



Service Notes

December 31, 1941

Just a line or two to let you know that we are still alive and doing O.K. on our front at present. We are stuck when it comes to telling of ourselves at present, but after a certain time has gone by we can spill our insides. If we want. Have had almost six months of straight combat now and am hoping for a break soon. As some of the fellows say, France is O.K., but it would be a lot better just to be home. Haven't had the pleasure of seeing Paris as yet, but there may come a time if my luck holds out. We get 48-hour leave to Paris from any day as yet. Bob Ham is around the front and lots of the fellows

have gone there already. We now rate a furlough home and I think after 3 years on this side we should see what it is like.

We had a time cracking the city of Metz. The forts around it were really something to see and you wonder how they ever made it. The biggest credit goes to the infantry or doughboys. We sure feel for them. They depend on us for support and we give it to them, but at times we can't on account of some ammunition shortage. They have some swell targets to blow to hell and what happens, you have to let it go for no ammunition to waste.

My interests do lay in firing, or such I have to keep the wire communications in. I have three crews who put it in and then there is a trouble shooter who is out all hours of the day or night. To lay one mile of wire it costs 25 bucks, and we have one hell of a time keeping it up.

Am still waiting to meet some fellow from home around here. I have been three years which I have been around and never run across him. Bob Ham is around some place, but we never get

close enough to meet. Ray DeYoung of Clarenceville has been close by but I never got to see him. Most of the fellows I know are in the Pacific some place or in the Atlantic.

I am still receiving the paper, but they come in a month late or better.

We all had a swell Christmas dinner and got our packages just around Christmas time. We had the snow and all we wish made it well. All we lacked was a tree and the home folks.

It is chow time and I see the line is getting rather small now so I will head for it and hope they haven't run out of chow. I have three hot days so we are not too bad off.

We'll have a quiet celebration this New Year's Eve by hitting the hay early I hope.

To all the fellows who are around here and even in the Pacific, here's hoping the New Year will be brighter for all.

Yours Truly,

William H. Barrons.

Sgt. James J. Ryall, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ryall of Route 5, Farmington, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined. Sgt. Ryall served as a rifleman in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. Before entering the service Sgt. Ryall was employed as a driver-salesman by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Detroit. He became a member of the Armed Forces on April 21, 1941.

Helmut E. Bayer, 22, F 1/c, USNR, of Detroit, recently was named top man of his diesel engine repair and maintenance class by his instructor at Amphibious Training Base, Coronado, California. Bluejacket Bayer was transferred to the Amphibious base after recruit and basic engineering training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He attended an internal combustion engine school at the Naval Repair Base, San Diego.

A machinist, Bluejacket Bayer entered the Navy last June 12. He is the son of Mrs. Marie K. Bayer, 21610 Colgate, Farmington, and his wife, Mrs. Christine K. Bayer, resides at 20400 Polciniana, Detroit.

Pvt. Glenn H. McClellan, husband of Mrs. Betty Jane McClellan, 1345 Westmore Street, Farmington, has been transferred from the Army Ground Forces to the Army Air Forces, and has reported at the AAF Training Command's base at Keesler Field. He is now at Keesler awaiting reassignment to duties with the AAF.

Ronald Bell, S 2/c, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bell, has finished his training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and is spending a nine day furlough with his parents. His sister, Pfc Lois Bell, and brother, Douglas Bell, S 1/c, are also home on furlough.

Pfc William D. Schweizer has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schweizer, that he is now somewhere in Germany, and is safe and well.

Clifford Stirling, S 2/c, is studying radio at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Robert C. Brown, F 1/c MoMM, is still confined to the Navy Hospital in San Diego, with fever. This illness developed after Robert was apparently recovering from scarlet fever.

Mrs. Charles Diamond received word a few weeks ago that her brother, Captain R. D. Baugh of the Canadian Army had been decorated for bravery in action. Captain Baugh received the D.S.O., the second highest award it is possible to receive, and was decorated by King George VI in Buckingham Palace. In addition to the citation, Captain Baugh is to be promoted to the rank of Major. Mrs. Diamond has three other brothers in service, Captain B. M. Baugh, who with his brother has been overseas for four and a half years, and two brothers in the R.C.A.F., stationed in Canada.

