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HEADQUARTERS

Tuskegee Army Flying School
Tuskegee, Alabama

3 August 1943

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The Secretary
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the reading of your recent issue of the "Howard Review", I was most interested to note the pages dedicated to the Howard Men in the service of the United States.

I also read the statement at the head of the column in which it stated that all corrections should be called to the attention of the Secretary.

I do not know how you happened to secure the information concerning me but I do know that there are quite a few persons at the University that know me and know that I am doing my utmost to serve my country and also to make achievements which will be a credit to my Race and to my Alma Mater. It was very discouraging to read all of the rest of the names of my friends in the service and then to read, "William B. Edlin, Captain." Doesn't any one there keep a survey of what a person does?

You sir, do not know me, but I was one of the early graduates of the R.O.T.C. in 1924, finishing as one of the Honor Students. I was called to Extended Active Duty in 1940, as one of the first Four Colored Officers of the District of Columbia, and I took charge of the Recruit Reception Center at Fort Dix until March of 1941 when I went to Fort Devens, Mass. where I commanded the Company "A" of the 366th Inf.

I am now in the Air Corps at Tuskegee Air Field where I hold the position of Assistant Administrative Inspector of the Post. I am the only colored Graduate of the Administrative Inspector's School at Fort Logan, Colorado, as the accompanying copy of a newspaper article will show. I am sure that you will correct the notation placed against my name please.

Sincerely,

William B. Edlin
Captain, Air Corps
Assistant Adm. Inspector.

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"THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE"

May 22, 1943

CAPTAIN EDELIN MAKING GOOD AT TUSKEGEE

Tuskegee Army Air Field, Alabama--(ANP) Speaking of success stories from a militaristic point of view, the Tuskegee Army Air Field is proud to offer as its contribution, Capt. William B. Edelin. A man with more than 17 years of continued service with our country's armed forces, Captain Edelin, assistant administrative Inspector here at Tuskegee is an outstanding personality.

Coming to Tuskegee from the 366th Infantry stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., in July of last year, he was given charge of the 96th Service Group and Headquarters Squadron. This position he held until October, when he was promoted to his present position. He was selected to attend the Administrative Inspector's School at Fort Logan, Colorado. He finished with honors during the first of this year and was the first member of his race to attend such a school.

Captain Edelin is a native of Washington, D. C. A graduate of Howard University, with distinction, he holds a A.B. and A.M. degree in History. Here he received his first R.O.T.C. army training. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry upon graduation.

Two other men from Tuskegee Army Air Field, who are non-commissioned officers in the office of the Administrative Inspector that have graduated from the famed administrative school at Fort Logan are S. Sgt. Edward Jordan of Michipango, Va. and T. Sgt. Milarm Arnold of Dayton.