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JOHN S. HOWELL

EDUCATIONAL RESUME

- Attended Grade and High School in Bad Axe, Michigan; Muncie, Kansas; Pontiac, Michigan; and Rochester, Michigan.
- 1937 - Graduated from Rochester High School in Rochester, Michigan. Elected to National Honor Society upon graduation.
- 1939-42 - Attended The University of Arizona. Undergraduate work, Physics Major.
- 1941-42 - Took civilian pilot training, while at The University. Completed four courses offered - Primary, Secondary, Cross Country and Instructor's Course.
- 1942 - Left school to enlist in Air Force Cadets, in August.
- 1944 - Completed Aviation Cadet training in January. Promoted to rank of 2nd Lieutenant with flying wings as pilot.
- 1945 - Entered University of Michigan as an undergraduate in the Mechanical Engineering Department.
- 1946 - Received Harriet Eveleen Hunt Scholarship for year 1946-47 for high academic work.
- 1947 - Elected to Tau Beta Pi, Honorary Engineering Fraternity, for exemplary character and high scholarship. One of 67 students chosen from upper 10% of 4500 eligible engineers.
- Awarded bomber scholarship of 1947. One recipient chosen from the total campus population of 20,000 students for academic achievement.
- Received Joseph Boyer Scholarship for the year 1947-48 for high scholarship in academics.
- Invited as a guest of honor at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Honors Convocation in recognition of superior scholastic achievement.
- Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, all campus honorary, in recognition of grade point average above 3.5 in undergraduate work.

- 1948
- Elected to the Honor Council and Engineering Council in the College of Engineering.
 - Elected Secretary of the Senior Class in the College of Engineering.
 - Invited as a guest of honor at the Twenty-Fifth Annual Honors Convocation in recognition of superior scholastic achievement.
 - Of the six semesters attended at the University of Michigan Engineering College, made all "A's" in four of the six semesters.
 - Graduated in June with a 3.85 average - the highest attained of the 432 graduates from the Mechanical Engineering Department.

The above was all attained while being a married student with one small daughter, and paid for only with savings from the military service, scholarship awards, and summer and college employment.

The Howell family was featured on the cover of the June issue of an Engineering Publication as the Honor Graduate of the 1948 Class from the College of Engineering.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 28, 1946

Mr. John Stinson Howell
1608 Geddes
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Howell:

It is a pleasure to send you at this time my warmest congratulations on your appointment to the Harriet Eveleen Hunt Scholarship for the year 1946-47.

Your conduct, your loyalty, and your high scholarship have entitled you to this honor, and it is hoped that you will be encouraged to further effort.

Very truly yours,

Ivan Crawford
Ivan C. Crawford,
Dean.

PATRONS AND PATRONESSES

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Professor and Mrs. E. B. Ham
Miss Eleanor H. Scanlan
Dr. W. M. Brace
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crick
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham
Dr. and Mrs. F. C. [unclear]

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Alpha Tau Omega
Beta Theta Pi
Chi Phi
Chi Psi
Delta Kappa Epsilon
Delta Tau Delta
Delta Upsilon
Kappa Sigma
Lambda Chi Alpha
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Gamma Delta
Phi Kappa Psi
Psi Chi

TAU BETA PI
MICHIGAN GAMMA
1618 Shadford Road
Ann Arbor, Mich.

March 26, 1947

Mr. John S. Howell
1634 Geddes
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Howell:

We believe you to be an outstanding man and one who is destined to become a leader in the engineering profession. Not only your high scholastic standing, but your exemplary character and the type of personality which we think will bring a full and successful life have convinced us of this and led us to elect you to Tau Beta Pi.

If you wish to accept this election please signify by writing me of your intention. The first meeting of prospective new members will be in the Union at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. Please bring a large white handkerchief with you for the pledging ceremony. You understand, of course, that this matter is confidential.

Very sincerely yours,



Curt Bottum
Corresponding Secretary

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On or before Jan. 10, 1947		I PROMISE	
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One Hundred Fifty			
PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS			
DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE	

13 May 1947

Mr. John Stinson Howell
1364 Geddes
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mr. Howell:

It is a pleasure to send you, on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Engineering, congratulations on your appointment to the Joseph Boyer Scholarship for the year 1947-1948.

Your conduct and your high scholarship have entitled you to this honor. We hope that you will be encouraged to further effort.

