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# NEWS FROM HOME

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## The March of Peace Continues

By **PATRICK A. McGOVERN**

About two years ago — in September 1943 to be exact — our editor asked me to write the editorial for this little paper. Much water has gone over the proverbial dam since then and much ground has been covered on "The March of Peace" — the title I chose.

Our boys were then in training here and were marching through town on their way to war. We wondered then what thoughts were running through their minds and how long it would be before "The March of Peace" would start. It proved a long, long, march to war for many of them — yet it ended in a march of peace for some. Others there were who sacrificed their lives that the peace might come to us.

Now, two years later we are greeting some of them back from the European theater who took a proud part in the march of peace over here. Some have crowned themselves with glory. It is not necessary to guess their thoughts now — the look on their faces reveals quite clearly that the best place in all the world to them is this little community — **HOME**.

Many of them have taken part in the Victory Marches which are leading to peace for all — some I'm sure were in Africa — others in Italy — and some in Berlin recently when that flag which originally flew over our American symbol of peace — the capitol at Washington — was raised by our President.

All of these boys who played such a gallant part in this March of Peace harbor the thoughts of the President — they sought no spoils or valor save the **RIGHT** to live in **PEACE**.

With the plans for **PEACE** already formulated by the **ALLIED NATIONS** and with but one more score to settle in the Pacific may the March of Peace be complete and continuous soon.

### Acknowledging Letters from the Boys

(By Lawrence Keeler)

CPL. BOB PIERCE, Brussels, Belgium, writes, "There's more work at the present time than when the war was going on but we just make the best of it. Please tell everybody I was asking for them." ... TECH. 4 TOM MARSHALL is in the Hawaiian Islands. ... PFC. BAINEY PAPELIAN, U. S. M. C. (Milford), Okinawa, writes "Met HAWK MALKASSIAN and was hoping to bump into CORP. MACK MacDERMOTT, U. S. M. C., but he shoved off for Iwo." ... SGT. GOSTA JOHNSON, Germany, writes "Want to thank the Shop for the Xmas gift. Give my regards to MR. ANDERSON on the Winder Job." ... PFC. BILL BOYD (No. Uxbridge) La Riviera, Nice, France, writes "This is a very beautiful port — a lot like California. We don't know where we are headed for — only can guess." ... SGT. ARTHUR ARCHAMBEAULT (Woonsocket), England, writes "I'm supposed to have a 30-day furlough so inform the gang in ANDY BAIRD'S department that I'll be dropping in to see them. I think I'll go and drown my troubles." ... LT. TOM FITZGERALD, DET-T563, Co. G, 3rd ECA Rgt., A. P. O. 658, P. M. New York, is stationed at Goppingen, Germany, south of Stuttgart. ... BOB CROSSLAND, S 1/c, U. S. S. Colbert, writes "I noticed in the N. F. H. that GEORGE GIGARJIAN, a school pal of mine, had written to you and asked for my address. While at Pearl Harbor I met quite a number of home town boys — WILFRED HARWOOD, who took me out to dinner, FRED BAKER, CONNIE VIS-BEEK and BOB SCOTT. The Japs gave us a lot of target practice with their air raids. I had a Jap's skull but had to get rid of it. Didn't just throw it away either." ... BUB SMITH, GM 2/c, U. S. S. L. C. I., writes "You should be out here in a poker game and watch the hundreds fly — these guys simply don't give a damn about money. There must be quite a bit of excitement at home now with all the fellows coming home from Europe. Heard good news today. They have secured Okinawa. There are guys out betting 5 to 1 the war will be over by the end of July and on one big air base they have a \$40,000 pool. So MISS LESHENSKI has other admirers besides myself." ... PAUL CHOSTA, U. S. S. Ancon, writes "I was at Saipan and Okinawa but I didn't see anyone. Was aboard the U. S. S. Blue Ridge — never knew this ALDRICH and SONNY ADAMS. I went to Liverpool in '43, to Scotland, North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Normandy and then home. I made my way to Hawaii. If you would

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### C. I. O. in the W. M. W.

