

Men In The Service

Two Savage Boys Home On Visits

Lt. Frank J. Savage, naval aviator who has been serving in the South Pacific and Sgt. Charles M. Savage, with the army in the Aleutians for nearly three years, are home visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Savage, 743 East Maple street. Lieutenant Savage has a 30-day leave, having returned to the states February 23 from his aircraft carrier where he piloted a Grumman Avenger. Sgt. Savage returned to the States some time ago and has been stationed at late at Camp Howe, Texas.

Enroute home Lieutenant Savage visited a brother, Captain Robert Savage at San Diego, Calif. Lieutenant Savage wears the Naval Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Another of the two boys in the service is Paul Savage, a pharmacist mate, first class, on a mine sweeper in the Atlantic theater of operations and Ernest Mansfield, a member of the volunteer Coast Guard, at Detroit.

Pfc. George Baldwin Receives Citation

12TH ARMORED DIVISION IN France: Pfc. George E. Baldwin, Jr., son of George E. Baldwin, Sr., 21m Gate drive, Orchard Lake, was among the first in the 12th armored division to receive Presidential recognition after the division's arrival overseas.

He is a member of the 134th ordnance maintenance battalion which, by direction of the President, has been awarded the meritorious service plaque for the period from Jan. 1, 1944 to Nov. 30, 1944.

The battalion won recognition through "a superior performance of duty in performance of exceptionally difficult tasks" and "achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline."

Word has been received from New Guinea of the awarding of the Good Conduct Medal to Cpl. William C. Morrison, of the 120th General Hospital group. His brother, Cpl. Richard G. Morrison, with the 5th Amphibious Corps in the South Pacific, has just been released from five weeks hospitalization to return to duty. Both boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, 1220 Bird.

Two Birmingham Boys Are Serving At Guam Air Base

XXI BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam—Two men from Birmingham, Mich., are among the hundreds of young men at a huge Superfortress base in the Marianas whose diligent efforts are necessary for the operation of the giant B-29 bombers of Major General Curtis E. LeMay's XXI Bomber Command. To strike regularly at the heart of Japan's war industry, they are members of a B-29 crew. They are Sgt. Robert J. Donnell, Jr., who led the first B-29 striking force from Saipan to Tokyo, Tokyo's aviation industry on Nov. 24, 1944.

The Birmingham men are: Corporal George M. Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew J. Lyons of 17029 Margate road, Birmingham. He was graduated from Saint Theresa High School and the University of Michigan. He is entering the service in February, 1943. He was employed by the General Motors Company in Detroit.

Sergeant Hubert W. Tino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Tino, of 17029 Margate road, Birmingham. His wife, Thelma, and daughter, Sharon, live at 130 southeast 4th street, Delray Beach, Fla. He was graduated from Royal Oak High School and attended the University of Detroit. Prior to entering the service in December, 1942, he was employed machine tool draftsman in Detroit.

The Swishers Receive Good News Of Their Two Sons In Service

The Swishers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. of 501 Larchtree drive, received good news from two battle fronts a few days ago.

Their younger son, Lt. Robert E. (Bob), wrote that his gold bar had been replaced with a silver one. Signifying promotion to the rank of first lieutenant. He has been on the Italian front since July of last year, serving as liaison pilot (cross-country planes) for 8th Army Field Artillery units.

From England came word that their older son, Capt. Paul L., Jr., who is first pilot on a Martin Maryland B-26 bomber, that he and his crew enjoyed a nice trip over and had landed safely at an AAF base "somewhere in England."

Cpl. Herbert Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Doyle, 982 Benaville, has arrived in France after a pleasant crossing, he writes to his parents. He says "Am OK and had a very pleasant trip and was not seasick at all. At present we have our camp in a pleasant climate."

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S/Sgt. Bill Ballard Writes of Busy Days Back Up On the Front Line of Battle

Every now and then some Birmingham youth serving his country on some battle front writes a bit of his feelings and experiences. The following letter from S/Sgt. Will Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ballard, 1364 Kuffner, explains the boy's feelings when sent into "no man's land" on special missions. Bill wears the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge and is serving again up in the front lines. Two of his brothers are overseas. Floyd being with the infantry and Donald with the paratroopers somewhere in France.

Bill writes:

February 14, 1945
Somewhere in Germany
Dear Dad and Mom:

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Well, dad, I've been doing a little patrolling in "no man's land." Boy, when you get walking around where you don't think you belong,

in sure gives you the willies. It reminds me of the first time I climbed in the ring. I got the same feeling. You feel like you'd just as soon climb back out again, but you just keep on going. It really hasn't been bad. Can you imagine the feeling a man gets when he walks in a town with only six men, and you expect to see rifles and Kraut's heads come popping out of every window?

