

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and what they are doing, and how they are getting on. Send to: Editor, The Birmingham Eccentric, 1000 North 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203.

James Fox Returns From Twenty Months In Pacific Theater

Dr. and Mrs. Carlston Fox, 331 Lake Park drive, planned on a late Christmas this year so that their son, Sgt. James W. Fox, would not miss a third Christmas at home. They received word on Christmas night that Jim was in Seattle and would soon be home. He finally arrived on Jan. 8 and Christmas was celebrated on Jan. 12.

Jim received his discharge on Jan. 7 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., after 37 months of Army service. He served as a medical first aid man and later as a laboratory technician during his 33 months overseas.

He was with the 77th (State) Central Postal Directory and took part in the Guam campaign; the battle of Ormoc Bay, Leyte; and the Kyaukse campaign, including the campaigns for Kerama, Retta, I. E. Shima, and Okinawa. After the war, Jim was with the 77th division was sent to Japan to occupy the island of Hokkaido.

Jim holds the Great Conduct Medal, the Medical combat badge, the Victory ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three battle stars, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star and a beribboned arrow.

Jim intends to return to the University of Michigan Pre-Med School.

SERVED ON TWO OCEANS
Thomas L. Price, Jr., 110 Wallace street, received his discharge at the Great Lakes Naval Personnel Separation Center, Ill., on Jan. 7. He has been in service for over two years and has seen service in both the North Atlantic and the South Pacific theaters of operation. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are taking him to Buffalo, N. Y., where he will be stationed at Akron, Ohio, before coming back to Birmingham to live.

AFRICAN VETERAN HOME
Robert J. Griffin, 811/2 S. Mrs. Frances H. Griffin, 1503 West 3rd street, was discharged from the Great Lakes Separation Center, Ill., on Jan. 4. He was stationed at Fort Layton, Alaska, for 18 months of his 26 months of service.

DUANE BIXBY HOME
Duane K. Bixby, 382 1/2 S. is with his wife and two children, Duane, Jr., and Joan, at 287 1/2 Chain street. He received his discharge at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Ill., on Jan. 4. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Bixby of Royal Oak. Duane was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Ill., for 18 months of his 22 months of service.

SERVED SIX YEARS
Chief Petty Officer Robert J. Haldane, formerly of Birmingham, was discharged from the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill., on Dec. 22, after 6 1/2 years of service. He took part in the invasion of Guadalcanal and was in the Pacific theater of operations for a year. He is now living in Detroit.

WILL RETURN TO U. OF M.
Sgt. James H. Herbst plans to re-enter the University of Michigan now that he is discharged from the Army. James is the son of Mrs. Clay E. Herbst, 272 Oxford drive, and received his discharge on Dec. 21 at the Santa Ana Army Air Base, Santa Ana, Calif. He is a veteran of 33 months, having served in Galapagos, off the coast of Ecuador; in Panama for a year; and in the American Theater.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—James P. Dickenson, boatman's mate, first class, USNR, 7425 Wing Lake road, Birmingham, Mich., has been discharged after honorable service in the Navy, at the personnel separation center in New Orleans, La.

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Enlistments Sought For U. S. Coast Guard

Birmingham young men who served in the U. S. Coast Guard are being told after achieving a glowing record under the Navy Department during the war, the Coast Guard, recently returned to the Treasury Department, now faces the most difficult task in its 185 year history.

It will assume the roll of guide and warrior, due over the greatest concentration of shipping the world has ever seen. Radar and Loran, developed during the war, will be applied to peace-time shepherding of America's merchant fleet by the Coast Guard.

Need Rescue Teams
Air-sea rescue teams of Coast Guard ships and aircraft will help safeguard Atlantic and Pacific commercial flights.

However, the Service will be seriously handicapped by shortage of personnel. According to estimates, the Coast Guard will be more than 10,000 men short of its full complement after all reservists are discharged by June 30.

In an attempt to avoid curtailing its activities, the Service is staging an intensive recruiting drive through its Separation Centers. The Detroit Center serving this area, has been ordered to recruit 2,100 men in the 60-day period, in addition to maintaining its accelerated rate of discharge of more than 40,000.

May Enlist at 17
Most needed are men 17 to 30 to learn electronics, radar, and aviation to operate navigation aids. Navigation needs machine mechanics, electricians, radio and telephone operators for air-sea rescue operations. Coast Guard schools teach these courses.

Seventeen-year-old recruits are enabled to finish high school, trade school and college courses within the service.

Application may be made by applying in person or writing to the Separation Center at 7600 E. Jefferson avenue; or at the Coast Guard recruiting office, 631 Lafayette building in Detroit.

ARRIVES IN CHINA
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Dahlquist, 692 Henrietta street, have received word that their son, Lt. Henry M. Dahlquist, Jr., has arrived in Tientsin, China. His new address is L. Co., 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Div., c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

JOINS WIFE ON VISIT
Ensign Robert Redeker, U. S. Marine, landed at Newport Naval Air Station on Thursday, Jan. 10, and arrived in Birmingham Tuesday. He is with his wife at the home of Mrs. W. Nidenhuber, 212 Pilgrim road. The Redekers will leave soon for Geneva, Ohio, where they will visit Ensign Redeker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Redeker.

HERE ON LEAVE
Lieut. (J.G.) Maurice F. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. W. Nidenhuber, 212 Pilgrim road, arrived Tuesday night to spend a 30-day leave with his parents. He will return back to Seattle for further assignment on an LST. Lieutenant Smith has been in the Pacific area for one year.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT
Capt. Francis W. Nidenhuber writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nidenhuber, 212 Pilgrim road, that he has been transferred to headquarters of the 9th Bomb Group and has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is with the 20th Air Force on Tinian, in the Marianas, and hopes to be home by the end of June so that he may enter the University of Michigan in the Fall.

