



## **James Michaels with his Chevrolet ambulance, India, 1943**

Born in Buffalo, New York on June 21, 1921. Michaels attended Culver Military Academy and graduated from Harvard (Class of 1942). Because of poor eyesight Michaels was rejected by the U.S. Army, so he applied to the American Field Service and was accepted in April of 1943. At the time of his joining AFS Michaels was working as Junior Economist at the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C. Michaels was sent overseas with AFS India Burma Unit 1 at the end of April of 1943. He arrived in Bombay on July 1, 1943. He reported to the AFS Headquarters in Poona and was soon attached as an ambulance driver to the British 14th Army in India Burma (see attached photo). He stayed in India until the end of September of 1944 when he was released to the Office of War Information (OWI).

James Michaels was a renowned journalist; who as Editor of Forbes Magazine enjoyed one of the longest tenures of any major magazine editor in history. Until his death Michaels served as Editor Emeritus of Forbes magazine. He was Forbes editor (1961-99), managing editor (1957-61) and associate managing editor (1954-56). Michaels joined the Forbes staff as a reporter in 1954. He served as bureau chief of the New Delhi bureau of the United Press in the late 1940s. He was a reporter for The Buffalo Evening News. Michaels has been a mentor to many of the nation's top business writers.