



Service Notes

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ports at one of the largest "Bomb farms" of the Air Service Command. Private Robinson dispatches vehicles that deliver bombs and munitions to combat air-dromes, and also insures that truck and crane tires are well cared for. Before entering the army in July, 1941, he was employed as a stock clerk for Chrysler Motor. He was with the Ordnance Department at Selfridge Field for three months, before arriving at his present overseas station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Robinson, who live at 19321 Newburg Road.

Nick M. Tikfesi of Farmington, a Liberator bomber bombardier, has been promoted to First Lieutenant. A member of a 7th AAF

heavy bombardment squadron, Lt. Tikfesi has flown 30 combat missions against Jap shipping, air power and ground installations in the Philippines and the Palau. Lt. Tikfesi's wife, the former Mary Cosmola, and child, live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cosmola, at 34505 Grand River. He has been awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster ribbon and a battle star for the battle of the Mandated Islands.

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Forces. Cadets now in training include Melvin R. Rowland, 30555 11 Mile Road.

Veteran doughboys of the 112nd Infantry Regiment, experiencing some of their hardest combat in more than 350 days of battle, recently broke through the Moder Line at Oberhofen, captured Wiesbaden, and then the Siegfried defenses. The men of the 112nd achieved a spectacular record in Italy and France where they stormed strongly-defended beaches, waded difficult mountain warfare, and effected rapid thrusts deep into enemy territory. A member of this regiment is Pfc William R. Bowers of 30491 14 Mile Road.

For gallantry in action, and wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Pfc Leo P. Cuzzillo of Farmington, was presented with the Purple Heart, and his commander's high congratulations. Commander Regnolds also said, "Don't get any Oak Leaf Clusters on top of that Purple Heart."

When the spearhead of Company of the 57th Armored Regiment, and Armored Division, followed by the famous 41st armored Infantry, ran into stiff enemy resistance Leo's tank, Darf Devil 5, commanded by Sgt. John Gartland of New York State pulled up within 100 yards of a farm house, they could see German running all over it. Leo opened fire, soon all hell broke loose. Leo was hit in the left shoulder by machine gun fire from the barn, but stuck to his gun. After the nest of Germans was cleaned out and many prisoners taken, including American doughboys that had been cap-

tured the day before, Leo was taken to the Medics, and was back on Darf Devil 5 the next night, pushing toward Berlin.

Leo has a brother in the U.S. Navy, S 2/c Joe M. Cuzzillo, who is fighting in the South Pacific.

"The Cross of Lorraine Division," officially known as the 79th Division, whose record from the landing in France, first to enter Cherbourg, first across the Seine, has lived up to its glorious heritage received from World War One. The commendation from Seventh Army, signed by Lt. Gen. A. M. Patch, commanding, reads as follows:

"Soldiers of the 79th Division: Following your continuous action from D-Day in Normandy until late October, you were committed to the attack only a few days after a short rest. Breaking through the enemy defenses north of Baccarat, you continued to advance in the face of powerful enemy resistance, overcoming the enemy defenses and capturing many prisoners. During the brilliant action which followed, you captured the towns of Blamont and Cirey, reducing the main enemy positions and effecting a breakthrough which permitted the Second French armored division to advance rapidly to the northeast and exploit the success you had achieved."

Since this commendation was received this division, which included the 315th Infantry, has continued to advance into the heart of Germany, fully justifying the faith put in them by Lt. Gen. Patch when he said "I have full confidence in your ability to continue your relentless pursuit until final victory."

The above was taken from the published story of the 79th Division and sent by 1st Sgt. Joseph W. Wilkinson, a member of the 315th Infantry from somewhere in Germany, who is the recipient of the Purple Heart, and whose outfit received the Presidential Citation for extraordinary work accomplished in January, 1945.

William L. Houle, aerial engineer-gunner in a 15th Air Force Flying Fortress, has been promoted from corporal to a staff sergeant. He is a member of the Second Bombardment Group, and flew his first combat mission over the railroad yards in Graz, Austria, April 2, 1945. His unit, the oldest bomb group in the army's history, has flown more than 400 bombing missions during two years of operations overseas. His wife, Mrs. Shirley R. Houle, and daughter, Barbara, live at 36218 13 Mile Road, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow of Randall Road have received word from their son, Earl, who is serving with the United States Navy, that he has been promoted from Seaman First Class to Yeoman Third Class, or the rating of a Petty Officer. Earl wishes to be remembered to his friends in Farmington.