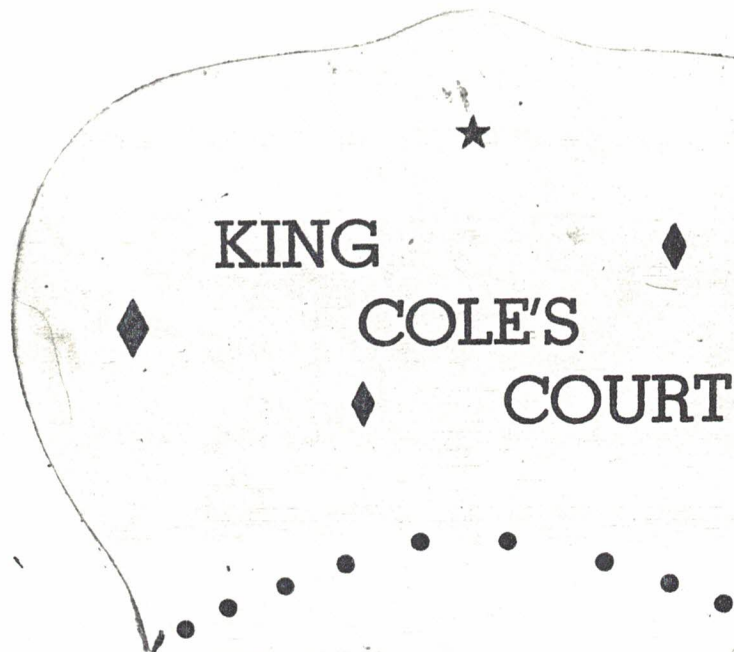
Very truly yours,

Ivan C. Crawford,
Dean.

John Howell Wins Engineer Scholarship

John Stinson Howell, son of Mrs. Arvella Howell, Route 1, Rochester, has been awarded the Joseph Boyer scholarship in the University of Michigan College of Engineering for the school year 1947-48, it has been announced by Dean Ivan C. Crawford. This particular scholarship was established in 1938 by Mrs. Henry E. Chandler of Grosse Pointe.

Awarding of the honor to John recalls to his friends the tense days of March, 1945 when he was reported missing in action as of February 1 that year while piloting a flying fortress in the Mediterranean area, when he failed to return from combat mission to Moosbierbaum, Austria. However, on March 20 he wrote his wife and mother that he was safe in the hands of the Russians and collecting all sorts of souvenirs along the way. He had bailed out over Russian territory when the gas supply in the ship gave out.



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University of Michigan



Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

To have been included, among those cited for the Honors Convocation of the University of Michigan is a scholarly distinction for which, on behalf of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, I as President offer you congratulation.

The qualities which have won for you this recognition upon the work of your freshman year, are those which persisted in, should make you eligible for election to the Honor Societies which recognize achievement in scholarship on the basis of the full undergraduate courses of the University.

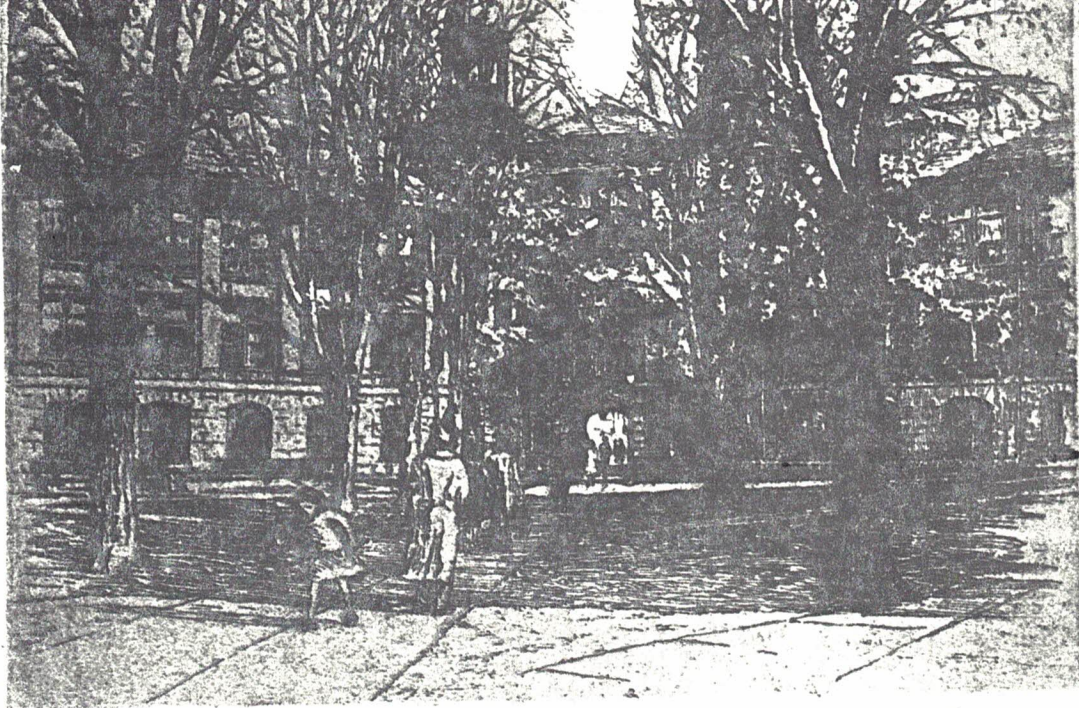
As the unique Honor Society which admits students from all colleges and schools of the University, Phi Kappa Phi takes special pleasure in the hope that your further earnest endeavor may render you eligible for election to this Society.

