

Let's Take a Look

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Champaign Weekend

Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—

Wishing to combine a business-pleasure trip to southern Illinois I spent a few days in these pleasant twin cities where the University of Illinois rests.

I was the guest of the F. J. Schwartzes, a genial and gracious family with a sweet daughter, Dolores.

Needless to say, I "did more pleasure" than I did business!

En route here I picked up a hitch-hiking sailor who was on his last leave prior to discharge. He was a happy young man. But he certainly was concerned about the Nation's reconversion pains and its baffling foreign policy.

SAILOR SPEAKS

He told me he had one degree and added: "I think I'll go back and get my master's. It'll be a good way to pass time while Uncle Sam is ridding the country of uncertainties and organizations with 'isms' tacked on to their names. I wish those fellows in Washington would put America's interests first," the sailor said.

When we left Chicago it was foggy and rainy. We were greeted here by sunshine, top-down weather, bursting buds, and the carefreeness that exists in a college town — particularly when it's tournament headquarters for Illinois' best high school basketball teams.

BOUNDLESS ENERGY

After haughty, sophisticated, pushy New York it was good to see natural-acting folk and peppy high school and college youths with their boundless energy.

They weren't concerned about what Churchill was saying — or "official Russia"; or what was happening in Manchuria; or how near the Reds were to Iran.

Rather, these pants-rolled-up and sweater - and - skirt - and - bobby socks girls were only interested in whether their team was going to win that day.

It is indeed refreshing to be in such an atmosphere.

LIKE WILLIAMSBURG INN

Dolores, or Del — who reminds me of Highland Park's and Hollywood's Mrs. James Aubrey Jr., or the former Phyllis Thaxter — was my gay weekend partner and we had lots of fun.

To dinner with the Schwartzs at the beautiful Illini Union building. This magnificent structure reminds me of Virginia's Williamsburg Inn, particularly the dining quarters, The Colonial Room, where the waitresses are pleasant and so willing to help.

Later that night we saw Ingrid Bergman in Spellbound. It was an excellent film, far superior to the Academy award winning, The Lost Weekend.

THANKS ILLINI PERSONNEL

Part of the next day I spent renewing friendships with those kind persons around the Daily Illini offices who were so patient with this blundering ex-GI editor when he was attempting to edit Chanute Field's WINGS.

And here's a printed thanks to

Bud, Dwight, Holly, Herb, Bob, Ralph, Neva and all the others for helping me make type "rubber" so it would fit into page forms — and so WINGS "hit the street" on time.

We also visited ex-sergeant Bill Judy, former Chanute Field sports editor, and now a key man on the Urbana Courier staff.

O, yes, and that day, too, while Del was attending to her numerous campus and Tri Delta sorority activities, I called upon some twin city merchants, some of whom blessed this novice salesman with orders.

Their kindness helped to make the weekend complete; profitable, too!

POPULAR TRI DELTAS

In the afternoon we saw Spiral Staircase. It, too, is an entertaining movie — if you like 'em scary. That evening was quietly enjoyed in the attractively decorated parlors of the Tri Delta house. It was relaxing to sit in the plushy chairs and listen to Debussy and Beethoven recordings.

It was also good to hear, off in the distance, the light-hearted voices of Del's "sisters" as they greeted their "dates."

Because the Tri Deltas are so popular, I was only able to meet one, Del's "mom," peppy, pretty Betty Whalen. And we just caught her between dates with good-looking Joe Colleges.

The following morning I had a pleasant chat with Mr. Schwartz, a well known twin cities contractor who has built scores of homes, schools and churches in Illinois.

BUILDS BIG SCHOOL

Mr. Schwartz told me that one of his greatest building thrills came when he was awarded the contract to construct a \$300,000 school.

"Building is an inspiring profession," kindly Mr. Schwartz said. "When you build something as positive and as important as a school, or a church, or a home, there are tremendous mental and spiritual rewards and a warm feeling of accomplishment," he added.

Later that morning we went to early Communion service at the small, but beautiful Champaign Episcopal church.

I like this service best of all for early in the morning, somehow, one feels closer to God — and that's a good feeling.

And the hours pass swiftly. And there is business to attend to in Chicago. And so a lingering goodbye to the Schwartzs, and to Mrs. Gross, my weekend "landlord" . . .

And now for the 150 mile drive back to Highland Park . . .