Miss Annabelle Hupert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Hupert, 27908 Orchard Lake Rd., enlisted in the Waves on April 2.

and will report to Hunters College, New York, on May 31. Miss Hupert graduated from Farmington High School in 1942.

Lt. Frank E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, 33305 Orchard Street, is home on leave, having just been commissioned a bombardier in the United States Army Air Force at Chillicothe Army Air Field, Texas. During the intensive six-month course, the handpicked cadets studied in ground and aerial classrooms, flew on day and night practice missions, achieving a high degree of bombing marksmanship. They became skilled, too, in aerial gunnery, familiar with Japanese targets and aircraft identity.

T/Sgt. Carl R. Hogganson is with a Ninth Air Force Service Command mobile reclamation and repair unit in Belgium which was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for its "superior performance in the repair and maintenance of aircraft in England, France, Belgium and Germany." Under adverse weather conditions, with inadequate clothing and equipment, Hogganson's unit assembled hundreds of fighter aircraft and light bombers in England at a time when they were urgently needed in the fight for air supremacy over Europe. Sgt. Hogganson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogganson, formerly of Farmington, now living in Detroit. Prior to his entering the service in April, 1942, he was employed at Fisher Body, Pontiac Division. Overseas now for more than 18 months, he is an assistant metal-smith section chief.

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to First Lieut. Charles R. Oldenburg, 23912 Pickett Avenue, has been announced by Headquarters of the 29th Bomber Command, pioneer B-29 Superfortress organization. The citation commends Lt. Oldenburg for "outstanding and meritorious achievement while participating in operational and combat flights from bases in India to bases in China and return, and from bases in China on missions over enemy territory where enemy fire was probable and expected." The citation adds that Lt. Oldenburg "accomplished his mission with distinction above and beyond that normally expected." Lt. Oldenburg is with the "Billy Mitchell" Group.

Technician Third Grade Louis E. Esch of the 705th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company with the 5th Infantry Division in Germany, recently was awarded the Bronze Star. He is the son of Louis C. Esch, 19704 Middlebelt Road. The citation was given "for distinctive service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 9, 1944 to October 9, 1944, in France. During this period, Technician Esch has served in the capacity of chief of the small arms section. As a direct result of his untiring

efforts, his marked ability and technical knowledge the small arms section of the division has succeeded in quickly and efficiently repairing all small arms and returning them to their proper units with an absolute minimum of delay. Overcoming the most difficult obstacles in the field, the section under Technician Esch has succeeded in operating and performing its many intricate tasks without the loss of a single machine tool or any part of their valuable equipment. Due to his skill and learning his section achieved the greatest of success in its endeavors. His deep devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service."

Dear Sirs: This is just to let you know I received the Enterprise today, my first paper, by the way, and I enjoyed reading it very much. I'm grateful to my mother for having it sent to me. I was once a fond resident of Farmington Township and I graduated from Farmington High in 1927. I shall look forward to receiving the paper now, for it interests me very much. I'm a member of the Eighth Air Force and serve in the capacity of Engineer on a B-17 and top turret gunner. But I'm looking forward to the day of peace and goodwill among all men. Thanks again for the paper. And here's hoping the headlines may soon read, "War in Europe Over." Sincerely, T/Sgt. Douglas A. McArthur.

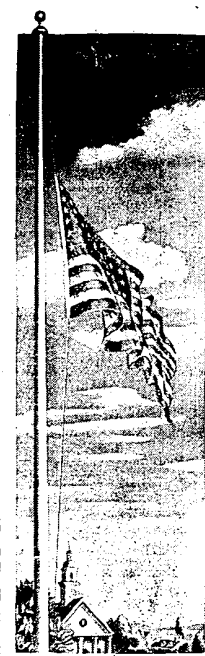
Dear Sirs: Just a few lines to let you know that I am receiving the paper and to give my thanks.

I have mentioned the year in which it was established, and feeling it gives a guy who lives in the town where it was established. Receiving the paper is like walking through your home town streets and saying to yourself, "This is where I was born."

I have recognized a few names of the fellows that I used to know, and went to school with, three years or so, ago. I also have noticed that the lit-

tle town has really grown a lot, in more ways than one. Regards to all the fellows in camps and on furlough. Good luck.

Thanks again and keep 'em rolling. Pfc. Earl D. McManus, Jr. Camp Patrick, Henry, Va.



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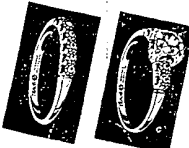
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