R. S. Swinton
President

To John S. Howell

APR 25 1947

Date



Engineering Quadrangle, University of Michigan

The Diagonal Walk and the Engineering Arch

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ILLUSTRATED

A SERIES OF ETCHINGS

By *Wilfred B. Shaw*

47TH GENERAL BULLETIN, BUREAU OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, WILFRED B. SHAW, DIRECTOR

In recognition of superior scholastic achievement the
Committee on Honors Convocation
invites you to be one of the guests of honor at the
Twenty-fifth Annual Honors Convocation of the
University of Michigan to be held at Hill Auditorium
on Friday, the twenty-third day of April
one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight
at eleven o'clock

PRESENTATION OF THIS CARD WILL ENSURE A SEAT IN THE RESERVED SECTION.

JOHN S. HOWELL

PERSONAL RESUME

Home: 1101 Broad Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
(817) 731-1508

Business: 3479 West Vickery Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
(817) 336-7411

Children: Marian Howell
Susan Irvin
John S. Howell, IV
William R. Howell

Grandchildren: Brad Howell
Kristin Rutledge
Jennifer Irvin
Amanda Irvin
Drew Irvin
William R. Howell, Jr.
Robinson B. Howell

Church Affiliation: All Saints Episcopal Church
Fort Worth, Texas

Positions in Business:

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer -

Howell Management, Inc.
Howell Exports, Inc.
Lewis and Lambert Metal Contractors
General Steel Company
Childs Construction Co., Inc.

Member of the Board of Directors -

Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show
Colorado Outward Bound

Membership in business or professional associations, clubs or organizations:

Society of Professional Engineers
Air Force Association
Society of Automotive Engineers
Shady Oaks Country Club
Ridglea Country Club
Petroleum Club

The Hunting Hall of Fame Foundation
Steeplechase Club
Sportsmen's Club of Texas
Game Coin
The Hunt Club

- 1919 - Born December 24, Sebewaing, Michigan. Youngest child of six children. Two eldest twin brothers died -- one at birth, the other in 1918 at the age of 7.
- 1921 - Parents moved to Bad Axe, Michigan.
- 1925 - Parents separated and Mother moved to Kansas City to be with her brothers and sisters.
- 1927 - Mother and Father had short reconciliation in Hollywood, Florida, where they again separated. The Mother and two older brothers moved to Rochester, Michigan, and Edith and John stayed with their Father.
- 1927 - Father moved to Chicago where Edith and John were brought back to Rochester, Michigan, by their Mother. A divorce was consummated that year and Father moved to Jackson, Mississippi.
- 1937 - Graduated from Rochester High School.
- 1939 - Attended The University of Arizona for three years.
- 1941 - While attending The University of Arizona as a physics major took civilian pilot training, completed primary and received private pilot's license.
- 1942 - Finished CPT Secondary at University. To Baker, California in June, July and August to complete cross country and instructors course.
- 1942 - Enlisted in the USAAF in August. Returned to Rochester, Michigan, and worked as a carpenter until called to active duty.
- 1943 - Called to Aviation Cadets in March at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1944 - Graduated from Cadets and commissioned as Pilot Officer in January.
 - Married to Barbara Anne Bradbury of Cleburne, Texas in February.
 - Finished B-24 phase training and sent overseas to Italy to the 484 Bomb Group 824 Bomb Squadron in August.
- 1945 - Released from active duty in August. Enrolled at the University of Michigan in August.

