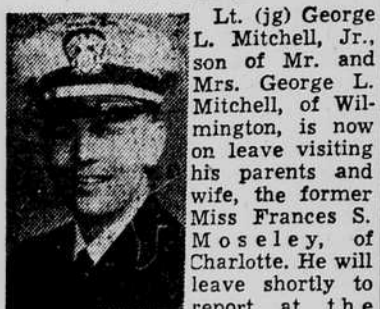


In The Service

ON LEAVE



Lt. (jg) George L. Mitchell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Mitchell, of Wilmington, is now on leave visiting his parents and wife, the former Miss Frances S. Mosely, of Charlotte. He will leave shortly to report at the Navy amphibious base at Coronado, Cal., for further assignment. A graduate of New Hanover High school and Davidson college in 1943, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve in his Senior year at Davidson, and was assigned to Midshipman's school, Columbia university, where he was graduated with the rank of Ensign in June, 1943. Trained in amphibious operations at Little Creek, Va., and Solomons, Md., he was assigned to an LST and saw 16 months service in the Central and Southwest Pacific theaters, participating in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Eniwerau and Green islands.

THREE BROTHERS SERVING



A. RISING J. W. RISING C. RISING

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rising, Country Club Pines, have overseas service in the Army and Marine Corps. Pfc. Archie W. Rising, serving with the Medical Corps in the Pacific, has been overseas for three years. He has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action. Pfc. Rising entered the Army with the National Guard in 1940.

Pfc. Jack W. Rising participated in the fighting on Iwo Jima with the Marine Corps in an infantry unit. Prior to entering the service in 1943, he was employed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. Pvt. Charles M. Rising has served with the Army Engineers in England, France and Germany. Overseas since last October, he entered the service in January, 1944, and holds the Good Conduct ribbon. His wife and children reside with his parents.

RETURNS TO FORT DIX

Private Mary Elizabeth Alspach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tharp of 709 South 6th St., has returned to her Army assignment at Fort Dix, N. J., after a week's furlough at her home. Pvt. Alspach is attached to the Medical Corps at the camp. "I have never been happier than since I have joined the Women's Army Corps. I really feel that by serving in an Army Hospital I am helping in the war effort."

Pvt. Alspach enlisted through the local Army Recruiting office and began her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on August 17. Early in October she was sent to her present assignment. Her husband, Radioman First Class South Pacific.

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Threat Of 'Phone Strike Is Averted Temporarily

NEW YORK, April 17. — (AP) — Threat of a strike of New York Telephone Co. and American Telephone and Telegraph employees here was averted at least temporarily here late today. Executive boards of the Traffic Employees Association and the Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, claiming membership of 12,000 and 6,000 respectively, made the announcement after they had been advised by the Army, Navy and the War Labor Board not to strike. The unions are independent organizations.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow. The unions executive boards had met to decide whether to ratify a strike vote taken yesterday in protest against a \$3 weekly wage increase ordered by the War Labor Board. The telephone operators and their associates wanted \$5 and the Telephone Company and the A. T. and T. had offered \$4. Union leaders, officers of the communications systems and the War Labor Board planned another meeting tonight.

WITH THE AEF Underground War Plant

By LOUIS LOCHNER (Substituting For Kenneth L. Dixon)

HEIDELBERG, Germany.—(AP)—Hitler's vaunted subterranean factories are no myth if the gigantic airplane motor plant, one and three-quarter miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide, which I visited is an example.

The factory was built into the side of the hilly terrain overlooking Neckar river, avillage on the Neckar river. Acting on a tip from Col. Henry Parkman, Jr., of Boston, Mass., who heads the military government in the Sixth Army Group, I drove 30 miles to the factory with Lt. William Conklin, former New York Times writer and now Sixth Army Group public relations officer.

About half-way up the hillside — perhaps 600 feet above the Neckar valley — there was a concrete mixer. Directly under it we found the entrance.

Here was an underground factory of undreamed of size. Sgt. John W. Combs, of Baptist, Ky., who with men from the U. S. 5th Ordnance, guarded the entrance, showed us a detailed map of the interior. The factory was divided into some 150 units, most of them large machine halls. The plant was evidently one for the manufacture of the Daimler Benz airplane motors. Nothing was lacking — not even pinup girls and gas masks.