The C. I. O. displayed remarkable strength over International Association of Machinists (A. F. of L.), and no agency representation in the shop —

C. I. O. 1311, A. F. of L. 91, and no agency representation 601. Two months ago the Foundry chose the International Moulders Union of North America (A. F. of L.) as bargaining agent 156 to 132, and the wood and metal pattern members also chose an A. F. of L. affiliate, 17 to 6.

### About the Pictures

Left to right — Gordon Demegue, Pfc, Guntry; Kenneth J. Cahill, 1st Lieutenant, Bomber Pilot; Armand A. Cournoyer, Staff Sergeant, Engineer - Gunner; Charles Reneau, MMOM 2/c; Walter Kennedy, Gm. 3/c; Francis Bazinet, S 1/c.

Left to right, Back Row — Nancy Lees, Evylyn Cole, Stella Boudreau, Frances Kane. Bottom Row — Sharkey Muradian, Charlotte Adams and Mary McDonald.

### In Memoriam

St. Mar. Francis Berkowicz

Pfc. Joseph Henry Prunier

James A. Stanley



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give me the addresses of CHINKY ALMASIAN, BOZO GARABEDIAN, BILL LEONARD and JOE BARTLETT I'd appreciate it. In the May issue the ELLSIE girls look to me as though they have changed in appearance." ... LT. CLINTON ST. LAURENT, U. S. N., is on the U. S. S. Houston. ... EARL KARLSON, AOM 2/c (Uxbridge), U. S. S. St. Louis, writes "Thanks very much for FELIX PRZYBYSZEWSKI'S, MOMM 1/c address. My cousin, RAYMOND HARTSHORN, has been travelling with us and I didn't even have time to run over. The Navy finally decided to let me have second. It was a long road but I guess I finally reached the top of that hill." ... MARTIN CAHILL, SC 3/c (Milford) LCT 834, Philippines, writes "Between the heat and the rain its amazing how a guy lives. When I go on liberty I either tramp through mud six inches deep or walk in a sand storm. I expect to be back in the shop. Tell MR. DUHAMEL to keep a job open for me. Give my regards to the boys on the Bolster Job." ... DICK WILLIAMS, Ph. M. 1/c (Milford), U. S. S. Ruddevoir, writes "Don't know if you have visited the South Seas but if you should, leave the Hollywood version home, especially women. Swimming in and out among the coral were the truly tropical fish. These were of every shape, size and color imaginable." ... PFC. EMILE GUERTIN (No. Ux.), Philippines, writes "The populations are a pretty good size. It's a lot more interesting than the last place. The Japs haven't got over the bombing." ... SGT. CHET HAYWARD, Manila, writes, "Say, if you hear from JOHN WEATHERBURN again tell him to drop his pal a line. I