- 1948
 - Graduated from University of Michigan in June with Bachelor of Science in Engineering.
 - Worked in the summer building houses for his Mother. Worked at Wilson Foundry, Pontiac, Michigan as an Engineer Trainee.
- 1949
 - Moved to Abilene, Texas, and worked for Vaden Engineering designing refrigeration related equipment.
 - Moved to Fort Worth, Texas in the summer and went to work for Convair as a Tool Designer at the Fort Worth Plant.
- 1950
 - While at Convair developed a test box for Thermocouple Systems on B-36's.
- 1951
 - Formed B & H Instrument Company and left Convair. While waiting for contract to build testers for the Air Force's B-36's worked at Chance Vought Aircraft as an Engineer in the landing gear section.
 - Received first order to build B-36 testers in December, which officially started the Company in business.
- 1956
 - Moved plant from Norwood Street in Fort Worth to present location on West Vickery.
- 1977
 - Completed repurchase of outstanding stock and went private forming Howell Management as the managing corporation with Lewis and Lambert, General Steel, Childs Construction, Howell Instruments, Howell Instruments of Puerto Rico, and Howell Exports as subsidiaries.

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE RESUME

Enlisted USAAF - August, 1942.

Called to active duty as an Air Force Cadet - March 22, 1943.

Pre-Flight Training, San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Graduated with 99.8 average. Chosen for Pilot Flight Training.

Primary Training, Harmon Field, Ballinger, Texas. Co-winner with Kheen Landis for Harmon Trophy for Outstanding Cadet. Graduated with top scholastic grades of 99.2%.

Basic Training, Good Fellow Field, San Angelo, Texas.

Advanced Training, Lubbock, Texas. Received wings and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant - January 7, 1944. Graduated with top scholastic honors of 98.2% average of Class of 44-A.

B-24 Transition Training, Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas.

B-24 Crew Training, Casper, Wyoming. Was airplane commander whose crew was chosen as "Crew of the Week", the top crew of 78 crews in the training section.

Arrived overseas in Italy and joined 484 Bomb Group, 824 Bomb Squadron - August, 1944. Bombed Southern France, Northern France, Northern Italy, Balkans, Poland and Germany from August, 1944 to April, 1945.

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant - November, 1944.

Received authorization to wear "Distinguished Unit Badge" a member of heavy bombardment group cited by the War Department.

Promoted to Flight Commander - December, 1944.

Missing in Action over Vienna, Austria on Mission #20 - February 1, 1945. Spent February and most of March as "guests" of Russians (our allies) in Hungary and Rumania.

March 19, 1945 - Returned to active duty. Flew one more mission before war in Europe ended in April, 1945.

Authorized 8 Bronze "Battle Stars" for service in Rome-Arno, Southern France, Air Combat (Balkans), Northern France, Rhine Land, Northern Appennines, Central Europe, and Po Valley Campaigns.

Received Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and European Theater of Operations (ETO) Theater Ribbon.

Separated from service - August 30, 1945.

Remained in Air Force Reserves until 1956. Then received Honorable Discharge.

Harman Trophy For Outstanding Cadet

Hero of South Pacific Gets Bruce Field



By the personnel of the field was honored with that of 1st Lt. Marvin C. navigator, and one of survivors of a plane crash at Baul, New Britain, on 1942.

formal talk with the group Lt. Hughes gave an account of his ten day stay with the natives of New Britain and his daring escape most within sight of the army units.

the bomber, with a crew of four and Lt. Hughes as pilot, was on a routine mission flying at 1500 feet, giving Jap airdromes a wide berth when anti-aircraft fire destroyed one of their engines. The bomber crashed offshore from one of the islands dotting the coast of Australia.

the plane sank almost immediately, trapping two of the crew members in the gun turrets. The

remaining five managed to struggle out of the ship before it went down, but all the survivors suffered painful wounds and bruises. Friendly natives who had witnessed the crash from shore immediately set forth in outrigger canoes and brought the men to shore.

Lt. Hughes suffered a deep laceration in his leg and was wounded in the side by flying shrapnel. The pieces of the shell are still imbedded in his side. The men were treated well by the natives and they were able to learn much of interest during their long stay in the village. The monotony was terrific, but they amused themselves by carving images and designs and trying to learn the native methods of recreation. Their diet for the most part consisted of taro, a vegetable very similar to the Irish potato.

Two of the crew members, less seriously injured than the

44-A First Class to Receive Gold Cup and \$100 War Bond

The new Harman Trophy and a \$100 War Bond will be presented for the first time to the outstanding cadet of Class 44-A. The gold and silver cup, symbolic of the highest attainment in military, academic and flying proficiency, will be awarded during the last week of training as a grand climax to the graduation program. Mr. Harman, donor of the trophy, will be host to the class at a special dinner in honor of the winner and will present the

cadet with the War Bond as a personal gift. The cup will be inscribed with the name of the winning cadet and placed in the cadet lounge on permanent display.

