

## Men in Service

Men in Service in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Service men, stationed overseas, are invited to write their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed industrial man is of interest.

### Earle B. Wilson, Jr., tells of Fast Action As Third Army Drove Through Germany on Way to Big, Final Victory

The following letter is from Earle B. Wilson, Jr., telling of the fast, thrilling action through which the Army passed during the closing days of the war:

Nurnberg, Germany May 23, 1945  
Censorship ruling has changed as you can see by the above, and we can now tell where we are located. Now, I'll try and remember some of the things that have happened.

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since we landed and during our trip across France. Starting from Plymouth, England, for two weeks before "D" Day was at Torpoint, H. M. S. Raleigh. While there it was my job to route and schedule all convoys from the southern part of England to the boats. This was quite a job because there were so many units to move and so few good roads in proportion to the traffic. It meant that all convoys had to pass certain points at an exact time in order to prevent a hopeless traffic jam. In addition, each convoy had to reach its proper dock at the exact time so the boats could leave as scheduled. To accomplish this, I had a phone in my office which was connected to various points in the road and had to check these points to see if such and such convoy had passed when and where it should. And if it hadn't meant was the hair-pulling.

It was an amazing and inspiring sight at the docks to see the tanks, cranes, trucks and units loaded onto the boats. It was all done like clockwork and there wasn't a sound. Well, two weeks later our com-

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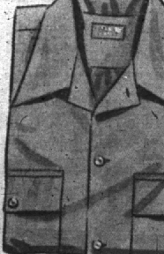
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### Robt. P. Foley Arrives Home With 95th Div.

Sgt. Robert P. Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Foley, 395 Madison, arrived home on July 2 to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, after serving a year overseas in the 95th Infantry Division, which was part of Patton's 3rd Army.

Bob took part in the fighting at Metz, Saar, and the Ruhr Valley in Germany. He wears the combat infantryman's medal and three battle stars. Upon completion of his furlough at home he will report on August 1, to Fort Shelby, Miss. for further training.

Pfc. Richard Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson, 1418 Puritan, arrived home Monday on a 30-day furlough after having been in Europe since February 10. Dick is a member of the 104th (Timberwolf) Division and wears 2 battle stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He will report to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. following his furlough.

Cpl. John F. Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Huff, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Birmingham, was recently decorated with the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster.

The next three months were like this, always in and out of the trucks—drive—dodge bullets—drive—watch for planes. Occasionally a sniper would take a pot shot from a house, and once in a while we hit a mined road. Still—no one was killed.

Then our assignment was made to Third Army Hqs. From there on we hauled, hauled, hauled gasoline and rations. Our most exciting time during this was in Toul, France. Here, the Germans used to send waves of 15-20 ships at night and raise holy hell. They did blow up the gas dump one night with a V bomb.

From here we went to Metz. The company moved here prematurely and we landed in the town before it was completely taken. We rounded up a couple of Gerries here.

From Metz we went to Longwy, to Luxembourg City, to Etelbruck, to Germany. Across the German border we went to Bad Homburg from there to Frier. This was a large German city & demolished. We had a great time here going thru the town picking up souvenirs (strictly against army regulations). But it was fun!

From Trier we went to Frankfurt to Aisfeld and from there to here. The boys have picked up all kinds of expensive German cameras, telescopes, etc. which as you know are the best in the world. I concentrated on radios and records and did fairly well.

German country is beautiful. Just like Pennsylvania. It is far ahead of France, and was much more developed. The Germans are the closest to us in scientific development and initiative. Now, they are a sad looking lot. The majority of the cities are now merely shells. They look like the old Roman ruins, and we see German civilians returning home along the roads any way they can get there. Mostly walk. The luckier ones have horses and wagons.

Not long ago I saw a complete German unit that had surrendered. Their only means of transport was horse and wagon. They wore anything. It looked like a band of gypsies rather than an army. The civilians now are trying to be friendly with us. They are very meek and mild, never had Nazi ideas! "They like Americans." I can't tell everything that has happened. That will have to wait until I see you, as I could write on endlessly. I will say that now we are in Hitler's big stadium. I believe I told you about it in another letter.

Love,  
Earl Jr.

### SGT. HARRY MUDGE TO PLAY CRACK SKEET TOURNAY

Sgt. Harry Mudge, member of the five-man crack Tyndall Field Jacksonville, Florida, skeet team, will again compete in the South-Sester Open Skeet Tournament, to be held in Jacksonville July 14 and 15. The Tyndall Field shooters will be seeking the third consecutive title for the local gunnery school, having won the meet in 1942 and 1943. Sgt. Mudge's wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Mudge, reside at 361 North Woodward.

Pfc. Richard A. McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. McKinley, 3807 Hamilton, is stationed with the Army of Occupation at Bielefeld, Germany. He has been overseas for a year.

SGT. P. C. CAREY HOME  
Sgt. Phillip J. Carey, a gunner on a B-17, is home on a 30-day furlough visiting his father, Dr. Bernard W. Carey, and his wife and two sons, Michael and Tom at 965 Southfield. Sgt. Carey, who has been stationed in England for the past 6 months, has completed 18 missions. He wears the European ribbon with 2 battle stars, the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

WITH THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, SEVENTH ARMY, Germany—Sgt. Leonard Nichols, son of Mrs. Martha Nichols, 321115 Lasher road, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in actual combat while fighting with the Third Infantry Division in Germany.

### RECEIVES COMMISSION

New York, N. Y., July 5, 1945. Midshipman Macaulay Whiting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiting, 718 Lake Park, Birmingham, was among 565 men commissioned as ensigns, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City. The group was the heavy-duty fourth class to be graduated from the oldest and largest Naval Reserve Officer Training School, and brings the total number of graduates from the Training Center to approximately 22,000. While in training at Midshipman's School, Mr. Whiting was the Signal Officer of the Midshipman Regiment.

