

### 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 happy for news of their friends. Even the address of a serviceman's home is of interest.

**ORDERED TO CALIFORNIA**  
Lieutenant Joseph F. Leake, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Leake, 3206 Dequindre road, has been transferred from the Carlisle Army Air Field, Carlisle, N. Mex., to Lemore, Calif. His wife is the former Elsie Helen Gertz, 5929 Baldwin avenue, Detroit, Mich. He is a former student of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

**Cpl. Grant Osborn Repairs Plane Phones**

WITH A FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND SIGNAL COMPANY, Italy—For the efficient manner in which it installed telephone communications and rendered radio

repair service to the B-24 Liberators of four widely dispersed aerial bombardment groups in Italy, an eight-man Signal Company Service Group, of which Corporal Grant A. Osborn, of 19060 Beverly road, Birmingham, Mich., is a member, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, according to a recent announcement by Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command. Corporal Osborn, who entered the United States Army in October, 1941, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Osborn of Birmingham.

**GOES TO FLORIDA JAN. 28**  
Lieutenant Julian Braun, Jr., home from overseas after 40 missions over Germany and Holland with the 8th Air Force, expects to go to Miami, Fla., Jan. 28 for a month rest period before being reassigned to duty. Mrs. Braun, the former Betty Day, will accompany him to Florida. Lieut. Braun holds the DFC with eight oak leaf clusters. He came back from one mission over Germany with 120 holes hot through his Liberator bomber.

Cadet B. Maynard Zimmerman, U.S.N.R., has been transferred from the Naval air station at New-Mark, Okla., to Pensacola, Fla. He is the son of Mrs. Thelma Ives Zimmerman, 675 Vinewood.

**Copy of Eccentric Is Real News of Home For Capt. Thompson**

Every now and then word filters through from far away places that a copy of the Birmingham Eccentric has proven most welcome and has brought to some soldier, seaman or wanderer his first news of home in many weeks.

Such word came recently to Mrs. William D. Thompson, of Kenneway, on 12 Mile road, whose son, Capt. Otis C. Thompson wrote her that because of the many advances of his section of Gen. MacArthur's army his mail had not caught up with him for several weeks and that his first contact with home came at a base on Leyte on Dec. 17 when he received a copy of the Eccentric.

He says he read every word, that scores of other officers and men borrowed the paper and read it from front page to last. The paper was weeks old but the news was just as welcome as though the paper had been printed yesterday. Among the items mentioned was one concerning Dr. O. O. Beck's "hole in one." Capt. Thompson and other officers asked that their congratulations go to Dr. Beck on his fine golf record.

**FOR REASSIGNMENT**  
MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—First Lieut. John C. Birrell, 24, of Birmingham, Mich., has arrived at

### New Lt. Colonel

In far-away India recently, Fred D. Farrar, of Birmingham, was made a lieutenant colonel. The officer is serving in the Air Transport Command under Brig. Gen. H. Tunner, commanding general of the India-China Division. He has been in that division since last May and in the service for two and a half years.

Fred D. Farrar

Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment proceeding after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. Lieutenant Birrell was a B-17 pilot in England. His parents reside at 1572 Holland avenue, Birmingham, and his wife at 1427 Humphrey street, Birmingham.

**Latest Letter From Pfc. Phillip Braun Makes Fast Time**

The Joseph A. Brauns have a letter from their son, Pfc. Phillip Braun, serving with the 54th Red Bull division of the Fifth Army in Italy, telling of his happy Christmas in the home on an Italian family not far from the battle lines. The letter was dated Christmas Day and was received here Jan. 4. "That's about the best time of any of my letters," said his mother in telling of the news. The soldier spent in one of those old-fashioned pester beds, warmed at his setting time with a "bed warmer."

He wrote that "more good news may be coming along soon," but said nothing about his recent exploit of helping rescue a detachment of men from his regiment, who were trapped between enemy lines and a river past flood level.

But recently the Pontiac radio station received a release about Pfc. Braun, stating that he had aided fellow soldiers up a rope ladder, a block and line and litter to bring the wounded across the river and get munitions and supplies to the remaining men, who were in a very bad way. He holds the BSC, expert rifleman's medal, a good conduct medal and three medals awarded him by the Italians. He fought through the various landings and invasions after joining his regiment near the close of the African campaign. He graduated from Baldwin high school in 1942 and shortly after that entered war service.

**RADIO MECHANIC**  
MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4.—Pvt. Charles C. Otto, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Otto, 419 Lake Park drive, Birmingham, has been graduated from the AAF Training Command's recent radio mechanics school at Trux Field, where he studied the servicing of radio equipment used on U. S. bombers and fighter planes. It was announced today by the post command.

Pfc. Matthew L. Balanecki, of the Signal Corps, is expected home from the Southwest Pacific after 32 months overseas. He will spend the furlough with his mother, Mrs. A. Balanecki, 1641 17 Mile road, Birmingham.

Two Birmingham men receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., in company 2236 are Finley W. Denniston, 31, husband of Ethel G. Denniston, Route 1, Quanton road, and William B. Crook, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crook, 708 W. Lineoil.

Set. Merle E. Hyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hyder, 912 Floyd street, arrived in Italy on Christmas day. He writes: "To say that conditions here are deplorable is an under statement. Just be glad that we live in the good old U.S.A. It's heaven there in comparison. If people back home could but believe our real conditions would change considerably." He also writes that cigarettes are very scarce there and that the food they have is alright but there is not enough to go around.

The Wesley Danny family, 1559 Bennaville, had a joyous surprise when their only son, Neal (Danny) Danny, No. MM 3-C, U.S.N.R., returned home from overseas for the Christmas holidays. Danny has been in France, Italy and Africa. He has returned to his ship, an Amphibious Personnel Destroyer.

Word has been received by Mrs. Charles E. Porteous, 592 Frank of the recent promotion of her husband to the rank of major. Major Porteous arrived in France in October. He is supply officer in an infantry division. He wears the bronze star.

(More Men in Service in Sec. 1)

### BIRMINGHAM FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

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as of December 30, 1944

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Loans secured by Savings Share	
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Properties sold on Contract	9,459.95
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Other Assets	252.85
Cash on hand and in Banks	96,685.26
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,516,131.04</b>

LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,460,776.58
Loans in Process	1,626.47
Advance payments by borrowers (Taxes, Insurance, etc.)	7,198.35
Other Liabilities	354.80
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General Reserves	32,629.53
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