

96,000 Miles of Peril! Atlantian on Enterprise

Lieut. Malberry Smith Jr. Has Served
Without Leave Since War Began

The Big E, doughty aircraft carrier Enterprise which has fought in every naval battle of the Pacific except the Coral Sea, and is credited with triumph over the enemy in every engagement, has a local boy in its complement of officers.

He is Lieutenant (j. g.) Malberry Smith Jr., of College Park, 26-year-old scholarly young attorney graduate of Columbia University, who has never been off his ship since the week the war broke out.

Lieutenant Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malberry Smith, 306 Columbia Avenue, College Park, serves the ship as executive secretary. Along with other crew members, he has been cited for bravery by the Navy Department, a decoration which he minimized in a letter to his parents as "more than I deserved, because I did nothing but my duty."

Duty alone, on the Enterprise, is a tribute to bravery. The story of the big carrier, released Tuesday after the Navy Department disclosed the ship is still afloat and fighting after absorbing terrific punishment, is virtually a

to the Navy Department, that an Enterprise carrier plane was the first to shoot down a Jap.

The men of the Enterprise, who have not set foot on their homeland for 20 months, have sunk 19 Japanese ships, including three carriers, damaged 12 enemy ships, and her airplanes and antiaircraft fire have shot down at least 185 enemy planes. The ships sunk totaled approximately 211,200 tons, and the ships damaged, 157,000 tons. The tonnage sunk by the air power of this one carrier, unaided, is greater than the combined total of British and German tonnage sunk in the famous Battle of Jutland.

Lieutenant Smith's mother has had only one verbal report on her son's welfare since he left Atlanta before Pearl Harbor. Marshall Field Jr., also a lieutenant attached to the Big E, and a classmate of Lieutenant Smith at Columbia University, telephoned her on a return trip to his home in Chicago.

Lives Through Close Calls
"We've had some close calls."



LIEUTENANT MALBERRY SMITH JR.
Fights on the Big E

prayerful woman, was not surprised. She has every confidence that her son will return when the war is over, because, she says "Mal is a mighty good boy. A very smart boy. He will be needed after the war."

There are two other Smith brothers in the military service. Joe Camp Smith, an older brother, is a sergeant in the shipping department of the State Guard and a

Fliers Cracking Enemy, Arnold Tells Pointers

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WEST POINT, N. Y., June 1.—(AP)—The enemy's morale is beginning to crack under the hammering blows of aerial bombardment and the Allies "are now ready for a decisive year," General Henry H. Arnold said Tuesday.

Addressing the graduating class a West Point, the commanding general of the Army Air Forces said "the Germans, the Italians, and yes—the Japs—see the handwriting on the wall," but he added a warning that the Axis armies are still "well trained, well equipped, brilliantly commanded, and desperate—which always makes a dangerous foe."

Arnold reported that in May alone the air transport command "sent over 1,800 planes across the Atlantic and Pacific with same certainty as to arrival as we would have if 100 were sent from New York to San Francisco five years ago."

Two hundred and six flying cadets and 308 of their classmates received commissions as second



HAROLD J. SAINE
ATLANTIAN FINISHES
AT WEST POINT

West Point, N. Y., June 1.—Member of the graduating class of the U. S. Military Academy is Harold J. Saine, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayward, of 560 McDonough Boulevard, Atlanta. He attended Boys' High School, West Point Prep at Fort McPherson and Newberry College, and was a lieutenant in the West Point cadet corps.



ALLEN M. BURDETT JR.
IN WEST POINT'S
LARGEST CLASS

West Point, N. Y., June 1.—Allen M. Burdett Jr., son of Colonel and Mrs. Allen M. Burdett, of 180 Westminster Drive, Atlanta, is a member of the largest graduating class in the history of the U. S. Military Academy—514 strong. During his first year here he attained the high rank of cadet captain and battalion commander.



DOUGLAS FRANCIS PARHAM
HAPEVILLE YOUTH
IN WEST POINT CLASS

West Point, N. Y., June 1.—Douglas Francis Parham, son of Mrs. Mabel T. Parham, of Hapeville, Ga., was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy Tuesday. He is a Russell High graduate of 1938 and attended West Point Prep at Fort McPherson.