

In the Service—

LOCAL SOLDIERS
ARE PROMOTED

2 Airmen Stationed Overseas, Third Is in United States.

Two Indianapolis airmen in Italy and a local soldier in a U. S. camp have been promoted.

Roy R. Cheesman, whose wife lives at 1433 N. New Jersey st., was promoted to first lieutenant, and Herod R. Rains, whose wife lives at 116 N. Dequincy st., was advanced to technical sergeant. Lt. Cheesman is a pilot and Sgt. Rains an aerial gunner on B-24 Liberators based in Italy.

Howard H. C. Kehlbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kehlbeck, 4701 Carson ave., was promoted to sergeant at Camp Lee, Va., where he is with a quartermaster detachment.

John R. Reddick, son of Mrs. Murrell Reddick, Carmel, has been promoted to staff sergeant with the 3d infantry division of the 5th army in Italy.

Cpl. Harry Lineberry, son of Mrs. Roy Adams, 310 N. Emerson ave., who has been overseas 14 months, is now in Italy.

Mrs. Adams said she had received a box of souvenirs, including a pair of house slippers, a purse and a cream pitcher, from a French girl her son had met in North Africa.

Joins Seabees

Machinist's Mate 2-c Glen E. Nees has arrived with the Seabees at Pearl Harbor, his father, Gustave Nees, 1002 St. Paul st., has been informed.

Pvt. Robert F. Williams has returned to the Pomona, Cal., ordnance base after visiting his wife, Mrs. Verda Williams, 6017 E. Washington st., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Williams, 5959 University st. His brother, George T. Williams, reported to Ft. Harrison for induction recently.

2 Bluejackets Graduated

Two Indianapolis bluejackets have been graduated from specialized training schools at Great Lakes, Ill. The men and their schools are Jasper C. Ingram Jr., husband of Mrs. Delores M. Ingram, 1906 W. Minnesota st., from electrician's mate school, and Thomas E. Wetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus W. Wetter, 1435 Williams st., from gunner's mate school.

Pvt. R. R. Mostes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eluis Mostes, 3611 English ave., is at Keesler field, Miss., for basic training.

Six Indianapolis men are among U. S. soldiers in an infantry unit going through intensive pre-invasion training in Great Britain. They are Capt. Orris E. Hiestand Jr., 831 College ave.; Cpl. Wilbur E. Kramer, 1527 University ave.; Pfc. Harold W. Shaner, 5973 Rawls ave.; Erwin Guggenheimer, 2543 N. Delaware st.; George F. Hill Jr., 1417 S. East st., and Pvt. Paul E. Puckett, 2243 Kenwood ave.

Pvt. Norbert V. Booker, 636 Dearborn st., participated in a 10-game exhibition of basketball staged by American soldiers and WACs held recently for allied forces and civilian spectators in Great Britain.

Quintet in England

Five Indianapolis soldiers are among artillerymen in Great Britain preparing for their part in the liberation of occupied Europe. They are Sgts. Maurice E. Masters, 1933 College ave.; Joseph F. Rowell, 1350 Reisner st.; Cpls. Jimmie L. Ferguson, 430 Massachusetts ave.; Cleo Thompson, 1024 1/2 W. New York st., and Walter Tuschoff, 127 W. Georgia st.

Aviation Cadet Harry W. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bell, 2919 N. Delaware st., has completed basic flying training at Newport, Ark.

Given Special Assignment

Pvt. Arthur E. Robinson Jr., 5933 E. Washington st., is among one of the U. S. army's picket combat military police units in Great Britain preparing for the invasion of Europe.

Albert F. Denbo, former salesman for Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. here, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the aircraft radio laboratory at Wright field, Dayton, O. He is the son of Dr. Edward S. Denbo of Orleans, and his wife is with him in Dayton.

Charles E. Schwab Jr., petty officer 1-c in the seabees, has arrived in the Hawaiian islands, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Schwab, 2008 Park ave. His wife, Frances, lives in Akron.

His step-brother, Pvt. William Ward Lewis, in the infantry, is taking basic training at Camp Roberts, Cal.

Yanks Overseas



T. W. Harris

M. J. Kelley

CPL. T. WILLIAM HARRIS, brother of Mrs. Martha Curry, Post rd., and Mrs. Geraldine Davis, 924 Ogden st., is in New Guinea. In January, he married the former Nancy O'Leary of Sidney, Australia. He has been overseas two years and is in the army aviation ordnance.

PVT. MICHAEL J. KELLEY, son of Mrs. Anna Kelley, 901 Woodlawn ave., is with the administrative forces in England. His brother, T. Sgt. Robert L. Kelley, is a crew chief and instructor in the A. A. F. at Dalhart, Tex.

Marine Pfc. Vernon Myers, son of L. A. Myers, R. R. 15, has been graduated from machine gun school at Camp Elliott, San Diego.

HALL RETURNS
FROM OVERSEASPharmacists Mate Given
Discharge After Long
Service as Marine.

James F. Hall Jr., pharmacist's mate 3-c, veteran of overseas service with the marines, has been honorably discharged from his navy and is now home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hall, 519 1/2 E. 54th st. He will return to the Eli Lilly Co. as an assistant in the research laboratories. His brother, Robert M. Hall, is a cadet at West Point Military academy.

Harry W. Roberts, Jr. machinist's mate 1-c, has reported to Norfolk, Va., for assignment to a destroyer, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Roberts, 446 Centennial st. He is a veteran of 31 months service in the South Pacific aboard a gun boat and destroyer.