SUGGESTIONS

This column's customers are urged to pass their eyes five columns to the right for "Deep and Shallows," a never-ending source of witty, clever, tightly-written pieces carefully edited by Mrs. Lester Olson, a very poetic grandma, by the way.

Also may we suggest that you drop your sights on Alexander McPherson's new "Corn On The Cob" column — a sprightly-written pillar of type.

Highland Park Boy Manager of Mississippi Radio Station WCMA

Wm. M. Bigley, who has been heard over national hookup radio programs since his release from service a year ago, has been appointed manager of the radio station WCMA, Corinth, Miss., a new Mutual network station which was dedicated March 1. He has been heard during the past year on such programs as Jack Armstrong, Author's Playhouse and Girl Alone, and was recently the commercial manager of a radio station in Clarksville, Tenn.

A graduate of the local high school, and of Northwestern School of Speech, he served for 3 1/2 years as lieutenant of an anti-aircraft unit.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmer Bigley, 1433 S. St. Johns.

Organizations and Individuals Furnish Refreshments at USO

Refreshments served for the week March 15 to March 22, at the Highland Park USO, were furnished by the following:

Friday, March 15 — Mrs. A. Rooney; Saturday at the Shamrock Shag, groups 1 and 2, with Mrs. E. Hausmann in charge; Sunday, Java club — Service Mothers, with Barbara Ashman in charge; Buffet Supper — American Legion auxiliary with Mrs. Don Bernardi in charge; Monday — Mrs. Willard Dunham; Tuesday — Trinity church of Highland Park; Wednesday, at Ravinia school dance — group from Jewish Welfare board; Thursday (today) — Mrs. C. E. Jones, and Friday — group from Briargate.

Boat Show Opens At Coliseum March 20

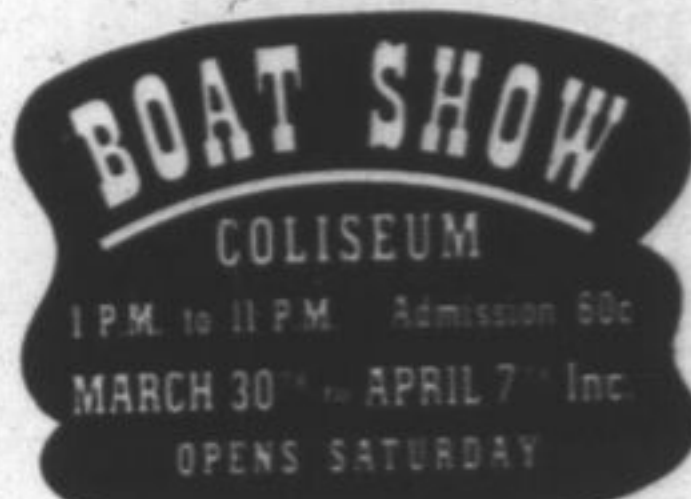
Boating and yachting enthusiasts will have their first post-war look at "what's new" in boats and equipment when the Chicago National Boat show opens at the Coliseum March 20. The show will run through two weekends, ending April 7. Boats and accessories will be displayed by more than 70 companies between the hours of 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. each day, according to Hubbard H. Erickson, general manager of the event.

Exhibiting manufacturers will display aluminum and plastic boats, new motors, lights, and other equipment embodying many war-time innovations and improvements. The experience gained in the filling of war orders by boat and accessory manufacturers has proved valuable to their post-war pleasure craft production, Erickson points out.

The Chicago National Boat show is the country's as well as Chicago's first such exhibition since the end of the war. Previous Chicago shows were staged at Navy Pier, also under Erickson's management for many years.