will drop JOFFRE LAVALLEE a line. I remember this SGT. EDGAR DURANT fellow because I used to see him in the Rockdale drug store. There is a baseball game between the WACs and Filipino girls. I sure would like to see that game." ... S/SGT. EVERETT BURGESS, Nassau, Germany, writes "I got a pass to Holland and Belgium, Cologne, Aachen and Duren certainly were a mess. We play plenty of ball around here when we aren't playing soldier." ... HENRY WENTWORTH, RM 3/c (W. Upton), Philippines, writes "You get up in the morning and start to sweat like a river. The typhoon season started here about a month ago so here's hoping for a little excitement. It gets so damned dull down here that you feel like standing up and screaming." ... PFC. STEPHEN HUTNAK (Greenville, R. I.), Marienbad, Czechoslovakia, writes "Thanks for KAY ROSEN'S address. I saw his outfit in the Rhine River crossing. The people seem to have it in for us for some reason. I'd like to be back to Germany. The people were very friendly even if we weren't supposed to talk with them." ... SGT. BILL CAMPBELL is in Linz, Austria, and JOHN CAMPBELL is on the S. S. Arthur M. Huddell and has been in France. ... 1st LT. LEO ASADOORIAN, Cuneo, Italy, writes "We have a swell set-up here, in a hotel with a bar — just like the States. It would be swell to sweat out the duration here. It will be great to see old faces once again. Before long I'm expecting to be home." ... SGT. ANDY AVADISIAN, Burghausen, Germany, writes "My old outfit is Pacific-bound — all low point men. All of us 85 point men were transferred to surplus outfits. I guess it will be some time in '46 now before I get home. We are on the Austrian border. Give my best to the Comber Job." ... PVT. WALLACE LEE, Ft. Bragg, N. C., writes "This morning is the first Sunday that we didn't have something to do. Probably make a good street cleaner for the town of Northbridge. I see SKIPPER MCGUINNESS once in a while. He is doing telephone work and I'm in Motor Mechanics. When it's all over I guess if CHICKY FOURNIER wants me back I'll go back and work on the good old Oldsmobiles again." ... T/5 FRANCIS MAGOWAN, Germany, writes "One of my friends and I fished all one morning and caught quite a few fish. I'm sorry that Norman, my brother, had to go to Paris Island, having such a family." ... CPL. JOHN HAGOPIAN writes "After I got out of the hospital I landed a swell job in Snippes, France — a bookkeeper and manager of a big Post Exchange in one of the Deployment Camps. Say hello to PAT MCGOVERN." ... CPL. JOHN KUROWSKI writes "Have been in India and at the present time am in Burma. It's not too bad. Plenty of jungle around here — just like you see in the Tarzan pictures. At present there's a tiger on the loose that got hold of a negro and scratched him up a bit. Enjoyed a couple of days hunting for him. While in India I met BOSMA and DAWICKI from Whitins." ... CPL. EDDIE ELDRIDGE is in Alaska. ... PVT. SHORTY FORCIER, Leghorn, Italy, writes "When you get this letter I will be on my way to the Pacific. Maybe I'll wish I had never left Italy. If you should run across anyone that is near Leghorn (184th M. P. Co., A. P. O. 782) let me know." ... CPL. ARCHIE JACOBS, Guam, writes "I had

a very nice boat but just another island. Here's the picture and I'm sending you some invasion money. I'm working on a ward now and the patients keep me busy. There are still Japs on this island." ... S/SGT. SIDNEY EBBELING (Uxbridge), Landshut, Germany, writes "I just had two of my brothers go in the Army so now it's four of us in the Army. I hope I get out before Xmas and then go back to work. I'm still in the kitchen. Give my best to the Planer Job." ... PVT. JOE DA FONSIKA, Okinawa writes "I guess you people already knew that the island is secured. It was one hell of a job and I've see things here I never again want to see. I've got a few souvenirs. We play poker here every night and so far I'm in. The darn Japs pay us a visit — a blackout and the poker game ends. Guess what. A few boxes were opened and magnetos taken out. They were made in the Shop." ... RITA BAILLARGEON writes from Whitinsville "After four months of hospitalization the doctors gave me a "Medical Discharge." ... PFC. AMBROSE GUERTIN, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, writes "I used to run No. 20 Automatic Truck for JOHN MCGUIRE in the Stock Room — running from RAY MILL'S Job to BOB WILSON'S, trucking turbines. I've been an Army cook for the last 14 months. I haven't been home to my wife and daughter for nine months now." ... SGT. HAAG HAGGASMA, El Paso, Texas, writes "It has been 32 months now since I entered the Army and so far have been fortunate to stay on this side, although that didn't help the points any. I have been stationed at Bigg's Field working as an engine mechanic on the B-29's. Give my best to RAMSEY'S Job." ... PVT. BILL DUANE (Petersham), Parris Island, S. C., writes "I only hope that the boys at the shop keep on with their laurels and let us finish the job. I will finish boot training on July 31st and get my combat training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. We hope to see Tokyo before too long. Best regards to HANS THEILER, GEORGE ALBRECHT and the Winder boys. Have them really ring those Whitin bells when this is over." ... ARTHUR RONDEAU CY(T) (Uxbridge) is at the Personnel Office, U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I. ... PFC. ALBER COUTIER (Uxbridge), Philippines, writes "The pictures were swell, especially the girl ones. Charley gave us a little trouble at first but everything is O. K. now. Give my best to the Flyer gang." ... CPL. DUSTY IRWIN who is in the Caribbean Sea is getting a good tan and plenty of sack time. ... HERMAN DEVRIES, S 1/c (East Douglas) writes "I was sent to Manhattan Beach and to Atlantic City to school and will go to the Pacific. I met ART LITKE and his wife down here. My old job was aboard the yachts the Government had. Now that they are in civilian hands once again we, the Coast Guard, find ourselves being transferred to many different places." ... BENNY OLES, GM 3/c (Millbury), U. S. S. L. S. T. 994, writes "I want to thank the shop for the Xmas check. Kindly say hello to MIKE WALSH, HERBIE CUTLER and the boys on 421. I hope this mess ends soon. Right now they're doing a pretty good job on Tojo." ... PFC. ERNEST JULIEN (Blackstone), B. Btry. 32nd D. A. Bn., A. P. O. 1, New York, writes "There is not much doing here except getting the