The top ranking trainee to win this award will be announced at the completion of the academic schedule. The decision will be based on the opinion of every training department on this field. Ranking high as a determining factor will be the vote of the cadet group itself, with each section choosing one man as a candidate. The flight line, ground school, and physical training department will select the best men from each section and add their candidates to the list. The cadets selected will be graded on a possible point total of 100, apportioned as follows: cadet vote, 20 points; flight line, 20 points; physical training, 20 points; ground school, 20 points; and tactical department, 20 points. When final tabulations have been completed Major McConnel and Lt. Knott will announce the cadet receiving the highest score.

rest set out for another village attempting to find a means of escaping from the island. Twelve hours later they were captured by unfriendly natives and turned over to the Japs. It is not known at this time whether they are prisoners of war or dead. Four had already perished since the crash of the bomber, but a fifth was soon to go. The waist gunner died just five months later, succumbing to malnutrition and aggravated injuries. The remaining three men were helped by British missionaries and after many weeks of torturous travel, finally joined forces with an Australian soldier who had been carrying on a private war with the Japs ever since he had become separated from his unit at the beginning of the war.

Ten months from the time of the crash, the men were sighted by a patrolling B-24 whose attention they attracted by using a mirror. Instructions were dropped to them on how to identify themselves and it was seven days before the plane could get close enough to the island while on patrol to attempt identification.

The men painted their serial numbers (Continued on page eight)

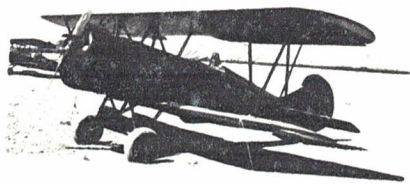
Class 44-A will have the honor of being the first group in the history of the field to receive the trophy. While in the past there have been competitive contests in the various departments, 44-A will initiate the first tangible recognition of cadet merit.

It is the purpose of the presentation not only to reward individual merit, but also to establish at this field a symbol of the spirit and enthusiasm of the aviation cadet corps. In the months to come those names inscribed on the cup will prove to be an index to the combat heroism of Bruce Field graduates.

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FLYING STUDENTS PASS FINAL TEST

All the secondary students in the Civilian Pilot Training unit at the University of Arizona have passed their final examinations and almost completed their flight training, it was said by Prof. M. L. Thornburg yesterday.

Two of the novice pilots, Harold A. Elliott and R. A. Sheffield, have already signed up with the U. S. Navy Air Corps, and the other five are trying for instructor training and may be sent to Phoenix to the Type B center for such training. The five include George B. Manning, John Howell, Ellis W. Kershaw, John H. Schaefers and William T. Wells.

Thornburg said all the five passed with grades high enough to get



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S.A.A.C.C.
PREFLIGHT
SCHOOL
(Pilot)
CROSS
COUNTRY

San Antonio
Texas
1943

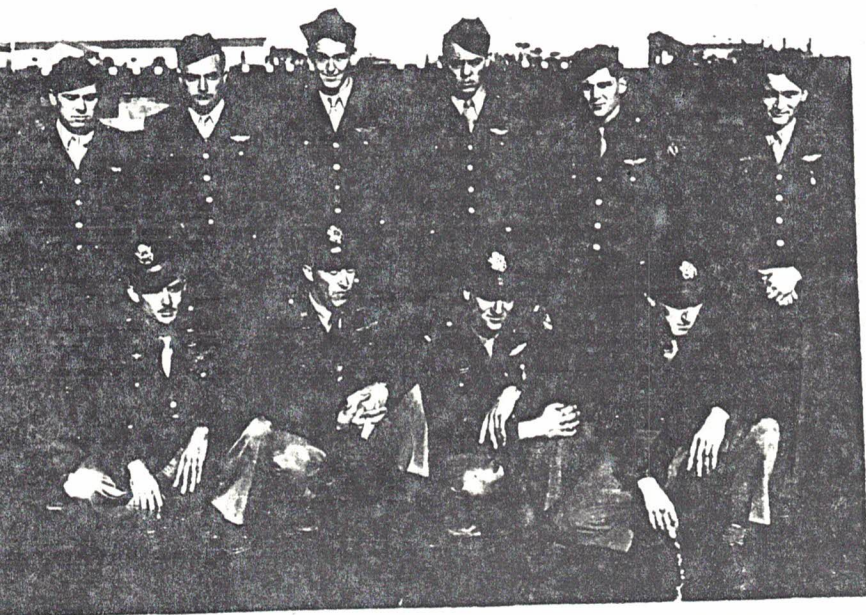
John S. Howell Ties For Trophy

Rochester Youth Sets Fine Record At Texas Primary Flying School

Aviation Cadet John S. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howell, Rochester, tied for the Harmon trophy award for excellence in all-around ability (including flying) at Bruce Field, Texas, primary flying training school, recently.