Mail Easter Greetings To Overseas Veterans Without Delay

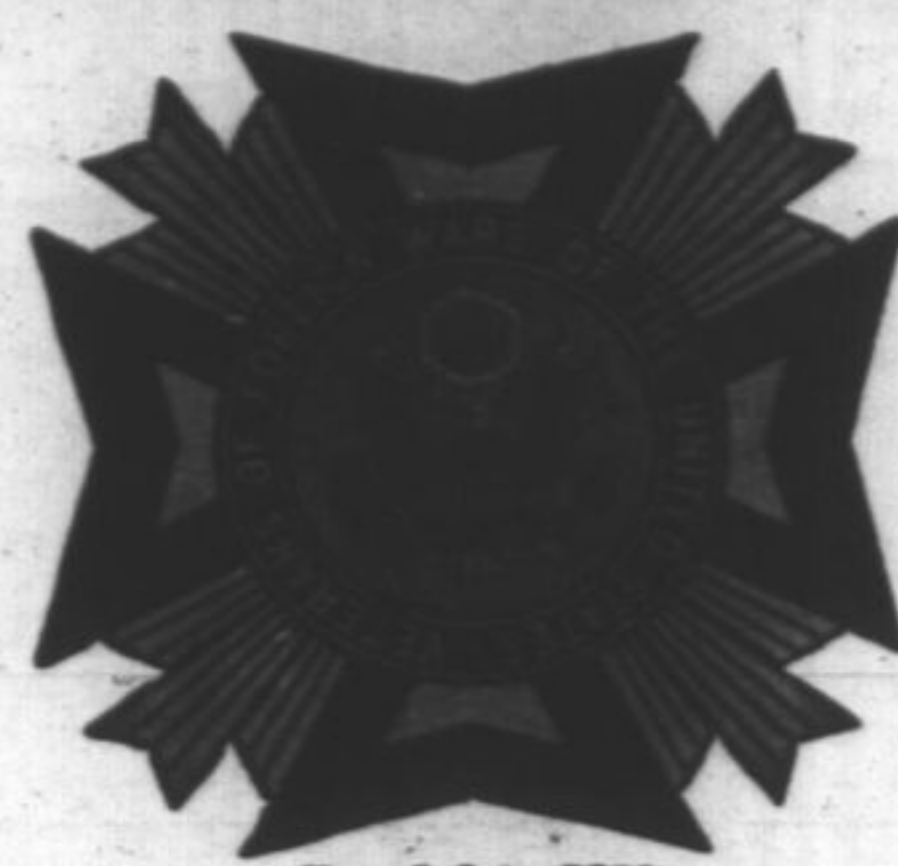
Easter, like Christmas, is a holiday closely associated with home.



And thoughts of home will certainly be uppermost in the minds and hearts of those GI's when Easter Sunday comes around next month. Next Easter most of them will be

home. Until then, "Happy Easter" to them means on envelope and a stamp — and all the love that both can carry. Send all three today.

IF You Served OVER SEAS YOU Belong n the Highland Park Post of VETERANS FOREIGN WARS



VETERANS FOREIGN WARS WEEK MARCH 18th to 25th

See Our Windows . . . for a display of trophies liberated by members of Highland Park Memorial Post 4737 V.F.W.

Alcyon Cleaners



This Month in Your Service BULLETIN

For a fascinating map of Northern Illinois a century ago, see the current issue of the Service Bulletin. In it you'll see the famous Indian and Pioneer trails, trace the path of smoky locomotives across the state to early Illinois towns.

