

Service Notes

Ralph Auten, Jr. received his wings and was commissioned Flight Officer at Deming, New Mexico on Saturday, November 18.

Henry Dehanke is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea.

T/S J. M. Banghart has been promoted to Sergeant.

T/S Homer Dickie, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William Mulder, has received the Purple Heart while in action in France. He is with a cavalry unit and has recovered and returned to duty.

Walter T. Schweizer, Jr., left Monday for the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Schweizer, Sr., 21419 Tulane. On Sunday many of Walter's friends called to bid him goodbye, and he received many lovely gifts and quite a sum of money.

Technical Sergeant Forrest E. Ahlt, a weather man with the Air Force, has been transferred from

Maxwell Field, Alabama, to a location in Florida.

It is understood that Dean Coolman has safely reached England. His brother, Don, has also reached an overseas location.

Private Stieland, stationed at the Bomber Plant, was again a weekend visitor with his family on Mayfield Avenue. He expects to be transferred to a location in the South.

Laurence Way, who has been home on furlough for two weeks with his wife, Marcella, and little daughter, Judy, leaves the day after Thanksgiving for Mexico.

Sailor Harold Gagon arrived home several days ago for a visit with his parents, who live near Seven Mile and Farmington Roads.

T/Sgt. Warren R. Markie has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. Sergeant Markie, a B-24 engineer, served in the European theater, and won the Purple Heart. His home is at 21619 Oxford, Farmington.

Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Robert G. Werschlin, a resident of Farmington, will spend four years' sea duty in the Atlantic and Pacific, has been chosen by the Navy

to serve aboard an LSM (Landing Ship, Medium), the Speed Carrier of Attack that has been especially developed for Pacific duty. Now stationed at the Amphibious Training Base in Little Creek, Virginia, Werschlin is going through the training program to prepare for duty on the swift new invasion vessel.

Werschlin was engaged in the tile business before he joined the Navy in October, 1939. The third son of the Werschlin now in the U.S. Navy, graduated from Farmington High School in 1937, and during his attendance, won high honors as an outstanding third baseman on the school's baseball team. Since his enlistment, Chief Werschlin has had four years and two months' sea duty aboard Navy battleships and destroyers in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, infested waters, and has taken part in several of the European and Nip invasions in the Pacific.

CMM. W. W. Werschlin and MMIC A. E. Werschlin, his brothers, are now on duty overseas. The three men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Werschlin who reside at 21715 Waldron Street.

October 16, 1944

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for the weekly Enterprise I have been getting since being in the Navy. I found it very interesting to read in spare time. Other fellows who are interested also, though they're not from Michigan.

I hope you will continue to send the papers as it will be more interesting to read than go to Norfolk on liberty. I was very much surprised at the people in Virginia, but I guess they soon got tired of having so many sailors around all the time.

It's getting pretty cold down here, but hope to leave before winter sets in.

I want to thank you again for the Enterprise, and will send my new address to save a lot of trouble.

Bye now,
Yours truly,
Don Johnson, S 2/c

San Luis Obispo
October 13, 1944

Dear Editor:

I received the Enterprise yesterday noon and I wish to thank you very much. I have been doing a little moving and the paper somehow got lost. I am very happy to receive it again as I can catch up on what is going on back home.

We have been rather busy and this is one night that I can catch up on my letters. I don't care much for the weather here. The country is full of mountains and it's rather hard to walk over them on a hike. Besides that I guess it is O.K. but it will never compare to Michigan.

Well it is about time for lights out, so I will close and thanks a million for the paper.

Sincerely yours,

Pfc W. Krocker.

P.S. This is supposed to be sunny California—no sun, just fog.

September 7, 1944

Belgium

Hello Everybody:

Say, I just want to write and thank you for sending me the paper, as I enjoy reading it very much, mostly the Service Notes, because I can keep in contact with all the fellows I used to know.

I was in France from the start until the end, and how I am somewhere in Belgium, and I must say that the people, both in France and Belgium are very happy to see the American Army march in. They threw us flowers, all kinds of fruit, etc., and the people from two years of age to 80 years of age hug and kiss us. I hope by the time you receive this letter I will be in Berlin, Germany.

I see that all my old pals are doing O.K., such as Oren Mitchell and Ted Polcyn, and I hope to see them all very soon at home. Well, I'd better close. Thanks again for the paper.

Bye Now,
Russell R. Smith.

October 26, 1944

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to say a word or

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two of thanks for your courtesy in sending me the paper. I have enjoyed it immensely. I may change my address soon. I will notify you when the change of address occurs.

Receiving the paper helps me a lot from being homesick. Also, I can keep in touch with the events that occur in town. I sure do appreciate it a lot.

Gratefully,
Pvt. Henry W. Colobank

Private Richard Pauline reports that he has met T/A Rowe of Power Road, Farmington, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where both boys are stationed.

October 26, 1944

Dear Sir:

I wish to notify you of my change of address, and also thank you very much for sending the paper. I look forward to receiving it every week.

When I came to this base I had my choice of four airfields, and took Crowds Landing because of the name. All Crowds Landing is a crossroads with a gas station and a beer garden. It's about a hundred miles inland from Frisco. It's good duty, though, because there is less than five hundred fellows on the base.

Thanks again for sending the paper.

Yours truly,

Wayne M. Ault, S 1/c.

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the Women's Army Corps, doing her bit to make possible the "travelogue" for all our fighting men and women overseas to turn home-ward bound. T/A Hedwig A. Berger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Berger of 29901 St. Martin Drive, a typical American suburban district, close by the great automobile center of Detroit.

Back in good ol' civilian days, "Hedy," as her friends call her, was employed as a secretary by the Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit. Then came the call to service. A desire to render her nation the most of her services and abilities soon found Hedy as Private Berger, taking her "Hup, Two, Three, Four" at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. The right Army physical training schedule was right down the alley for Hedy, who had been member of the Detroit News Hikers Club, Unit 6.

Our friend from Farmington easily fell into line, and just four months after her enlistment in the service, she found herself seaward bound for the distant shores of North Africa.

T/A Berger found her work interesting, hard, and with very little time for a "Cook's tour" of the bewitching spots to be visited on the north shores of the mysterious Dark Continent. There was a job for WAC Berger to do, and she settled down to it. That job is an important one in one of the Army's most important specialized branches—the G-1 Personnel Section of Headquarters, Communications Zone, North Africa Theatre of Operations, commanded by Major General Thomas B. Larkin.

T/A Berger has two "hobbies" in which she loves to indulge. First, there is horseback riding and then, second, there is the luxury of "breakfast in bed." Of the first, it can be said that our little gal from Farmington is doing her bit to further better international relations by having made friends at the French Remount Station. There every now and then a mount is available for a bit of riding. Of T/A Berger's second "hobby"—well—she'll just have to wait until that glorious day called "V," for soldiering hardly encompasses breakfast in bed. However, here's nothing to keep a gal from dreaming, is there? One thing, we are sure Hedy will remember, as her recent vacation she so well earned, that was spent at a true Paradise on Earth, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri. How about that, T/A Berger?

27 October, 1944

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to inform you of my change of address. After about a month of inactivity, we've finally been transferred to an active unit. It's the Field Artillery this time, and it makes the third time I've changed outfits. We're still at Fort Leonard Wood, however, and I believe I'll enjoy this type of work.

At the moment we're on maneuvers, and will be in the field for

about a month. Well, it's getting pretty close to show time, so I guess I'd better sign off. Hoping to receive the Enterprise as usual, I remain,

Yours truly,
Richard W. Pauline.

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