As you walk along you wonder how many of the boys you have with you will stick if you run into something, so you look back at their faces and your eyes drop to their trigger fingers and you can tell by the tautness of their hands on their rifles they're ready, they'll stick.

When you enter the town the silence scars hell out of you. You think to yourself if there's nothing here, you go in and make sure. You start to tiptoe in, in broad daylight.

You're now in town and you can feel that there's a thousand pairs of eyes watching you from

a hundred different directions, but nothing happens; so you tiptoe further in; it's still deadly silent; all of a sudden, bang! You stop dead in your tracks and try to listen and figure what that noise was, but your heart is beating so hard you can't hear what you're listening for.

You look back at those boys who were so worried about they're still with you, they've got a grim look on their faces and your eyes drop to their trigger fingers again; you wonder why those rifles don't start barking, they're holding them so tight now.

You know that noise you heard wasn't a rifle shot, you've heard enough of them by now that you can't be fooled on that, but you do know you heard something.

Now you hear someone walking behind you and you give a sharp glance back; one of your boys walking up says, "that was just a shutter blown shut by the wind."

You continue on and pick up all the information you can. Finally you've completed your mission and start back just as tense and cautious as you came.

After you get back to your own lines and report to your C.O. you take another look at your boys and there's looking at you boys

your eyes meet and you smile a little silly grin at one another.

"The C.O. says, 'You did a good job men.' This makes you feel a little better than if he hadn't said it, but you know you've done a good job, because you've got your information, and you're back. I guess that's enough for now.

Lots of love. I'm your Devoted Son.

BILL.

IS FIRST LIEUTENANT
Lt. Arthur J. Underwood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Underwood of Manor road, has been promoted in rank from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. Lt. Underwood is assistant communications officer for headquarters battery in the 8th Artillery, attached to the 7th Army.

Pfc. William D. Crim, Jr., of 19481 Beverly road, has written from Germany where he is with the 8th Armored Division in an artillery unit. The division is a part of the Ninth Army which has been in France, Belgium and Holland within recent weeks and now is taking part in the push towards the Rhine. Pfc. Crim went overseas early in November and spent two months in England before being sent to France.

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Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, says:
"Every time the Red Cross assists a man in the armed forces in any way—that man will fight that much better."

Capt. Harry D. Wise, Jr., leaves today to return to Pertuis hospital after being home for about two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, Williamsburg road.

UP ON FRONT LINE
Cpl. Malcolm F. Scheil, former Executive employee, writes from the European theater of war operations that he is up on the front lines, and has had the enemy troops under fire. He is with the 7th Army and says they have been seeing some exciting days of battling. One recent letter relates that he had just received the Christmas box sent him from the Eccentric and that his mail seems to have caught up with his letters, he says, are coming through quite regularly. The people, especially the French, have been very friendly. For a package of cigarettes, a cake of soap and a bar of candy, he says, they have given good sized package of laundry done up in good shape. People are learning to learn English and to be of help to the troops.

SEEDLING PINES
George W. Lawler, 1-A; John L. Sager, 4th, P-A; David R. Ormerod, 1-A; Henry C. Maes, 1-A; Elmer Anderson, 1-A; Donald G. Winter, 1-A; William Wilson, 1-A; Orville C. Elam, 1-A; Winthrop Allen, 1-A; Thomas J. Usher, 3rd, 1-A.

Lovei A. Hand, 4-A; Robert N. King, 1-A; Leo A. Jarvis, 1-A; Alan H. Carr, 1-C Ind.; Leo A. Ayotte, 2-A; Frederick W. Caldwell, 2-B; Nelson B. Kinson, 2-B; William R. Kreger, 2-B; Thomas W. Coulter, 2-BF.

Floyd K. Rankin, 4-A; Henry Johns, 4-A; Genaro A. Flores, 4-A; Olen H. Yates, 4-A; Harold Phillips, 4-A; George L. Wilson, 4-P.

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News reaching Birmingham tells of the arrival of Cpl. Phil J. Carey, 952 Southfield, at a U. S. Strategic Air Force Station in England for orientation before going into active duty on the European front.