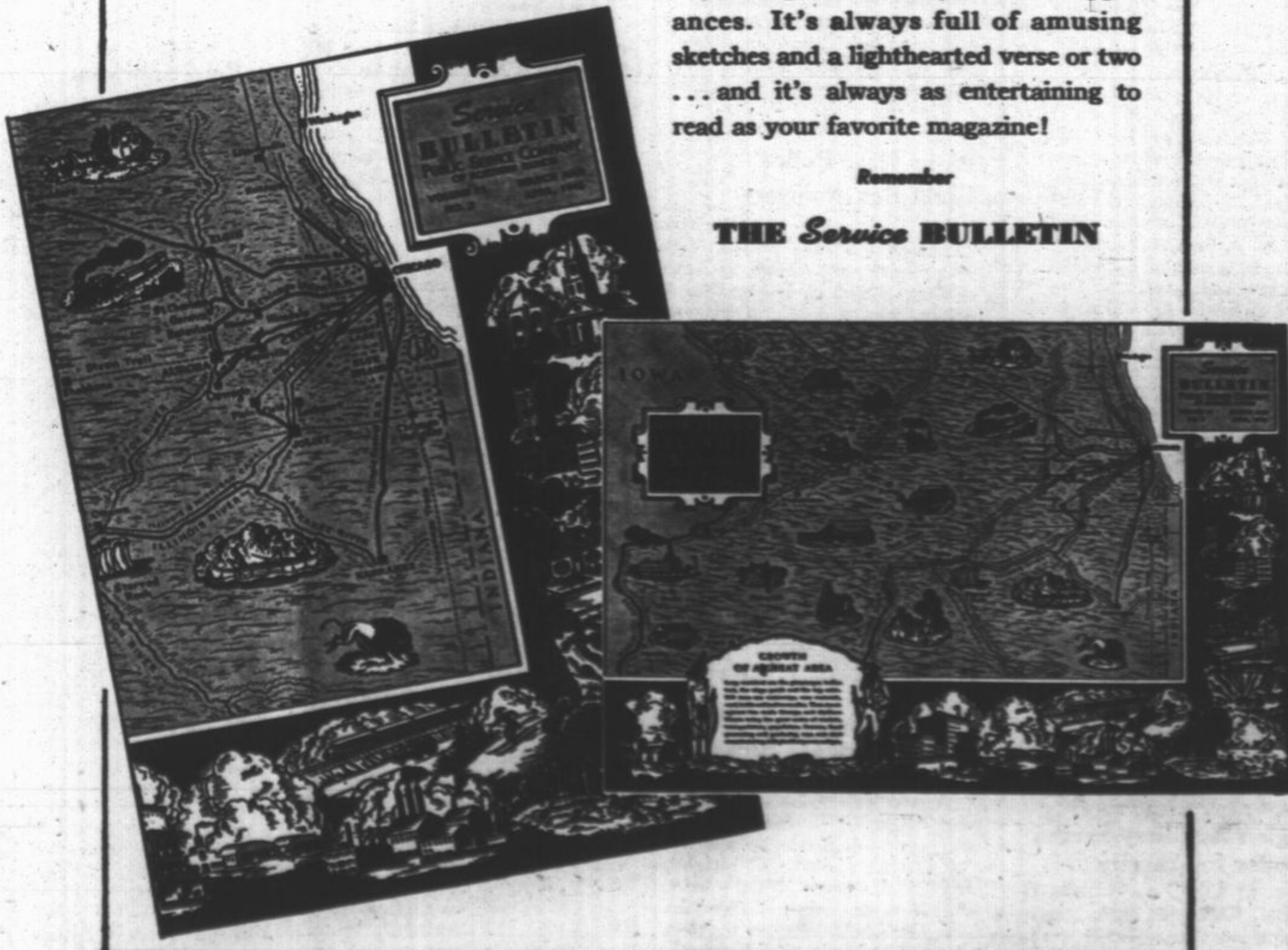
Historical landmarks and points of interest near your own home are represented pictorially, with suggestions of

modern Illinois serving as a striking contrast. Included also are dozens of historical tid-bits and clever little sketches by John McKee on the early days in Northern Illinois.

Your Service Bulletin is a monthly event. In future months the Service Bulletin will carry popular and useful household hints, recipes and suggestions on making best use of your home appliances. It's always full of amusing sketches and a lighthearted verse or two . . . and it's always as entertaining to read as your favorite magazine!

Remember

THE Service BULLETIN



PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Pfc. Howard Sims Sails for Home on USS Republic

On the 25th anniversary of the day his father, Howard M. Sims, 720 Green Bay road, was inducted into the service in World War I, Pfc. Howard N. Sims entered service in World War II, June 24, 1943.

Pfc. Sims is now on his way home aboard the USS Republic, after serving 7 months on the staff of the general hospitals in Manila and San Fernando, P. I.

A graduate of Highland Park school, Sims also attended Denison college for one year before entering service.

Philip Lemmon, Mariner, Reports to Baltimore

After a short leave between voyages, Philip Lemmon, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lemmon of 418 Glencoe, left on Sunday for Baltimore, where he will receive orders for a new assignment.

James Lemmon, 20, is now stationed with the U.S. army in Berlin. The eldest brother, John, veteran of Pacific warfare, received his discharge last November.

Edward A. Smith Out of Service; Father in Tokyo

Edward A. Smith Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. Edward Smith, 318 Ravine, was released from service in the navy last week after spending 2 1/2 years as torpedoman with a task force in the Pacific.

His father, Col. Smith, who has served with the U. S. army for 28 years, has been overseas for the past three years, and is now stationed in Tokyo. He was formerly in charge of guerilla warfare in the Philippines.

Lt. Wm. W. Kellner To Resume Studies At Purdue University

Lt. Wm. W. Kellner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kellner, 157 Vine, who arrived home last Monday evening after 17 months in the European theater with the 8th armoured division, has spent four years in the service of his country.

He plans to resume his studies at Purdue university, which were interrupted by his induction into service.