MAJOR HAMEL ARRIVES
Major J. Hamel, Jr., is home on terminal leave and is with his wife at their home on F. W. Nidenhuber drive. Major Hamel has been in the service for three and a half years and spent two years of that time with the Military Government in the European theater.

SHIP COMING HOME

ABOARD THE USS GENTRY at Pearl Harbor—Martin F. Willicker, Jr., seaman, first class, USNR, 12 Mile road, Route 1, Birmingham, Mich., serves on this destroyer escort which is returning to the West Coast to be placed in the inactive fleet after traveling unscathed through more than 75,000 miles in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

HE IS ON WAY OUT
NAVAL STAGING CENTER, Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Lt. Arthur L. Orth, 278 North Bates street, Birmingham, Mich., is getting ready to rejoin the ranks of civilians, together with thousands of others going through this Naval demobilization center headed for the States.

COAST GUARDSMAN HOME
Francis J. Millard, Jr., water tender, 1/2 in the U. S. Coast Guard, has received his discharge and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Mills, 705 Purdy street, after three years of active duty. Mills served for 15 months in the Pacific theater, his ship seeing action all the way from New Guinea to Japan. He says his closest call was when his ship was towing off Okinawa during the terrible hurricane which exacted that part of the Pacific. In telling of the incident he explained that the crew watched a big storm form long from its moorings by the storm, just as the bow of their ship, slowly drifting along the side and finally bumping solidly into one of the barges. Mills' brother, Bob, returned from the European area in October.

HE'S BACK IN U. S.
Donald C. Price, Jr., F 2/C, who served for some time in the Philippines aboard the USS Gentry, is now based aboard the naval ship at Portland, Oregon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Price of 850 Cranbrook road.

BACK FROM JAPAN
Back from Nagoya, Honshu, Japan, is George L. Shave, EM 3/C (T). He was discharged on Jan. 3 at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now at his home at 1168 Yosemite boulevard with his wife and child. George was with the Navy for 20 months and served in the Pacific theater of operations for 12 months.

SERVED IN GUAM
Charles H. Holman, Jr., GM 3/C, is home with his wife and two daughters, Sandra Jo and Karen Beth, are staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Holman, 168 Martin street. Charles was discharged on Jan. 6 at Great Lakes, Ill., after 25 months of Navy service. He spent a year in Puerto Rico and about five months on Guam.

IN SERVICE THREE YEARS
Parker Heath, Jr., AS, son of Dr. and Mrs. Parker Heath of West Long Lake road, received his discharge on December 31 from the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He has been in service for three years.

SERVED OVERSEAS
Arnold A. Campbell, MOM 3/C, is home with his wife and daughters, Joy and Donna, at 1418 Ruffner street. He was discharged at Great Lakes, Ill., on Jan. 5, after two years of service. Arnold is entitled to the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three battle stars for his 18 months in that theater of operations.

HERE FROM HAWAII
Gerald O. Jones, AMM 1/C, was discharged from the Navy, after four years of service, on Jan. 5 at Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Jones of East Long Lake road. Jones was stationed on Oahu Island, in the Hawaiian Islands, for 16 months.

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Jack Thomas Calls Attention of Veterans To Emergency Hospitalization; City Still Needs Homes for Returning Servicemen

Jack Thomas, Birmingham veterans' counselor, today in a special statement, called attention of Birmingham veterans to the emergency hospitalization plan now in operation and also to the fact that Wednesday nights were to be "Veterans Nights" at the new Community House, Ranch Room. He also again pleaded with Birmingham families to "double up" and in other ways provide rooms, apartments or houses for returning veterans.

Thomas stated: "Emergency Hospitalization "Veterans are still not familiar with all the benefits to which they are entitled and are especially in the dark about emergency hospitalization and emergency doctor care. This benefit is provided by the State of Michigan and is not to be confused with hospital care given by the Veterans Administration. Gov. Kelly, aided by the staff of the Office of Veterans Affairs, has outlined a program to help veterans obtain care for non-service-connected injuries or hospitalization. Any veteran who is injured or is suddenly taken ill in need of hospitalization is entitled to have his hospital and doctor fees paid by the State.

The few simple requirements are very easy to comply with and the doctors have already pledged cooperation through the Michigan Medical Society.

Four Things Needed

1. The attending physician must be a registered Medical Doctor.
2. The charges must not be above the standard approved by the Michigan Medical Society.
3. The doctor must certify that the case is an emergency.
4. Mr. Thomas, veterans' counselor must be notified within twenty-four hours after hospitalization.

"If these requirements are complied with hospitalization will be approved and all fees will be paid by the State of Michigan. Only the veterans' counselor authorized to approve hospitalization in Birmingham.

Ranch Room Night "The Community House has very kindly offered the new Ranch Room to the Veterans of Birmingham, their wives and guests every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 12:00 o'clock as a meeting place to discuss old times, meet old friends and new friends. There is plenty of music and the snack bar will be open every evening. Opening night will be Jan. 23, and all veterans of Birmingham area are cordially invited. Drop in any time and make yourself at home. Any suggestions for parties or dances are very much in order.

Housing Badly Needed "Are there any people in this area who have a guest home or a lake cottage for rent for veterans and his family? We still are receiving requests daily and the situation is not being alleviated to any extent. Until more homes are built and ready to be occupied the only remedy is to double up and make space available. So far the entire veterans' housing problem has been left up to the office and we are doing the best we can, but with the help of citizens of this community we are unable to do anything.

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