

Men in Service

Pvt. Bob Halsted Tells Of Experiences With Fast Moving Army

Pvt. Bob Halsted, in two interesting letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Halsted, 1452 Dorchester road, tells of activities up on the battle front in Germany. His letters follow:

Dear Mom and Dad:
Today in Easter and it is a bit different than the Easter I've known in the past. There wasn't much of a chance to go to church as we were on the move but even if I wanted to, I think all the churches have been turned into beer gardens by order of the Fuehrer.
I wish you could see me now, we have a pretty good setup. Three of us are sitting around a table writing letters, all wearing top hats! I guess it will be a long time before Jerry puts on his tails and goes out to paint the town red. I should also mention the nice soft bed we have tonight, it hurts me deeply to think some sweet old

war. Both seem to be tired of war except the SS troops of the elite guard, who have to be slung around a bit before they will do half way decent. These ex-servants claim the Japs will win and then return everything back to Germany we have taken from them. It seems to me the only way to stop all these silly wars is to kill all these wise guys! I guess the Russians are taking care of that.

BOB.
FINISHES TRAINING.
John E. Milne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Milne, 19079 Bedford road, Beverly Hills, was graduated recently from the Civil Air Technical Training Center located at Norman, Okla. The newly graduated man is now awaiting further duty orders either to sea or to a naval base.

WITH THE 76TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—Set. Earl R. Essie, 70th Quartermaster Co., has been awarded the 4th Meritorious Service Award for superior performance in duty in the battle of Germany.

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, FRANCE (Delayed)—Technician Fifth Grade Peter C. Higgins, son of Herbert C. Higgins, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., has recently been promoted from grade of private first class to his present grade. He is serving with the 12th Armored Division.

Donald Bowman, seaman, writes that he is now on a destroyer in service in the Pacific and that he has been at Palau, along the China coast, in the Philippines and numerous other areas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman, 974 Bates. His brother, Albert Bowman, is now receiving his boot training at Great Lakes and anticipates a nine-day leave about June 1.

Word was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hart, 1127 Light, that their son, Pfc. Howard S. Hart, of the Army Engineers, has been awarded three bronze stars. He wears them on his three ETO ribbons for Normandy, Northern France and Germany campaigns. He writes: The

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AWARDED BRONZE STAR
Mrs. Wm. D. Thompson, of Kew-dow Farm, on 13 Mile road, has received news that her son, Capt. Otis C. Thompson, with the 24th Infantry division in the Philippines, has been presented the Bronze Star Medal. The citation states that the medal is awarded for "meritorious achievement during last October and November, during the battle on Leyte."

WITH THE 100TH DIVISION OF SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY—Sgt. Norman E. Clark, of 692 Oak street, Birmingham, Mich., has recently been assigned to the 398th Infantry of the 100th Infantry Division and is now serving with that organization on the Seventh Army front in southern Germany.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Pfc. Lewis E. Sacher, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sacher of 1537 Bannville, Birmingham, Michigan has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redirection Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined. Pfc. Lewis E. Sacher served 34 months as a member of a medical corps unit in the European theater of operations. While there he was awarded the European campaign ribbon with three battle stars.

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L. Clayton E. Bredford, U.S.N.R., has recently completed his fifth patrol in the South Pacific area. He has been made executive officer of his submarine, which places him second in command on his ship.

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WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Cpl. Lee W. Parrall, son of Mrs. Mildred Parrall, 915 East Maple, is a member of the 249th Field Artillery, Battalion, which has been pouring steel into German targets in Italy's Po Valley since last Oct. 21, when it fired a dozen 150-millimeter howitzer shells across the highway connecting Rimini and Bologna.

Mrs. John J. Murphy, the former Martha Stoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stoll, Jr., Bloomfield Court, has just had word from her husband, Pfc. John J. Murphy, that he is now with a U. S. Marine torpedo bomber squadron on Okinawa. In his letter he explains interestingly about the various South Pacific bases at which he has served and of the activities in that area.

Pfc. Joseph T. Westcott, former short order cook at the Dixie Diner, is now with the 24th Infantry division in the Philippines. He writes friends of his experiences and says he has time in time to see Joe E. Brown when he visited there with his stage bus remains recently. He asks about his old friends and wonders how many of them are still left in Birmingham. Joe always did love his cigars and writes that he would appreciate a fresh supply.

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CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 7th to MAY 12th

We all take pride in the 2400 Birmingham men and women now in the armed forces. They are helping to do a magnificent job for victory.

We take pride, too, in the grand job that Birmingham people are doing in war plants and other activities at home—to back up our gallant fighting forces.

WE ALL appreciate the natural beauty of Birmingham—its stately trees, its friendly hills and its winding streams. We are proud of our churches, our fine homes, our Community House—and the splendid community spirit behind all that is Birmingham.

These things speak well of us to the more than 12,000 people who pass through our city daily in a normal year. These people see our "front window," our main arteries with their shops and places of entertainment. And much of this traffic flows through our residential areas and adjacent land.

Let's make Birmingham look even more attractive. Let's do a real civic spring cleaning job this year—go all out, every one of us, and put all our civic pride into it.

The Big Clean-up Days Are May 7-8-9-10-11-12

Let each of us clean up his own or any unintended surrounding property. Clean up, fix up, and eliminate fire hazards into the bargain.

The city will gladly cooperate by arranging a schedule for trucks to pick up at the curb rubbish, ashes, and debris if they are in containers, as well as brush and large pieces of lumber.

The better clean-up job we do, the more beautiful Birmingham becomes. Thus property values are more interesting. And lastly, we prepare a better city and more attractive homes for our fighting sons and daughters to come back to.

Regular Pick-Up Schedule For Trucks

MONDAY, MAY 7:
South of Maple; East of Woodward.

TUESDAY, MAY 8:
North of Maple; East of Woodward.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9:
North of Maple; West of Woodward.

THURSDAY, MAY 10:
Between Maple and Lincoln, West of Woodward and East of Southfield.

FRIDAY, MAY 11:
West of Woodward, South of Lincoln, West of Southfield, South of Maple.