FINISHES PRIMARY  
Aviation Cadet Lawrence L. Johnson, son of Mrs. H. H. Nelson, 163 W. Maple, has completed his primary flight training course at Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee, and has been assigned to further training at Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Fla.

Upon completion of his training, Cadet Johnson will receive his wings and commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Cadet Johnson attended H. S. in High School here. Before entering the flight program, he was a Navy V-12 student at Dartmouth.

### MELVIN D. MOREHOUSE

Capt. Melvin D. Morehouse, son of Mrs. Marjorie E. Morehouse, 6741 Avenue I, Houston, Texas, and formerly of Birmingham, has recently been promoted to that rank, according to an announcement by 5th AACS Wing Headquarters. The AACS Corp. take-offs, landings, and traffic at airbases; provides communication with planes in flight and exchanges aircraft movement and weather information with other stations; receives lost or grounded planes; and maintains and operates the engine and other radio navigational equipment that guides pilots safely to all corners of the world.

Capt. Morehouse entered the Army in November, 1941 and received his commission in December, 1942. He arrived in England in February 1943, and was given his present assignment as Classification and Assignment Officer for the 5th AACS Wing.

Cpl. Horace B. Cole, who is a Radio Operator on a very heavy bombardment crew, is completing his last year of combat training at the Alamo Army Air Base, Alamo, Colorado, New Mexico. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil M. Cole, 1583 Ruffner street. His wife, the former Eleanor D. Gregory, makes her home at 420 Baldwin, Royal Oak.

### EXPECTED HOME

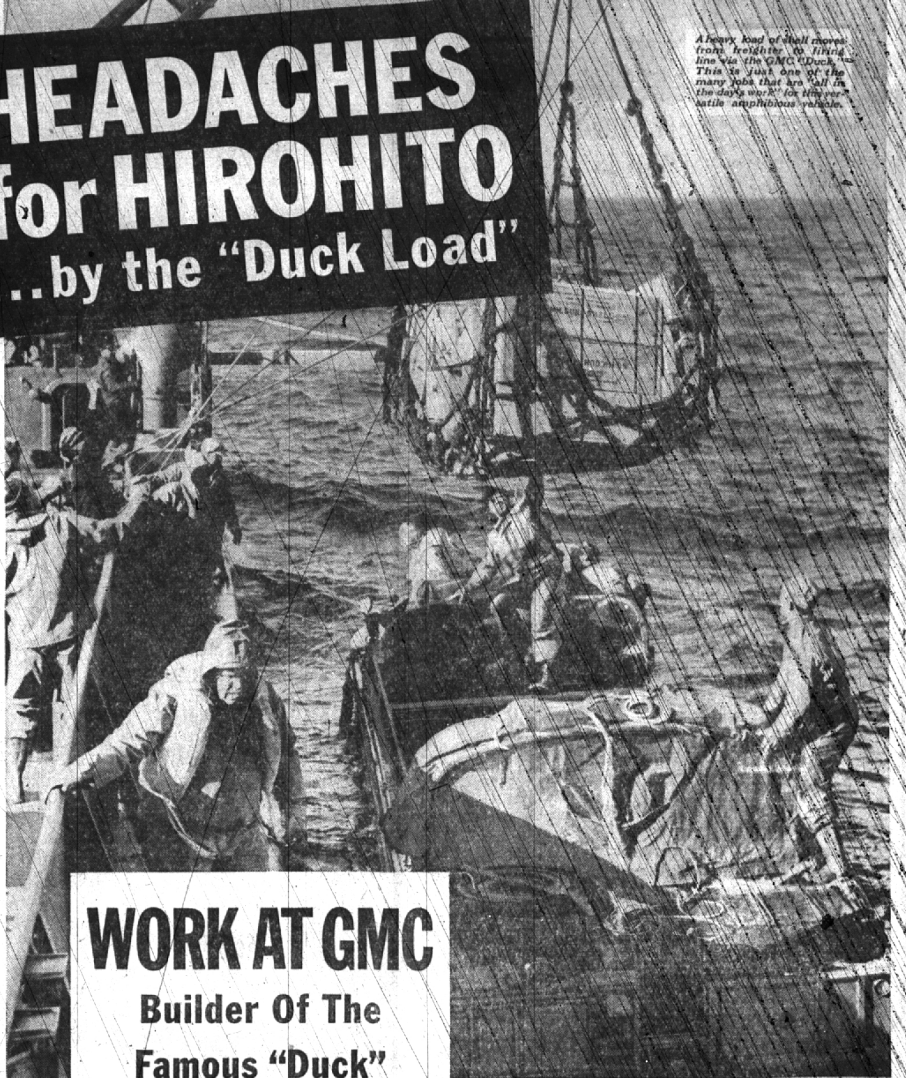
1500 AAF in Italy, and Charles V. Booth, Jr., 231 W. 84th, Fairfax road, Birmingham, Mich., will soon arrive by the United States after completing numerous combat missions on a B-24 bomber crew. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the War Department.

Paré James Stinson and Mrs. Stinson are spending Paré Stinson's 30-day furlough from Vanderburgh General Hospital, Hines, Ill., with his mother, Mrs. New Stinson, 1323 Hubbard. Paré Stinson was wounded in Italy and had been undergoing hospital treatment for 11 months.

James A. Brandt, son of Mrs. A. L. Brandt, 812 Kentucky, is enrolled in Army Cadet and is taking his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

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