Aviation Cadet Howell received a \$50 war bond for this. His grades were the highest in the battalion, being 99(2).

Howell was tied with Aviation Cadet Keehn Landis, of Evanston, Ill., son of Colonel Reed G. Landis, commander today of the First Troop, Carrier Command and America's sixth ranking ace in World War I.



2 ROCHESTER MEN IN COMBAT CREW OF WEEK AT CASPER, WYOMING



ARMY AIR FIELD, Casper, Wyo.—Shown above, kneeling second from left is Lt. John S. Howell, and standing second from right is Cpl. Rhio Metzler, both of Rochester, Mich., along with members of their crew at the Casper Army Air Field which was selected as the Combat Crew of the Week. Lt. Howell is the airplane commander, and Cpl. Metzler is aerial engineer and waist gunner of the crew chosen by a board of officers for its outstanding performance and efficiency. (Official Air Force photo)

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Lt. John S. Howell
Distinguished
Wears As B-24 Pilot

Rochester Boy Wears Distinguished Unit Badge After Dangerous Mission

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Second Lt. John S. Howell, 25, 2060 Harned St., Rochester, Mich., pilot of a B-24 Liberator, has been authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which has been cited by the War Department for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The group received the gold-rimmed blue ribbon for the bombing of underground oil storage installations at Vienna. On August 22nd they were assigned the task of destroying this target. The ground crews were credited with having every possible B-24 at the peak of mechanical perfection to insure the success of the mission.

In spite of extremely adverse weather conditions, which separated the group from its badly needed fighter escort, they proceeded directly to the target. Fifty enemy fighters attacked the formation, using rocket guns, can-



LIEUT. JOHN S. HOWELL

the target and destroyed vital installations and supplies.

In the words of the citation, "the destruction inflicted on the enemy by this Bombardment Group immobilized countless enemy aircraft and halted divisional motor columns destined for the support of ground troops on all fronts."

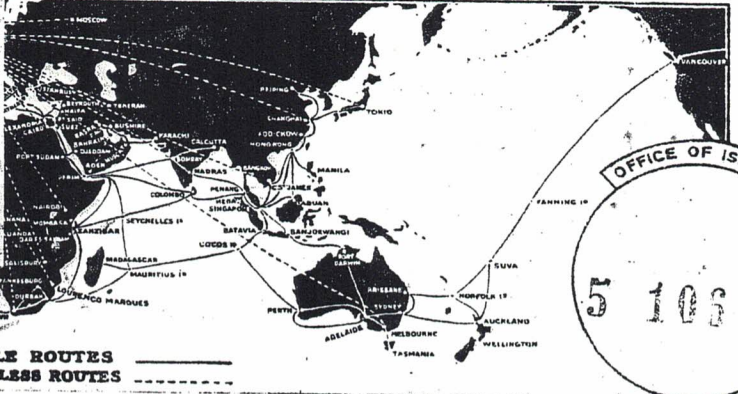
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
A. P. O. 520

16 February 1945

Mrs. Arvella Howell
2060 Harned Street
Rochester, Michigan

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His personal possessions have been assembled for shipment to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, who will in turn forward them to the designated beneficiary.