Two Farmington men were among those graduating from intensive courses of specialized training at recent Service Schools ceremonies at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois. James Francis Regan, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Regan, graduated from Basic Engineering School and Harold Theodore Gagnon, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gagnon, 19314 Westmore Street also graduated from Basic Engineering School.

Recently entering the Navy, and now receiving "boot" training at Great Lakes, Illinois, is Lewis

L. Carter, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Carter, 20375 Hubbard, Farmington.

January 29, 1945

Dear Editor: I have chosen this time to give you my earnest thanks for sending me the Enterprise. Not that I'm so far from home, but I sure do miss everything about it, and the Enterprise brings home much closer to me.

Reading about the other fellows in the service, and about the folks at home is a swell way to pass my extra time.

I am now attending radio school in the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is a very interesting course.

Please give my regards to all of my friends in Farmington. Again I want to thank you for sending me the Enterprise.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Charles G. Diamond

There is no greater thrill for a bombardier than to see his "eggs" land squarely in the target area and crawl along in a fiery, devastating pattern to hit the enemy where it hurts the most. Lieutenant Nick M. Tikfesi of Farmington, at the bomb sight of his 7th Air Force Liberator had such a sensation over Grace Park airfield in the Manila area of the Philippines. "Bombs in the target area, 100 per cent," was Lieutenant Tikfesi's report as he returned from the strike in which two squadrons of the big bombers blasted Jap plane dispersal areas and destroyed a number of aircraft on the ground as well as set fire to fuel and supply dumps. Airmen consider the Manila area "one of the hottest targets this side of Tokyo," and therefore, a perfect strike record in that section is regarded as somewhat of an accomplishment.

Lieutenant Tikfesi's wife and one child reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cosmala, 4508 Grand River. He entered the service in April, 1941, as a field artillery man and, after serving 11 months in Iceland, transferred to

the Air Forces in February, 1943, earning his wings soon afterwards. He was graduated from Northwestern High School in 1936. Prior to military service, Lieutenant Tikfesi was an audit clerk for the New York Central Railway.

VALENTINE DANCE WILL ASSIST IN REHABILITATION

Everything is in readiness for the Valentine Dance to be held next Wednesday evening, February 14, in the Farmington High School Gymnasium. This dance is under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Groves-Walker Unit, and proceeds of the affair will be used in rehabilitation work.

The dance is semi-formal, and will feature both modern and old-time dancing. An excellent orchestra has been secured to provide the music.

Those who do not care to dance may play cards. The price of admission will include refreshments. Plan to attend this benefit dance, and lend your aid to a worthy project.

LIVONIA BRANCH OF RED CROSS MEETS MONTHLY

The Livonia Branch of the Red Cross held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Edith Graham, Friday afternoon.

Reports were given by Mrs. L. D. Thompson, Volunteer Service chairman, on the interesting luncheon meeting which she attended at Red Cross headquarters. All the reports from other chairmen told the story of a very busy month in all branches of service. Final plans were made for the Blood Bank, Feb. 16. Mrs. A. Skinner was appointed chairman of Home Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon were in Coldwater Sunday on business.

WEST FARMINGTON

By Mrs. Sarah Knapp

Mrs. Edward Borgne entertained about 25 relatives and friends Thursday afternoon at a shower in honor of her niece, Mrs. John Lindsey. Guests were present from Detroit, Hartland and Walled Lake. Mrs. Lindsey received many useful gifts. Lunch was served.

Mrs. Marie Walters of Plymouth is spending a few days with her brothers and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimmer, and Herman Grimmer.

Mrs. Elmer See and Mrs. Floyd Cairns called on Mrs. Edith Graham, Friday afternoon.

The Extension Group leaders of West Farmington spent Friday in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker went to Pontiac Saturday to call

on Mrs. Mary Heliker, who had been sick. They found Mrs. Heliker much improved.

The West Farmington Extension will hold their meeting at West Bloomfield Town Hall, February 15. The lesson will be on meals out of abundant foods. Mrs. Floyd Cairns opened her new home on 13 Mile Road at the meeting of the Walled Lake W.C.T.U., Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. F. P. McCaskill entertained her bridge club Monday evening.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown us at the death of our husband and father, Mr. Frank D. Davis.

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