

Qualify As Volunteer Nurses' Aides

AUBURN—Caps and pins were presented Thursday evening in Mercy Hospital chapel to ten young women who have completed the Nurses' Aide Course, under the direction of the Eastern County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The group was the second to complete at Mercy Hospital an eight day basic training course approved by the American Red Cross, under the direction of Sister Marie Celeste, R.N.

The awarding of the caps and pins to the aides was made by Sister M. Huber, R.N. Superintendent, and Mrs. Lester, R. Brew.

Services in the chapel conducted by Mrs. Gregory D. Engan, was very impressive. The class comprised:

Miss Renee Alberti, Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss Dorothy Carmody, Miss Nellie Costello, Miss Agnes Halbritter, Miss Mary Kay Kennedy, Miss Bernadine Mitchell, Miss Frances Santillo, Miss Mary Sawchuck, Mrs. Sophie Sullivan.

Mrs. Lester Brew and committee reviewed the procedure performed by the Nurses' Aides, as a demonstration of their practical work at the Nurses' Residence. A reception followed the exercises.



NURSES' AIDES NOW — Caps of exercise held at Auburn's Mercy Hospital are those ten young women who have completed their training under the Civilian Mobilization Red Cross set-up. Seated (from left) Nellie Costello, Margaret Morgan, Marjorie Kennedy, Renee Alberti, Sophie Sullivan, Frances Santillo; Standing (from left) Bernadine Mitchell, Dorothy Carmody, Agnes Halbritter, and Mary Sawchuck.

Soldiers' Fervor At Mass Grips Air Field Visitor

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Train Young Pilots

A few miles from the church is a large Air Training School, one of the largest in America and it is called Shaw Field. Hundreds of boys are gathered here from every part of the United States. Boys of every type are here, poor boys, rich boys, boys who are Catholics, boys who are Protestants, boys who are of the Jewish Faith, and boys who have no religious belief.

These young Americans are learning to become pilots, warning us by their destruction to our enemies with our giant planes. There is a little chapel on Shaw Field and the chaplain is Lieutenant Gerald Whelan, a Catholic priest. Father Whelan says Mass daily for the soldiers and twice on Sunday he celebrates the Holy Eucharist for the intention of these young men. In the few months that he has been there he has won many converts to the faith and has had many interesting experiences. Father McGraw, although he is not a chaplain in the armed forces, goes to Shaw Field to assist Father Whelan and substitute for him when he is on leave.

A well known writer attended Mass at Shaw Field during the month of January and wrote his observations while assisting at Mass. The day he attended Mass at the Field Father McGrath was in charge of the service. He presided over the solemn and congratulated the men on their accomplishments, which in a few months had been transformed from a layman to one of America's great Air Forces. He told the boys of his pleasure at the regular and consistent attendance of the soldiers at all religious services and narrated a personal experience with a boy from the West who had become a Catholic merely by witnessing the number of Catholic boys attending Mass.

Likened to Catacombs

The observer at Shaw Field tells us that he attended 8:30 o'clock Mass and said that he was confused by the crowd of Catholic soldiers coming to the chapel. Just as the people in the Catacombs awaited the arrival of a priest to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Uncle Sam's soldiers waited for Father McGrath to commence Mass.

Overhead planes were flying, each were learning to bring destruction to our enemies, and Father McGrath came to the foot of the altar in the little Chapel at Shaw Field and offered Mass for the intention of all the boys present. The writer, to whom we are indebted for the following account, describes the services as follows and sends it as a message of hope and comfort to every Catholic father and mother who has a son in the service.

A soldier in the loft was playing the organ and presently the voices of all of these three hundred boys united in praise and thanksgiving to their Eucharistic King. One soldier boy directly to my left was kneeling with closed eyes and hands folded reverently, praying most fervently, unashamed of his tears—a boy next to me audibly whispered the prayers of his worry, the beads moving slowly through his fingers; a boy di-

rectly behind me praying so tacitly that every second or two I heard his prayer: "Good Jesus, help me."

All "Our" Boys

"Sensitivity I thought of and prayed for my own two boys in the service of our country, but the sight of these boys—your boys, Mr. and Mrs. America arrested my selfishness. These are all my boys each and every father's son of them and I prayed that God would protect all of them. Yes, my heart and soul were with these boys of yours. No Catholic layman on earth could possibly think of himself or his own needs in the presence of this magnificent spectacle of American manhood. Dear God, bless these boys and keep them all close to You.

