



CAPTAIN GEDDINGS.

Bill Geddings Is Captain in Ferrying Unit

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Cincinnati, Ohio, July 10.—The promotion of Capt. William R. Geddings of Columbia from first lieutenant was announced here yesterday by Ferrying Division headquarters, Air Transport command.

Captain Geddings is assistant intelligence officer for the ferrying division. He entered the army in 1942, after being called to active duty as a second lieutenant. At first stationed with military intelligence in Washington, D. C., where he was promoted to first lieutenant, Captain Geddings transferred the first of this year to the ferrying division, with headquarters in Cincinnati.

The ferrying division delivers military aircraft from the factory to the fighting fronts of the world. Many large ferrying division air bases are located over the country and pilot from these bases pick up the planes as they are manufactured and fly them to their destinations.

Gen. H. H. Arnold said recently in a speech at West Point graduation exercises that in May alone 1,800 planes were flown across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with the same certainty as to arrival as if 100 were sent from New York to San Francisco five years ago.

Captain Geddings, prior to being called into active service with the army, was executive director for the housing authority of Columbia, where he supervised four large public housing projects. He was also active in civic affairs, being a member of the Lions Club, secretary of the South Carolina Infantile Paralysis association, zone air raid warden leader, chairman of the Boy Scout court of honor, and a member of the Columbia city planning board.

at house warming. Refreshments were served by the Red Cross Canteen corps, assisted by the Girl Scout troop of Andrew Jackson Homes. Music was provided by the 423rd Infantry band of the 106th division.

Attending the ceremonies were Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Royden E. Beebe, W. S. Hendley, chairman of the Housing authority, Sam L. Latimer, Jr., editor of The State and vice chairman of the Housing authority, Thomas T. Moore, executive director, and J. W. Woodward, housing manager of Jackson Homes.

Representing the Red Cross sewing unit, in addition to Mrs. Beebe, were Mrs. F. Burney, Mrs. Robert Millare, Mrs. E. M. Cudworth and Mrs. John G. Ehrlich. Mrs. Robert M. Stegmaier represented the Girl Scout troop, while present in behalf of the American Red Cross were P. P. Estridge, state supervisor, P. Gwilliam, assistant field director, S. H. Bennett, council, assistant field director, and Paul H. Fraser, field director.