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About 7:00 P. M. Tuesday, August 14, we received the good news that the Japs had decided to quit, and accept the terms set forth in the Potsdam ultimatum. A few minutes later the town really cut loose, Whistles blew, bells rang, radio's blared, kids screamed, automobiles with tin cans attached went by at a mad pace. Mothers forgot to nurse their babies and joy was unrestrained.

After the first wild surge of emotion, most of the town gathered in Memorial Park where a simple yet dignified and reverent service was held by the churches of the community. George Searles acted as chairman of the affair and the American Legion served as a color guard.

All bars were closed for twenty-four hours, but there seemed to be plenty of O. B. Joyful around and as one fellow put it, it was no time to keep your spirits bottled up.

After the service in the park every one expressed their joy in their own particular way. There were many contrasts in the way folks celebrated.

The following morning a good old-fashioned parade was held under the leadership of Harry Lees. Civic and fraternal organizations were represented. Ken Liberty was dressed as Uncle Sam and was mounted upon a magnificent steed. The News from Home was represented in a baby Austin piloted by Gussie and accompanied by Nora Carr, Tillie and Mike Marker and Lawrence Keeler. By the way your editor got a plug in for more photographs for the Album as there was a large sign on the car pleading for your pictures.

After completing the line of march in Whitinsville the participants piled into trucks and were transported to Linwood and Rockdale where they repeated their performance. Music for the parade was provided by the Rockdale Bugle and Drum Corps.

At 7:30 in the evening union services were held in the Congregational Church. Later three free dances were held in the Town of Northbridge, one at the Memorial Hall, Whitinsville, one at the Village Hall in Rockdale and one in Linwood. While the dance in Whitinsville was in progress Joe Topp's musicians arrived on the scene in a mellow holiday spirit, and did a snake dance around the dance floor before leaving for more fields to conquer.

Thursday morning was spent by most people in bed with ice packs on their heads vainly attempting to recover from the affects of the previous 72 hectic hours.

Four ball games were held Thursday afternoon at Linwood Avenue. Whitins defeated Rockdale 11 to 5. Plummers defeated Vail Field 10 to 0. In the softball games the Office defeated Joe Topp's 12 to 7. The Gym defeated the Tool Job 5 to 2. The games were under the direction of Mike Marker. Umpires were Sally Jones, Buster Allard, Vreg Marsoopian and Mike Marker.

Be sure to read the next ussue of News from Home for further details.