Seedling Pines Are Again Available To Groups of This City

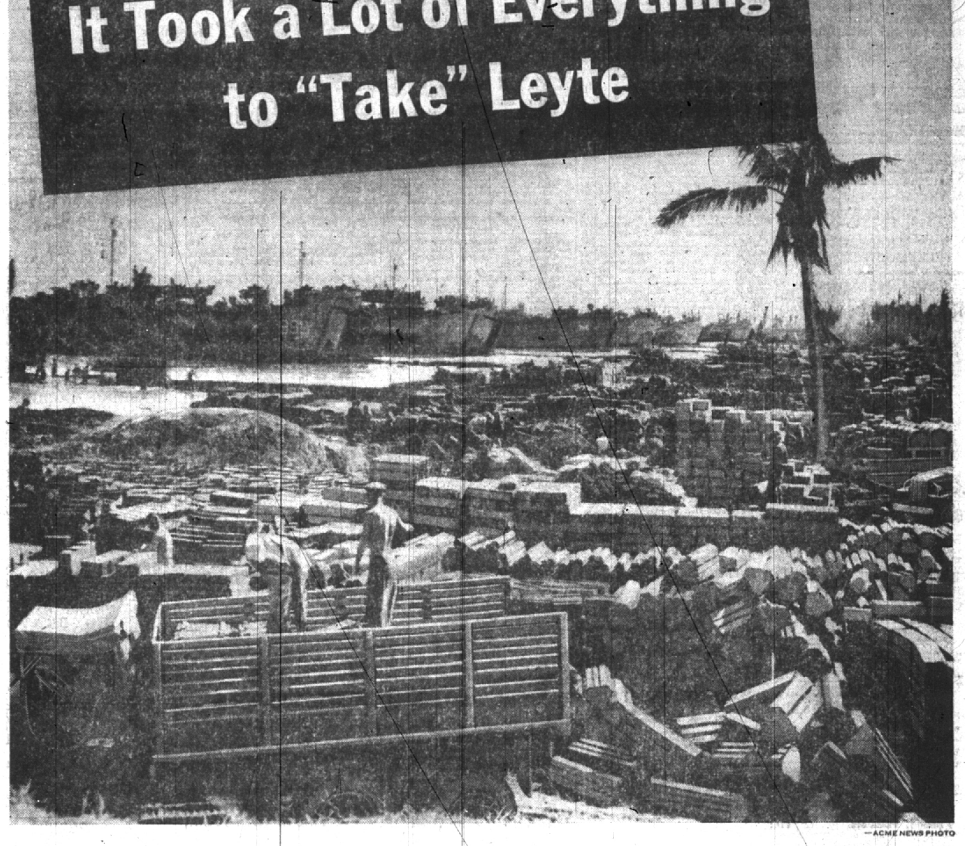
As many seedling pines as can be planted without waste will be supplied again this spring by the conservation department to schools, communities, and semi-private agencies for reforestation projects. Groups and clubs in Birmingham and other places may secure a supply for only a nominal charge covering cost of production and packing.

Early placing of orders for seedlings is advised by the department. The planting season normally extends from April 15 to May 30.

The limit on number of seedlings that will be supplied is lifted for the third season. Stock is available for planting on lands owned by service organizations, such as Rotary, Exchange, High-Twelve, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, chambers of commerce, Boy and Girl Scout troops, or for planting on publicly-owned lands. The planting stock is available only for reforestation projects, farm windbreaks, and erosion control.

Two-year-old white and red pine seedlings are supplied at a cost of \$2 per thousand, three-year-old seedlings of white and red varieties are \$2.50 per thousand. Three-year-old Jack pine seedlings are \$2 per thousand. Orders should be sent to the Lansing office.

TEACH HOME NURSING
Itinerant Red Cross home nursing instructors are being full time to meet the needs of sparsely settled sections where the shortage of nurses is acute. There are other nurses available to teach home nursing classes. During the summer, Red Cross itinerant Red Cross nurse-instructors served far communities in a valiant attempt to keep the home front healthy. Spending several months in a community, these professional nurses hold classes in rural schools, churches, community buildings or homes, teaching simple care of the sick and the essentials of family health. Under their direction, class members spend much time practicing nursing skills.



STAY ON YOUR WAR JOB
So Our Fighters Can Stay On The Offensive

With typical American courage and fighting ability, MacArthur's men gave the Japs a terrific licking on Leyte. Landing a hundred thousand strong, they cleaned the enemy off the island in just 68 days. Typically American, too, was the quality and quantity of supplies brought up by boat and by truck to back them up. As the photo above shows, it took mountainous stacks of food, fuel and every fighting

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