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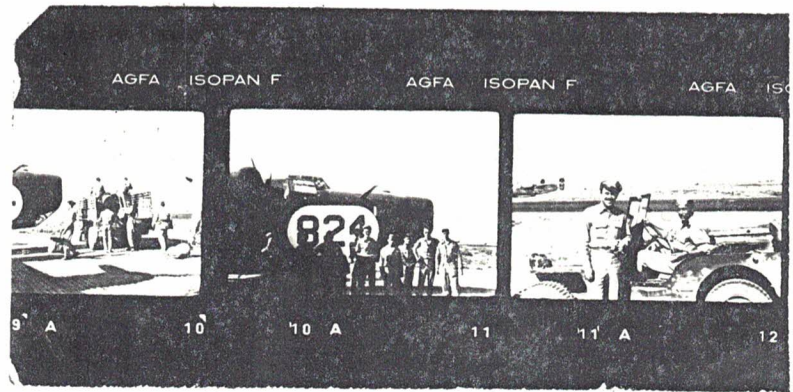
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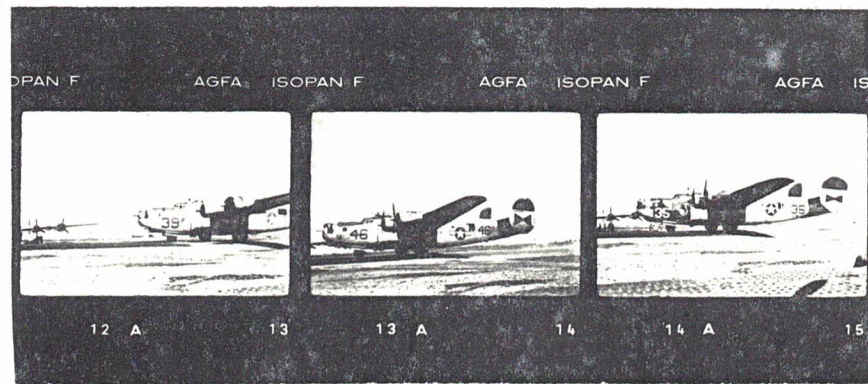
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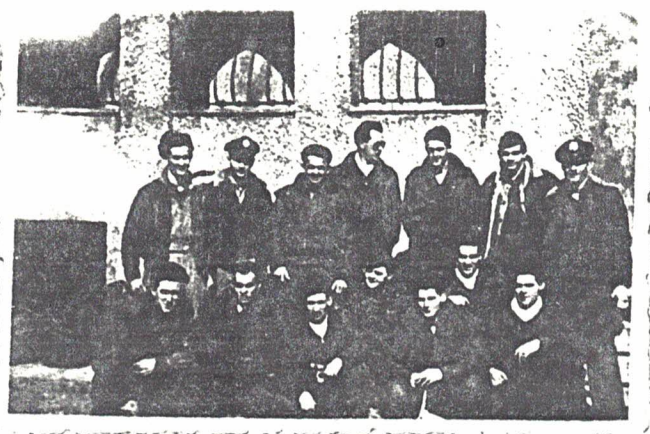
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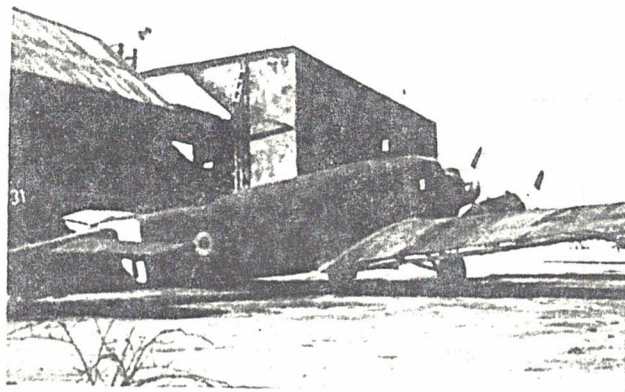
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Love,

John,

• The family of Mrs. Arvella Howell was gladdened, this week, with the news that their son, First Lt. John Howell, was safe and had returned to duty on March 19. Lieut. Howell's plane made a crash landing somewhere behind Russian lines.

John S. Howell Turns Up Alive On Russian Tour

Two Rochester boys, missing over Austria since Feb. 1, have shown up alive. They are Lieut. John S. Howell and Rhio Metzler, both to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. The following letter from Howell to his mother and sister explains:

March 20, 1945

Dear Mother and Edith:

I'll bet you can't guess where I've been the last couple of weeks. Give up! I've been touring Europe "first class," according to Russian style, and can speak four more languages fluently. I can say essen (German), yo (Hungarian), darco:hka (Russian), and shapta (Rumanian), meaning eat, good, girl and seven respectively. I've been shot at by Russians, dive-bombed by Germans, fed by Hungarians and have been made love to by Rumanian girls (don't tell my wife??), and have seen a Bulgarian stage play, all in the short period of seven weeks. Outside of that I've done nothing but get the D.F.C. (Distinguished Flying Cross). Oh yes, I spent \$250 doing it, too. Not bad, though, for I have a few souvenirs. I have a beautiful 35-mm. Kodak (Retina II) with a high-speed lens and a 2.8 focal length. Got it in Bucharest, Rumania, plus a very nice radio for \$25. Have a German Luger that I traded for and a small Styr. 25-cal. cute little German gun. The only thing that I'm really mad about is that I lost my nice 20 mission hat when I bailed out.

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Plude is still in a Russian hospital with a broken leg and will probably go home but the rest of us will stay and finish our missions. Oh well, 15 sorties won't be very hard to get off.