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Displaced persons to their destination and delousing them which is fun at the beginning but gets darn tiresome before the day is over." . . . PVT. GEORGE ZEROOGIAN, Camp Lajeune, N. C., writes "For the past two months I have been training at different bases. I'm in the Marines." . . . BILL PRIOR, MM 2/c, Philippines, writes "The typhoon season is coming in on us. We had a small sample and Man did it blow! How does the new raid on Japan strike you? It's really somethin'. This Navy of ours is really great. The Japs will learn that to their sorrow. CHILI FRABOTTA got home O. K. My brother, Joe, flew home for 4 days. He was at Okinawa Easter Sunday. I won't know that son of mine." . . . T/SGT. JACK RATCLIFFE, Sulu Archipelago, Pacific, writes "Your album is a swell idea. I'll bet CASEY would like to have a tan like we get here. Give CASEY, MIKE MARKER and all the fellows my best regards." . . . PVT. HAROLD FLINTON (Manchaug) writes "Have been in Kassel, Germany, for a month now doing guard duty at an air field for the 9th Air Force. Kassel is just one of the large cities that is 95% bombed out. The people are going to have a hard time here this winter. Just got back from a 15-day leave at Chamoix, France—right next to the Swiss border. Had a wonderful trip. I hope to get to Paris soon. Give my best to Dept. 436." . . . JOHN WEATHERBURN, ACOM, Casu. 54, writes "Glad to hear that your album is going to turn out O. K. It will be 12 years since I left home. Nevada is a fair state but give me good old N. E. Got 12 trout from 1 lb. to 2½ lbs. If SALLY JONES were here he could tell them about the one that got away." . . . WALTER PIELESKI A/S, Sampson, N. Y., writes "As I have only been in the Navy for a month I couldn't kick for the love of money. The officers gave us a pay check to sign and then they gave us a list of things you have to have—that's flying ten." . . . PVT. AL PENN, Philippines, writes "I travelled in the entire Blackstone Valley as a civilian and it was quite a treat to read about some of folks I know.—MRS. LYNCH, WALTER BUFFUM and TED FLAGG." . . . TUT MORIN, S 1/c, (RM) U. S. S. LCI (6) 948, writes "Those pictures of pin-up girls are real morale builders. On my way through Panama the ship had a break-down. I looked up MAURICE RENEAU from Linwood. He sends his regards to the gang on the Ring Job. I've been in California 3 months and still haven't met anyone from town." . . . PFC. LEONARD FEDDEMA, Italy, writes "I met CLAYTON DURKEE and ROGER ARPIN from Rockdale. I came to San Serero from Pisa last May. All is well but it would be better if they would just be nice enough to consider me as eligible for discharge." . . . PVT. SKIPPER MCGUINNESS, Fort Bragg, N. C., writes "I volunteered for this man's army and I don't regret it a bit. I'm 37 years old. Getting back to baseball, I can thank my dear dad, the late PAT MCGUINNESS, BUNKY KEARNAN, JACK LEONARD and SALLY JONES. The Specialists, the one I'm in, stand first in the league—won 9 and lost 1. My batting average is .450. I want to be remembered to one of the best foremen in the shop—EDDIE HORAN, and give my regards to the fellows and MRS. JAMES

RODDY, timekeeper." . . . T/5 CARL ERICKSON, Philippines, writes "Like the pictures, especially of the girls, and the sport news very much. Saw an Army-Navy football game. It rained all during the game. Was that field muddy. Received two letters from my brother OSCAR—sure was glad to hear from him. Remember me to GEORGE MORAN'S department and tell BLAKELY and POP DEYOUNG that I haven't run across that race horse named Billy-Bee—they know what I mean." . . . T/3 EDDIE WALENTZ (Milford) writes "I have been with the 9th Army and don't care about going through what I have again. I went to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany." . . . ALFRED LEDOUX, AMM 2/c, New Orleans, La., writes "I'm sitting on the back porch with planes buzzing overhead. The lake is calm and it looks like rain, as usual. I saw HARRY KAZARIAN and took him to The President, a large river ship, for dancing and making merry—swell time. I spent the last couple of week-ends in Baton Rouge and established a beach-head there. I met three beauties from L. S. U." . . . CPL. BERNIE LEMIEUX is in Brisbane, Queensland. . . . LOUISE MULDON, U. S. N. R., Arlington Farms, Va., writes "I ran across this enclosed clipping and I wondered if PENTO BLOUIN was the one being mentioned. Life in the WAVES is still as interesting as ever in Washington, D. C. We went out to California by plane. We stopped at Norman, Okla., Coronado, Cal., San Diego, Camp Pendleton, San Pedro, Los Angeles, Long Beach and just had a grand time—One night in Hollywood, El Paso Tex. and Mexico. Give my regards to WALTER GILCHRIST and BOB WILSON." . . . 1st LT. RUSS RILEY announced the birth of a 7¼ lb. son. RUSS is on Guam with a B-29 group. . . . KAY RYLEY, ARC, Rest Camp No. 2, A. P. O. 465, writes "I am now stationed here at a rest camp for the boys—high up in the Himalayas. It really is a delightful spot except that it rains constantly. Once every week the sun swishes in for about 5 minutes and then we can see Mt. Everest. I had letters a while back from TEX BORDEN, HAROLD JOHNSTON and LT. STANLEY SMITH but I've lost their addresses. Let C. FREDERIC GARCELON get along as best he can until this little rum-pus is over and then you and I will straighten him out, huh?" . . . PFC. ALFRED LAFRENIERE, Friedensburg, Germany, writes "I was all over France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The Dutch people are swell. I didn't have enough points to get out of the Army—83. How're BILL and ERNEST LAWSON of the Nickel Plate Room at the Shop? . . . NELSON BARLTEL A/S, Sampson, N. Y., writes "I had scarlet fever. The worst is over. I expect to be home about August 15th and I sure am going to paint Whitinsville red. Give my regards to Dept. 426 and HENRY CRAWFORD. I hope they enjoy looking at my face." . . . JACK NICHELSON, WT 1/c, Pensacola, Fla. (brother-in-law of JOHN BUZYNSKI, Linwood) writes "I have been in the U. S. Navy for five years and four months. In January 1944 I was assigned to the U. S. S. Franklin. She has made a good showing in the scrap against the Jap mainland and the bombing and strafing of many of Japan's outlying islands but this time—well, you know our story from the papers so I will not attempt to