"The ringing of the altar bell brought me back to the Mass. The organ was playing softly the Communion Hymn and the voices of the boys began to utter their song of humility—"Oh, Lord, I am not worthy." Their voices were clear and the words of this hymn came directly from their hearts. I looked over to the boy with the tears in his eyes; to the boys to the left of me with heads bowed. It is written somewhere that man gets a glimpse of heaven in his lifetime; perhaps it is in the face of your baby when it first smiles, or in the face of a mother over the recovery of her child. My glimpse of heaven was the adoration and love and peace these soldiers displayed as they sang: "Oh, Lord, I am not worthy."

"Reverently and quietly the communicants approached the banquet table of the Lord. What an experience to watch them! Rest assured, you Catholic parents of these boys, God stands close to your boys. Do not grieve for them. I looked into their faces today and saw a spiritual miracle of unshakable faith, serene hope and strong love. With such armor I am willing for them to go forth and meet our enemies."

Thus the quiet little town whose Father Timothy McGrath was assigned with its scarcity of Catholics has become a center of Catholic boys living with their religion and bringing to the South new ideals.

K. C. Auxiliary Enjoys Meeting

AUBURN—The Auxiliary of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus held their monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, at the K. of C. Home in Geneva Street. Mrs. Frederick Woods, president, presided. After the business meeting a social hour followed by refreshments was enjoyed. Mrs. Francis Shields was chairman of the committee in charge and she was assisted by Mrs. William Flynn, Mrs. Dennis Renahan, Mrs. Carmen Pacelli, Mrs. Louis Donnelly, Mrs. Peter Long and Mrs. Joseph Shaw.

Hath not God chosen the poor in this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom of God hath promised to them that love Him? James II, 5.

Armed Services Keep Auburn Youths Active At Posts Throughout World

Pvt. William Robert Kahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Kahl of 31 Swift Street is stationed with the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic and technical training. Before entering the Army, Private Kahl was associated with his father in the New System Laundry.

Seaman Bernard Seating, USN, who has been home on a nine day leave returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill. on Sunday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Seating of 107 North Street and enlisted in the Navy last November. He has been assigned to a Medical Unit. Seating was a student at Central High School when he enlisted in the Navy.

Mark St. John, USN, who enlisted in the Navy last October and formerly resided at 376 Geneva Street, has been promoted from seaman, second class to third class petty officer. He is stationed at the US Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y.

Himes D. Sullivan, Central High School teacher, was guest of honor at a farewell party during the past week. Mr. Sullivan entered the Army with a group of selectees reporting to Fort Niagara. He was presented with a gift by the guests at the party. James E. Green made the presentation address. Albert Thompson of 15 Grant Avenue has been a member of the faculty of local high school for five years. In addition to his duties as history teacher at Central High he coached track and was an assistant football coach.

Private Thomas O'Neill, son of Mrs. Grace O'Neill of 19 Logan Street, is now stationed with the 533 Q.M. Service Battalion, Company D, Camp Young, Indio, Calif. Private O'Neill left Auburn on Jan. 20 with an Auburn contingent and for a time was at Fort Niagara. Before he was inducted in the Army, Tommy was employed at Murray's. He sends his best regards to all his friends and would like to hear from the "gang."

Edward J. Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hart of 18 Paul Street, was promoted to a first lieutenant in the quartermaster corps on Feb. 1. He received his commission as second lieutenant in July at Camp Lee, Va. He is now commanding officer of the second Quartermaster Company at Camp McCoy, Wis.

Lieut. Hugh J. Crowley, son of Mrs. Mary Crowley of 18 Orchard Street has returned to Dayton, Ohio, after spending a ten day furlough at his home in Auburn.

Word has been received that **Pvt. Thomas Mathison**, of Auburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathison of Little Falls, N. Y., has successfully completed his training courses for the paratroop division at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been transferred to Camp Toccoa, Ga.

Pvt. Anthony Catalano, son of Mrs. Angelina Catalano of 83 Van Alden Street is stationed with the ground crew of the army air corps at Miami Beach, Fla.

Word has been received from **Private Joseph P. Buckley, USA**, former well known insurance man with the John Hancock Company, that he is now on duty at Fort Niagara. His address is Company F, 1213 R.C. U.S. Army, Fort Niagara, New York. After basic training he expects to be assigned to one of the officers' training schools.

