing attack, he said.

Clarence Cummings Entertains Soldiers With Legerdemain

BOCA RATON ARMY AIR FIELD, Fla.—S/Sgt. Clarence Cummings, who has performed in more than 50 shows at Boca Raton Army Air Field, a technical school of the AAF Training Command, began his career in legerdemain with a magician's kit he bought for 25 cents.

Cummings got the bug after seeing the Great Thurston in a vaudeville act 19 years ago. Less than two hours after coming out of the Birmingham, Mich. theater, Clare had bought a kit consisting of phony cards, colored handkerchiefs, a piece of rope, a magician's wand and a booklet entitled, "How to Become A Magician."

Cummings has been stationed here since his entrance into the Army more than two years ago.

Secret of any trickster's success, he says, is the ability to misdirect and distract. His favorite stunt is Carlo's "Gopher Bird Trick," which must be seen to be appreciated.

Cummings, who works in the finance office, has mastered an entertaining line of patter to supplement his slieght-of-hand work. "Nothing like a lot of nonsense," he says, "to take the customer's mind off what you're doing."

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NOW IN GUAM

HEADQUARTERS, XXI BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM—(Delayed)—Corporal Eugene F. Morin, of Birmingham, Michigan and other ground specialists of a B-29 organization based in the Marianas who took up the unfamiliar task of airbase construction in addition to their regular duties, have received a special commendation from Brigadier General H. S. Hansell, Jr., Commanding General, XXI Bomber Command. Corporal Morin makes his home at 1451 Bennaville street, Birmingham. He was graduated from Highland Park High School at Highland Park, Michigan in 1938, and attended Detroit Business Institute. Prior to entering the Army in June, 1942, he was employed by the Detrex Corporation at Detroit, Michigan.

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Francis Homer Delahunty, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Homer Delahunty, 1093 Suffield road, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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T-5 William Rosso, of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosso at their home, 644 Pierce.

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BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee North, Purdy street, have word that their son, Flight Officer Lee E. North, has received a physical OK after recovering from a third operation on one leg, and that he has been returned to active flying duty again. He has been transferred from Columbia, South Carolina Army Air Base, to the Army Air Base at Greenville, South Carolina, for his crew training before being sent back overseas. He served overseas with the RCAF and with the RAF before joining the AAF in London.

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S/Sgt. Maurice E. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Axler, of 424 Park street, Birmingham, Mich., was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Central Instructors School at Laredo Army Air Field, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now fully qualified to become an instructor at one of the nation's seven aerial gunnery schools. He was prepared for his instructing duties by completing a comprehensive six weeks course in the most modern methods of instruction on aerial gunnery.

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Pfc. Lynn N. Green, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman N. Green of 24355 West 10½ Mile road, has just received his aerial gunner wings at Harlingen, Texas, Army Air Field, where he has been in training some time.

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Former Local Man Awarded Bronze Star

News comes that Sgt. Edward H. Russell, Jr., former employee of the Birmingham National Bank, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal. The young sergeant's parents reside at Fowlerville, Mich., and to them came the word from the war department of the award and citation.

The award was made, the citation states, "for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on Oct. 10, 1944, in the vicinity of Zwiefall, Germany."

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HOME FROM OVERSEAS

George W. Campbell, aviation machinist's mate, third class, U.S.N. of 3216 Rochester road, Birmingham, has returned from a tour of combat duty in the Pacific, where he served with the Navy's patrol bombing squadron sixteen. The squadron participated in campaigns at Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Palau, backing up our assult forces. Campbell was a maintenance man aboard a Martin Mariner flying boat (PBM), winging lonelhy search missions over enemy waters. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation for one flight in which he and his plane mates sighted and shadowed a Japanese task force, securing valuable information for American forces in the Marianas Islands campaign.

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Tom Hubbard, Jack Daeschler and Dave Waddell left last week Tuesday to enter Michigan State College in the A.S.T.R.P.

First Lieutenant

Lt. Robert E. Allen

ELLINGTON FIELD, Texas, . . . Trained in the most modern methods of aerial navigation at this installation of the AAF Training command, members of another class have been graduated from the advanced Navigation School here. The graduates ineuded First Lt. Robert E. Allen of Birmingham, Michigan.

First Lt. Robert E. Allen, 21, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Allen, 459 Townsend street, Birmingham. His wife, the former Barbara J. Carter, made her home in Houston, Tex., while Lt. Allen was completing his training at Ellington.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Douglas Army Air Base, Douglas, Ariz., Jan 4, 1945, where he graduated as a twin-engine pilot.

Having already received his commission and promotion to first lieutenant before taking up navigation training, he attended the school here as a student officer rather than as an aviation cadet. He now has the silver wings of an aerial observer and celestial navigator in the Army Air Force.

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Cousins Meet In South Pacific

It's a small world after all! Way yonder in the South Pacific on Biak, off Dutch New Guinea, Sgt. Gustave Ernst, Jr., of 1428 Holland, Birmingham, met his cousin, Bill Ernst of New York.

The meeting was quite by chance when Bill, a pilot gunner, was called before a microphone to speak at an Army camp show. Sgt. Gustaye did not recognize his cousin while speaking before the mike; it was later when the two were conversing for about 10 minutes that they discovered their relationship.

To celebrate the family reunion, the boys toasted the occasion and were granted the next day off to catch up on news about "the folks back home."

Sgt. Gustave Ernst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Ernst, Sr.

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Lt. Haldon G. Stimson Managing Hotel For Rome Area Command

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy—Haldon G. Stimson, whose wife, Mrs. Jane Stimson, lives at 32041 Labser Road, Birmingham, Michigan, was recently promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He manages a hotel for the Rome Area Allied Command, a unit of the Mediterranean theater of operations.

Lieutenant Stimson received his degree in Hotel Administration from Michigan State College in June, 1942. He came overseas in December, 1943, and was assigned to Fifth Army Headquarters. Shortly before the fall of Rome he was transferred to the Rome Area Allied Command.

The RAAC entered Rome, first European capital to be liberated by the Allies, on the heels of Fifth Army combat troops and has played a major role in the rehabilitation of the city.

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David Raymond Is Named To Merchant Marine Cadet Corps

David W. Raymond, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Raymond, 772 Willits street, has been appointed a cadet-midshipman in the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps and assigned to preliminary training at the Cadet Basic School, Pass Christian, Miss., Lieutenant Commander A. E. Champeau, USNR, district cadet-midshipmen supervisor, New Orleans, announced today.

Cadet-Midshipman Raymond was appointed for deck officer training. On completion of the training course, which includes four months basic training, at least six months sea duty aboard ocean-going merchant ships, and one year advanced training at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, he will be licensed as a third mate of merchant vessels and in addition will be eligible for a commission in the U. S. Maritime Service as ensign.

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Capt. J. Darby Taylor, Jr., recently returned from 27 months duty in the South Pacific, spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Darby Taylor, 448 Willits. Capt. Taylor is now under treatment in Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio. When his hospital treatment is completed he hopes to receive a leave home before assignment to further duty.

Commander Norman M. Miller, U.S.N., a former Boy Scout, recently received his eleventh decoration and is called "the most decorated man in this war."

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½ cup molasses	4¾ cups sifted all-purpose enriched white flour

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