

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 indented man is of interest.

Birmingham Boys Meet In England

Life and this war bring some unusual situations to Birmingham boys and girls... especially the boys who are in three pitching... just last week Col. Arthur L. Jones wrote from over ground London some place that he had finally caught up with his brother, Allen Jones, also somewhere in London.

In Arthur's letter was the explanation of how he came to learn, in the first place, that his brother was located somewhere nearby. He and Steve Wiggan, reporters for their divisions, asked a girl in the censor's office to tip them off to any news about Birmingham men.

IS RADIO OPERATOR Last week's graduation ceremony at the Naval Training School (radio) on the campus of the Wisconsin University, Madison, Wis., qualified Blaisek...

FINISHES JAP STUDY EVANSTON, Ill.—The first class of Army officers trained for administration of Japan...

Killed In Action

S/Sgt. Jack E. Trew, Birmingham youth serving on the Italian front, was killed during the battling against the Germans on February 20, 1945, according to news received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Trew, of 831 Fairfax road, Birmingham.

Capt. Harold Brown, 18701 Quentin drive, Birmingham, Mich., has completed a six-month course in which they studied the language and characteristics of Japan...

WITH THE 75TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Western Front—Tech. 5 Thomas K. Hilton, 36592603, of 246 North Bates avenue, Birmingham, Mich., has been authorized to wear the laurel leaf insignia for meritorious service.

IS NAVAL STOREKEEPER NORFOLK, Va.—Joseph John Wahl, USNR, son of Mrs. E. A. Wahl, 18780 San Jose boulevard, Birmingham, Mich., has been promoted to storekeeper, first class...

WITH THE 100TH DIVISION, Seventh Army, France—Pfc. Ronald B. Stubrich, son of Elmer E. Stubrich, 635 Wattle road, and Pfc. Frank H. Conkers, of R.F.D. 1, Birmingham, Mich., have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Charles William Heberer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Heberer, 17575 Meadowbrook Way, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Radio Naval Training School located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

Santa Ana, Calif.—Sgt. Robert W. Andrews, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Eby, 287 Puritan, Birmingham, is currently assigned to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 4 at Santa Ana Army Air

Base. Sgt. Andrews, who has served overseas as a draftsman, entered the service on April 3, 1942, and went overseas in May, 1942. He is entitled to wear one battle star for service in India.

Pfc. Raymond Sucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sucher, 687 Benaville, is home on a 21-day furlough after having spent two years and ten months overseas with the medical corps. He was sent first to Ireland, then to Africa and Italy.

Word was received here last week by Mrs. Martha Coghlan, 372 S. Worth street, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coghlan, 1288 Cedar drive, that Delbert W. Coghlan, of the U. S. Navy had been promoted to M. M. 3/C. Since leaving the States about a year ago, M. M. 3/C Coghlan has been in the South Pacific.

Lieut. William H. Breech, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Breech, of Manor road, graduated from Moore Field, Mission, Texas, Sunday, March 11. He received his air force wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Piece of Driftwood Saves Life of Ed. Brotzke On Iwo Jima

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—A piece of wood found on the beach at Iwo Jima not only supported the tent over Marine Private Edward H. Brotzke's foxhole—it also saved his life.

The 24-year-old Leatherneck, whose home is Birmingham, Mich., dove into his foxhole during a Japanese artillery attack on the area where his outfit was bivouacked. When the barrage was over, he climbed out to find a jagged fragment of steel—fully five inches long—embedded in the tent pole.

If the wood had not stopped the missile the fragment would have hit Brotzke's head. "It was a close shave," he said. "Too close for comfort."

Brotzke, a member of the 12th Regiment, the artillery unit of the Third Marine Division, has been overseas seven months and two weeks since his first assignment to Iwo Jima in his first campaign. Prior to enlisting in February, 1944, he was employed as a machinist by the Chrysler Corporation at Detroit.

children, Leon, six years old, Edward, Jr., four years, and Lerdy, 18 months, reside at Birmingham.

AWARDED AIR MEDAL AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND PASE, India—Second Lt. Robert L. Goode, Co-pilot, of 736 Fairfax road, Birmingham, Mich., has been awarded the Air Medal. It was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China Division, Air Transport Command. The award was made upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

NEED MORE WAVES Enlistment quotas for Waves have been increased for the Michigan area, according to an announcement today by Lieut.-Comdr. Byron E. Pfochtner, officer in charge of Navy recruiting for this territory. He said that more Waves are needed now to insure continuance of the recently stepped-up offensive against Japan in the Pacific.

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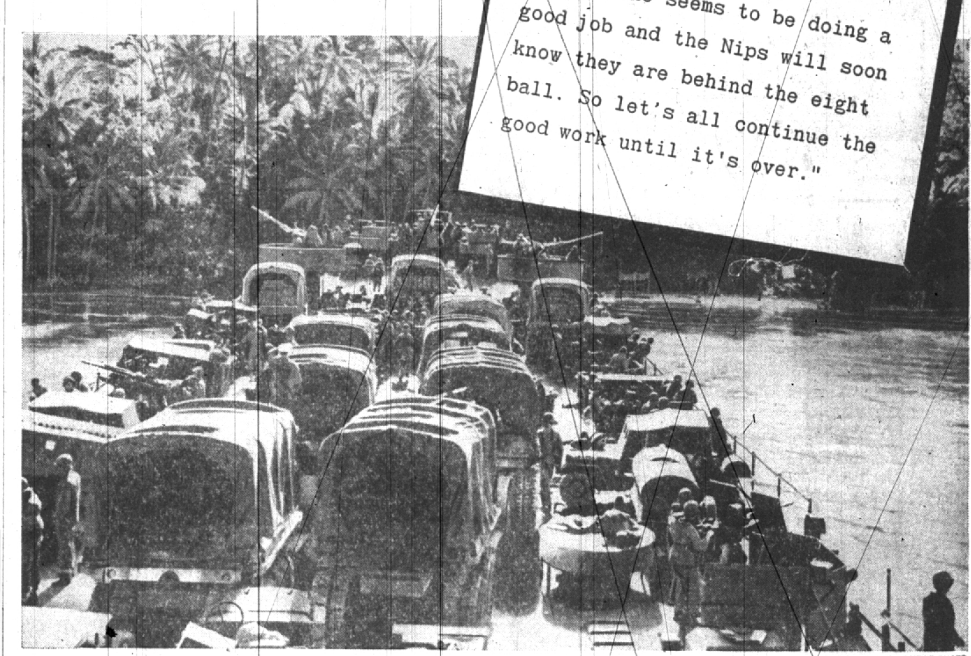
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