Lieut. Paul J. Maywalt, USA, has left Auburn after visiting his mother, Mrs. Charles W. Maywalt of 30 Catlin Street, to report for duty at Camp Edwards, Mass. He has been in the service for about 14 years and for a time was on duty at Little Rock, Ark.

Seaman Edward Bellmer who enlisted in the Navy about six months ago was home on short leave and returned to his station after visiting relatives and friends in Auburn.

Word has been received in Auburn that **Staff Sergeant Victor Sullivan, USA**, who has been on duty in the Hawaiian Islands for about seven months has returned to this country and will enter the officers' training school at Camp Berkeley, Texas. On the completion of the three months course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant. He is attending the Medical Administration School division. Sullivan is a son of Mrs. Mary C. Sullivan of 14 Madison Avenue. Prior to his entering the Army on Feb. 19, 1941, he was employed by the Auburn City Advertiser in the composing room.

Private William D. Quigley of 129 1/2 North Fulton Street, has finished his basic training in the Army Air Corps at Miami, Fla., and has been transferred for further training to Chanute Field, Ill., and has been classified as an aircraft armorer. He is the son of Daniel Quigley of 129 1/2 North Fulton Street.

Corp. Anthony J. DeBazio, 190 1/2 State Street, has been graduated from the Quartermaster School at the Marine Base, Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., and has been awarded a certificate indicating his successful completion of the course of study involving a minimum of three months instruction. He is now available for assignment to duty with a combat unit or for advanced training.

William Green, son of Mrs. Frederick L. Keiser of 73 Prospect Street, has received his official orders to report on Feb. 23, to begin his training as aviation cadet at Nashville, Tenn. He is a graduate of East High School in the Class of 1939.

Sergt. Edmund Bielowiec, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bielowiec of 41 Grant Street, is home on a 20-day furlough. He entered the service of Uncle Sam on July 17. The sergeant is a graduate of St. Hyacinth's Parochial School and attended Auburn High School. He has two brothers who are twins,

in the service. **Pfc. Stanley (Mike) Bielowiec** who is in the Hawaiian Islands and **Sergt. Theodore Bielowiec**, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. All the boys have been active in athletics in school and with the Polish Falcons.

Major Daniel G. Doyle, USA, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the son of Mrs. Anita J. Doyle of 50 Holy Street and the late John E. Doyle. Lieut. Col. Doyle is a graduate of Auburn Schools and Syracuse University. For a time he was instructor at the Morgan Military Academy, Chicago, Ill. He was commissioned a lieutenant in November, 1941, promoted to the rank of captain shortly afterwards and in July, 1942, he was awarded the rank of major. Doyle is a nephew of Assistant Fire Chief James S. Doyle of the Auburn Fire Dept. and is stationed at Raleigh, N. C.

Private Murray Simmons has been transferred from March Field, Cal., to San Juan Capistrano, Cal. He has been in the service since October and at the time of his enlistment was civilian telephone operator at Auburn Prison.

Private Joseph Ryan of Vandenberg Avenue, who left Auburn last October, is stationed at Camp Irwin, Calif., and **Pvt. Francis J. Diets** has been transferred from March Field to Encinas, Cal., near the Mexican border.

Private Frank J. Martin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Martin of 26 So. Marine Avenue, who left with a group of selectees on Jan. 11, is now stationed with the company band, the 9th Combat Engineer Regiment at Camp Phillips, Kansas. He has written lyrics to a new march which is to be used by the 7th Engineers Corps for the duration of the war. He played with the Dreamlanders Orchestra in Auburn and surrounding towns at one time.

Army recruiters in the Syracuse Federal Building expressed themselves as glad to accept **Robert C. Mills** of 2 Parker Street, son of LeRoy Mills and the late Mrs. Mills for the reserve corps, after Mills has been trained down by the Marines because he wears a size 13 shoe. A Marine recruiter stated that 13 is the maximum shoe size for recruits in that branch of the service. Mills stands just over six feet and weighs 190 pounds. He is a machine operator at the Columbian Rope factory and will be subject to call to active duty after his 18th birthday on March 14. He is reported to have told the staff that he expects to do limitations on a Major Bowes program three days before his birthday.

William Brechnoe and **William Simmons** were the guests of honor at a farewell party held at the Eagles Home on Tuesday evening. The two young men left for the induction center at Fort Niagara, where they will enter the aviation services. William Brechnoe is a graduate of St. Mary's School at Rochester and William Simmons