Serve Country



H. Ferguson

G. Maudlin

SGT. HANSEL FERGUSON, husband of Mrs. Betty Ferguson, 559 Vinton st., is with the second A. A. F. ground crew in England. Overseas since October, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Ferguson of Cotton Valley, La.

GEORGE E. MAUDLIN, gunner's mate 3-c, veteran of two major battles, one of which was the Marshalls invasion, is with the Pacific fleet. He is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert R. Maudlin, 515 N. Grant ave., and has been overseas since November.

Aviation Cadet Garriott W. Eppley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Eppley, 2224 E. 12th st., is in basic flight training at Garden City, Kas.

NAZI PLANE EXPERT
HEADS ALLIED UNIT

Col. Joe W. Kelly, a native of old Waverly, near Indianapolis, and an expert on German planes, is now commander of a B-28 medium bomber group in England.

According to a dispatch from the base, he learned all about German equipment "developed from American ideas" in Chile where he was a technical adviser to the minister of defense. Americans sold the government on their equipment although the country "had been overrun with Germans," he said.

The man who calls himself the "shanty Irishman" has 4000 hours of flying time to his credit and has been an army man since he entered West Point at 18. His wife and two children live at Urbana, Ill., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly are Columbus, Ind., residents.

The following men have been inducted through Marion county local board 5:

Lewis Prater, Chicago, Ill.; James Robinson, 7645 W. Michigan st.; Curtis Trumbo, 651 King st.; Franklin Mitchell, 810 Blake st.; William J. Gregory, 926 N. California st.; Wilbur Coleman, 228 Locke st.; Eugene Craig, 845 Camp st.

Advance in Air



G. Deeb Jr.

E. Albright

GEORGE J. DEEB JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Deeb, 753 N. Dequincy st., received his pilot wings and commission of second lieutenant in the A. A. F. at Maria, Tex., recently.

EDWIN R. ALBRIGHT, former office manager of the Banquet Ice Cream & Milk Co., has been promoted to major in the air service command at the Rome, N. Y., air depot. His wife, Virginia, and daughter, Virginia Lee, are with him in Rome.

Max Boyd Fletcher, 1217 E. Orange st., and Robert Lowell Day, 357 Kenyon ave., are enrolled in the navy V-12 unit at Iowa State college, Ames, Ia.

LT. LINKE ASSIGNED
TO CAMP ATTERBURY

Lt. Jean Linke of near Nashville, who treated wounded and tropical disease-infected soldiers nine months in New Guinea and Australia, has been assigned to Camp Atterbury.

Lt. Linke received her training at the Indiana university medical center here.

Sgt. Joseph B. Lewis, skilled air mechanic with a fighter squadron, is at Ft. Myers, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of New Augusta.

Aviation Cadet John W. Nichol Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nichol, 114 W. 32d st., is in bombardier training at Big Spring, Tex.

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"Ahead of Schedule"

An AAF Report on the Aviation Cadet Program

Thanks to the young men of America, the AAF is seizing air supremacy in every theatre, faster than we ever planned or even dared to hope.

Thanks to youth's eagerness to serve, the AAF has grown in a remarkably short time from a mere handful of men into the largest, most powerful air force in the world.

Thanks to the fitness and alertness of these young men, they have learned their job so quickly that we have been able to throw our great airplane production into effective combat quicker than we believed possible. Due to their daring and skill we are destroying the enemy with less loss to our own forces than we anticipated.

All air crew men must have the irresistible desire to fly. Every such flying man in the AAF is there on his own initiative... in response to our invitation to fly and fight with "The Greatest Team in the World." Hundreds of thousands have thronged to our Aviation Cadet Examining Boards in response to this appeal. Thousands are continuing to volunteer... for active duty... and for the 17-year-old Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Our gratitude to the young men of America, and to their parents, friends and

associates... is without bounds. We should like to welcome on our team any qualified young man who wishes to join. But there are other considerations... a balanced attack must be maintained.

Since last July the Selective Service process has not yielded enough men for all phases of the military program. Other branches of the army urgently need men for currently pending operations.

The AAF is ahead of schedule. It has sufficient men in training and in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve to meet its present schedule for combat crews. It must therefore balance this activity with immediate over-all needs.

As General Marshall has announced, the AAF has returned to their former commands some 36,000 men who had recently volunteered for air crew training from the ground and service forces. Moreover, until further notice, the AAF will not take any men into active duty from civilian life for air crew training. Also, further enrollment in the 17-year-old Air Corps Enlisted Reserve has been temporarily suspended.

The future of America depends upon the fitness of our young men. All of the armed services need young men who are physically fit, mentally alert and well educated for the exacting demands of modern war.

The AAF urges every man approaching military age to prepare himself physically and mentally for his possible contribution to the defeat of our enemies and for his responsibilities in the post-war world.

We suggest, among other things, the physical training and other preparatory courses of the High School Victory Corps which are recommended for the various armed services, and the physical and pre-aviation training given to CAP Cadets by the nation-wide organization of the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces.

The AAF current training program will, of course, continue. All men now enrolled in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve will start their training after they become 18 as originally planned. And we will soon again take young men of 17 into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Meanwhile, in recognition of the overwhelming public support given the AAF, we shall continue to report developments—so that when we invite further active enrollment on our flying team, the nation will be familiar with our activities and the vital nature of our needs.

A. H. Hunsell
Commanding General, U. S. Army Air Forces

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