write it myself. The Captain formed a club called the '704' for the 704 who remained aboard and brought the ship back to port. I am enclosing my commendation bar for you to see." . . . PFC. ED THATCHER (Harrisville, R. I.), Straubing, Germany, writes "I was having a grand old time talking over old times with my kid brother whom I haven't seen in 38 months but I had to go AWOL and travel 200 miles to do it. My C. O. came out, after I got back, with 'don't try that again, soldier.' That's what I call being lucky. I have 110 points that I'm sure of and 7 battle stars so far. The new song 'Don't Fence Me In' is becoming more popular every day." . . . DON BROULY, S 1/c, (Mendon), S. S. Augusta B. Heard, writes "My last port was in Australia. I am in India now. Tell the boys on 410 that I was asking for them." PFC. JOE ROY writes "I'm in Redistribution Center, Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N. Y., and like the place. I'll see what I can do about sending my picture. Give my regards to HAROLD BASZNER and the rest of the boys." . . . ANDREW ZUIDEMA, MM 2/c, SeaBees, is stationed in California and he expects to make the long trip." . . . 1st LT. ALBERT ZUIDEMA is enjoying a furlough with his wife and daughter. He is stationed at the Thomas England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J., and has an artificial limb and doing fine with the use of a cane. He was shot down by the Germans. . . . PVT. DICK CALNAN is in Manila and sends his regards to all his buddies. . . . JOHNNY DEMARS, S 2/c, U. S. S. Portsmouth, writes "I was in to see MR. COLE quite a few times before I left Newport, R. I." . . . PFC. HAROLD O'CONNELL writes "This will be the last month I will spend in England. Tell the boys on the Roll Job I will see them in two years. I am going in the Army of Occupation in Germany. I was glad to hear some of the boys are home that were P. of W. in Germany. The redeployment program is in full swing over here." . . . PVT. DICK DION, Lowry Field No. 2, Denver, Colo., writes "The B-29 is a good ship but I'd much rather be on a P-61 Black Widow Night Fighter. Denver is a swell place and, boy, what women around here—but they don't beat the home town girls. Bumped into Lt. MOORADIAN and KENNY TAFT." . . . SGT. EMILE AUSSANT, Deployment Training Area, Florence, Italy, writes "The rumors are flying high and fast around here. All the fellows with 85 point or over in the 103rd Signal Con't. Bn. have been transferred to different outfits. It was kind of tough to see them go after being together for 3 years. LT. OSCAR ASADOORIAN has been transferred to the 102nd Sig. Const. Co. Had bananas today for dinner. Say hello to the boys in Dept. 410." . . . PFC. ROSS RAJOTTE, Alizoy, Normandy, France, writes "I was lucky to see two beautiful shows. Enclosed are four pictures of my Saturday Night Girl, CHRISTIANE. (From her looks she's a swell girl—Ed.) I have to wait for the August shipment. The swimming in the River Seine is swell; also the sweet cider." . . . T/5 TOM SMITH, Mindanao, Philippines, writes "What I'd do to a nice big rum and coke right now. The alcohol, well—the native concoctions, will have to do at present. We are back in a rest area after chasing the Japs up a trail for about 15 miles—rough country and mud. Give my best to

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## