small since we left Cuba. Don’t fool yourself that that mail wasn’t eagerly awaited, since we had not heard from home since the first of August. Ulithi comes closest to the conception of the isles in the Pacific that one gets from viewing a Dorothy Lamour movie epic. It was a very beautiful island. Most of the liberty time was spent on recreation parties either playing softball or swimming. Another island closely to which we went to was called Mog Mog.

On the twelfth we left for Okinawa. It was during this trip from Ulithi to Okinawa that we went through the center of a hurricane. It damaged our ship a good deal. We lost several rats, and several aboard ship sustained slight injuries. It also was so rough that we could not eat the K-rations that were there. The first time I had ever eaten K-rations since serving in the Navy, it was far rougher than the idea of preparing meals for the crew was out of the question.

“On the seventeenth we arrived at Bucner Bay, Okinawa. Twelve days later we received a typhoon warning which meant that we had to put to sea to get out of the way of the typhoon, so we put out to sea from Bucner Bay. We cruised around Okinawa for about a week in the Formosa-in that direction until the typhoon was over and then we returned to Okinawa.

“On October seventh we put to sea again. This was when the big typhoon struck. We started at 0600 hours and were steaming up north by Tokyo, out into the Pacific and back to Okinawa. We arrived in Okinawa on the eleventh of October, and the skipper got word we were to proceed back to the United States by way of Cape-town, but with Task Force No. 55, the completion of which included six destroyers, plus the battleships USS California, USS Tennessee, and the word directed that we go to Wakeyama to pick up said task force. This was the first task force to go around the world since 1930. Also my ship, the USS Chemung, had the distinction of being the first tanker to complete a round the world trip.

“Whenever we arrived in Norfolk the sixth of this month, or a week ago Thursday night, the weather was so bad that we had covered 53,501 miles in the 142 days since leaving Norfolk last July eighteenth. Other stops we made were Singapore, Colombo, Ceylon, and Cape Town, South Africa. We released the escort for the other ships and the northern coast of Neuberg was event occasioned quite a lot of celebration aboard ship, for it was the first time the USS Chemung had crossed the equator.”

When asked “What are the service ribbons which you are privileged to wear?”, Charles replied:

“The service ribbons which I wear are those of the European theater, Asiatic-Pacific theater, American theater, and the Victory ribbon. I am a member of the local unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Although I have orders to report to Baltimore, Md., on the twenty-second of this month, I expect to be discharged from service soon after the first of the year.”

“I was graduated from Wiley High School as a member of the class of 1939. I attended Indiana State Teachers College. When in Terre Haute I was a member of the local-Marathon rifle team. Too, I was a former employee of the J. C. Penney Co.

“This has been a trip I will never forget. It was to get back to Terre Haute once again for good though, I never want to leave Indiana again. Those are my sentiments, and believe me they are permanent.”

NO soldier son could have received a more royal welcome than did Sergeant Lewis Andrews, who returned Friday after having served in the Air Transport Command for three and one-half years, from his Mom, Mrs. Gladys Cunningham, who resides at 1332 North Twelfth Street. Mrs. Cunningham reported that she was visited by her second son, who returned from overseas service that she could hardly dispatch a taxi from her office in the Terre Haute House. Sergeant Andrews is spending a ninety-day furlough in Terre Haute and he will leave for Marburg, Germany, as he has re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps for another three-year tour of duty. This is Sergeant Andrews story.

Said Sg t. Andrews: “I have been in the Army for the past three and one-half years, as enlisted on the fifteenth of June, 1942. Basic training was taken at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. and the first time I was stationed there wasn’t very long but when I later returned I was there for almost two years.

“I was then sent overseas and one month later I transferred to Patterson Field, Texas, where I was stationed until I transferred to the 10th Air Force Command at Las Vegas, N. M. From there I was sent to San Bernardino, Calif, to the Air Transport Command school. It was in that school that I learned aircraft maintenance. I had been there for six months, when I was sent to Bolling Field, Wash., and flown overseas. Most of the duty which I saw was in the European theater, as I was in England, France, Belgium, and Holland. On the flight overseas we stopped over at Labrador and Iceland. I had been overseas about six or seven months working on planes, when I was made a crew chief mechanic. Serving in the Air Transport Command as we do, we were stowed a couple of times, but that isn’t indulgent in any situation oneself.”

“I arrived back in Terre Haute a week ago Friday, the seventh. Yes siree, my Mom was certainly glad to see me. Many of your readers, no doubt, are acquainted with my mother, Mrs. Gladys Cunningham—not by name, but she it is who makes a friend of you and I and White in the Terre Haute House of late afternoons and evenings. She was most pleased with some souvenirs and knickknacks which I had brought her from Italy and France. From her I brought Mom a cameo boblet; from France a printed, colored, silk scarf, some perfume and numerous knickknacks. She was especially pleased with the scarf and thought it quite beautiful.”

“I was spending my ninety-day furlough with my mother, sisters, whose names are: Misses Margaret, Abers, Mrs. Carl Milton and Mrs. Wilson Rainey, and brothers, Leon and Milton. Leon was discharged from the Army about a year ago. I am not informed on the status quo of my other brother, Milton. For he is helping Dad, Leon H. Andrews, Sr. farm over at Byron, Ill., and I haven’t seen him since my return. After the holidays I plan to go over to Byron to visit my Dad.

“Part of my educational training was received in the Terre Haute schools. I attended both Davis Park and Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. I was graduated from the Sterling, Ill., High School. Before I went into the Army I worked for the Automatic Music Company. After my ninety-day furlough I report back to Marburg, Germany, for I have re-enlisted for three years in the Army Air Corps.

“Air raids were interesting to me, in a way. We could see them coming, although we didn’t know where they were going to fall. I saw a number of movie stars among whom were Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Jerry Colonna, Marlene Dietrich and Sonja Henie. The shows which they put on were very good. As for entertainment their brand of humor wasn’t dry, in fact, it was very interesting. Those artists had to perform under very adverse conditions at times. The service ribbons which I wear are the good conduct, American theater, European theater and the Victory.”

“Hmmmm?” I really do like to hunt. In fact, I like all kind of sports. Too, I like music, although I don’t happen to play any instrument myself.

“I didn’t get to do much sightseeing in Italy, as I was only in Naples either for a short overnight stay or jaunts in that city of only a few hours at a time. I especially enjoyed seeing the sites of Paris. I have visited the Arc de Triomphe many times. Also I used to go to see numerous artists drawing or painting along the Seine. I also went to Mass in the church of Notre Dame, and the organ music and beautiful flowers and candles on the altar made me realize that it was an experience to be forgotten.

“Gee, it is certainly good to be back in Terre Haute. I think in the next few weeks I shall catch up on a bit of sleeping and eating. That program for the rest of my furlough has an appeal that nothing else does.”

Terre Haute Doctors Come Back From Long War Service

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