

Messick, Ernest
Frank

Gets Paratrooper's Wings.

Ernest Messick, whose 22nd birthday is coming up on March 8, is a member of Uncle Sam's Paratroop Infantry and has received his Wings as a full-fledged graduate of the intensive training course which is requisite to this gruelling, adventurous branch of the service.

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ERNEST MESSICKS
(Paratrooper)

Ernest writes to The Globe-Times of his experiences since his enlistment last August 5. "Not that I'm bragging," he says, "but we made the world's longest forced march, 130 miles in three days." He celebrated St. Valentine's Day by making a tactical jump, his first.

Messick is a company messenger and this, he says, entails a lot of running, "but I sorta like running. That is what makes my job interesting. I wouldn't take any other branch of the service since I got my Wings because there is nothing to

compare with the Parachute Infantry."

Paratrooper Messick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Messick, who live at 632 Laufer Avenue. He was employed in the structural shipping yards of the Bethlehem Steel plant here before entering the Army. A brother, Frank, is in the U. S. Merchant Marine.

His letter bears the crest of his outfit, the motto of which is "Currahee," which means "I Stand Alone."

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