The long aisles bore numbers, except an occasional "Zirkusstrasse" (Circus street) chalked in by some wit. Signs pointed to seven points whence finished products were shipped on narrow gauge cars to the outside. To the left of the entrance was a narrow hall with enormous switches for supplying

current to each of some 15 numbered "stations."

There were generators close for emergency current, but the electricity appeared to have been furnished by some nearby power plant.

The principal halls were about 35 feet high. Huge lathes and drills and other machinery parts abounded.

Micrometers, gauges and other gadgets filled drawers and tables of halls set aside for precision work.

Each department had its stockroom with carefully-kept records. Ventilators pumped fresh air into the plant. Lights still were functioning. Vast stocks of aluminum plates lined the walls.

The noise in this underground plant must have been terrific, for even when we spoke there was a reverberation and re-echoing of our words.

From the newness of the machinery we judged the plant was not old.

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SENATE APPROVES MID-SEA AIRPORT

WASHINGTON, April 17. — (AP) — A \$960,000 appropriation for construction of a mid-ocean floating airbase was approved by the Senate appropriations committee today. It was included in a recommended \$268,790,838 appropriation to run the State, Justice and Commerce departments in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The idea of building a mid-ocean landing space developed years ago. It was suggested then that a string of them be placed across the Atlantic as regular refueling stops for transoceanic airlines.

That conception has been outmoded by the development of long-range airplanes. Civil Aeronautics Administration officials said the idea now is that the airbase would serve primarily as a weather reporting station.

The total in the bill represents a \$12,927,138 increase above the amount passed by the House.

Other additions made by the committee to House appropriations for the CAA included \$402,000 for transoceanic radio range facilities to be located at San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Balboa and Honolulu (a similar facility at New York was approved by the House and the Senate committee).

Bishop of Oslo Rescued By Norwegian Patriots

STOCKHOLM, April 17. — (AP) — Eivind Berggrav, bishop of Oslo, was rescued from internment in his home last night by 20 Norwegian patriots who overpowered his guards, the Swedish press reported today.

The bishop had been a prisoner for three years at Asker, outside of Oslo, after he protested against the Quisling government's youth policy.

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U.S. Expecting Speed-Up In Pacific Redeployment

WASHINGTON, April 17. — (AP) — The United States expects to have its war machine redeployed in the Pacific four months earlier than originally planned.

This speed-up in the war against Japan has been made possible by a general tightening up of plans, including new arrangements for shipping, it was learned today in authoritative quarters.

Actually, redeployment already is under way. Some items of equipment originally destined for the European theater have been sent westward.

It is expected the present United Nations shipping pool will be continued to some extent after VE, with facilities for redeployment augmented by shipping taken from Germany.

It is planned to make extensive use of cargo ships in getting soldiers out of Europe and back to the United States either to remain here or to be staged on to the Pacific.

Talk On World Economics Planned At Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, April 17. — (AP) — Lewis L. Lorwin, Washington, D. C. chairman of the Institute of World Economics, and Everett J. Coil, also of Washington, executive director of the National Planning Association, will be among the speakers Saturday at the one day working conference on regionalism in world economics.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the Institute of World Economics and the University of North Carolina's institute for Research in social science.

Addition To Parliament To Cost Eight Millions

LONDON, April 17. — (AP) — Construction of an \$8,000,000 addition to parliament was proposed today by a joint committee of the House of Commons and Lords.

The plan would provide 237 additional rooms and be in line with the original design of Sir Charles Barry, architect of the present building.

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Your years on earth were short but true,
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Your wonderful smile, your courage too,
Was just an example of what Christ can do.
You are at rest with God; no more pain to bear,
And we hope too some day to meet you up there.
Mrs. Elbert Anderson and Children

Balkan Air Force Units Work With Tito's Pilots

ROME, April 17. — (AP) — Balkan Air Force units now are operating from the Yugoslav mainland in close cooperation with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav forces, the Mediterranean Allied Air Force disclosed today.

The units include a hurricane rocket squadron manned by Yugoslav pilots.

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