Tully and Metzler and Plude all get the Purple Heart. One of these days I'll give you the full particulars but now I'll just leave you guessing. What happened? What did they do? What?

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2060 HARMED ST

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS PLEASURE THAT
YOUR SON 1 LT HOWELL JOHN S RETURNED TO DUTY 19 MAR 45=
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COMBAT RECORD OF John S Howell

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Lt. John Howell Receives Air Medal in Italy

Second Lieutenant John S. Howell, 24, of Rochester, pilot of a P-24 Liberator, was recently awarded the Air Medal, for "meritorious achievement during aerial flights over enemy territory."

Since arriving overseas last August, he has participated in numerous bombing attacks on enemy airdromes, oil refineries, railroad yards and bridges in Germany, Austria, Hungary and Italy.

Lt. Howell entered the service March 22, 1943, and received his wings and commission at Lubbock, Texas, January 7, 1944.

He was graduated from Rochester high school, class of 1938. Prior to entering the service, he was attending Arizona University. Lt. Howell's wife, Mrs. Barbara Ann Howell, lives at 2721 29th St., Lubbock, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, live at Rochester.

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Army of the United States

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This is to certify that

JOHN S HOWELL

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1st LIEUTENANT

Air Corps

*honorably served in active Federal Service
in the Army of the United States from*

7 January 1944

to

30 August 1945

Given at SEPARATION CENTER Camp Blanding Florida

on the

30th

day of

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W. R. McClintock
W. R. McCLINTOCK
Lieutenant Colonel AGD

I, Luella M. Smith, Clerk of the County of Washtenaw, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, the same being a Court of Record: Do hereby certify that this is a true photostatic copy of the original document as appears of record in my office.

Barbara M. Dowse ⁹⁻²⁵⁻⁴⁵ Deputy Clerk

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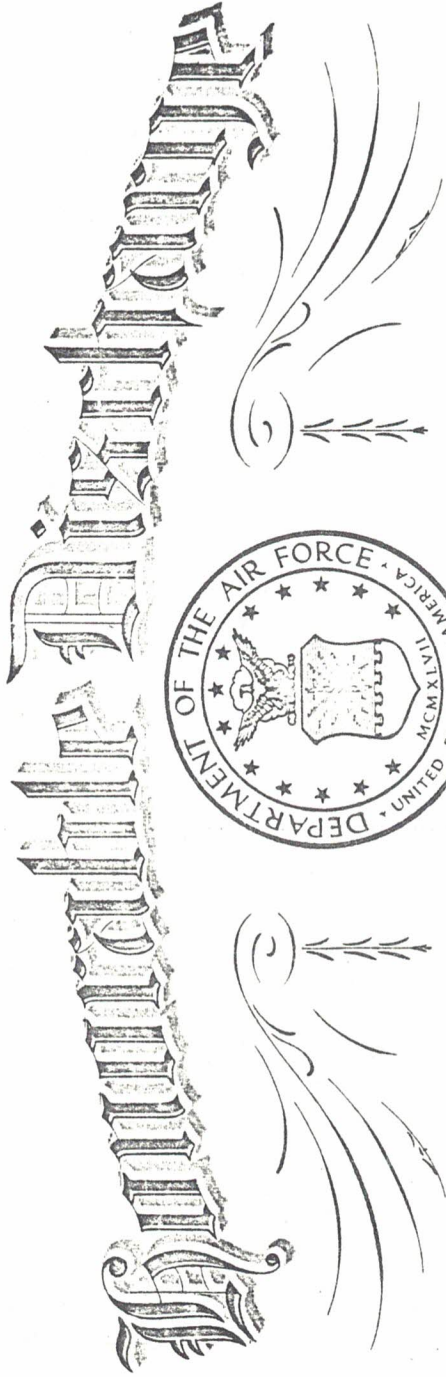
To: Commanding Officer,
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Transmitted herewith by registered mail, one (1) Air Medal, and one (1) Distinguished Flying Cross, for 1st Lt. John S. Howell, transferred to your command per paragraph 207, Special Order 3, this headquarters, dated 26 July 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

A. B. Fincher, Jr.
A. B. FINCHER, JR.,
CMC, USA
Assistant Adjutant

2 Incl:
AM, DFC



from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

This is to certify that

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. HOWELL, AO 706 180, AIR FORCE RESERVE

was Honorably Discharged from the

United States Air Force

on the TWELFTH *day of* JANUARY 1956 *This certificate is awarded*

as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service

James T. Quirk
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COLONEL, USAF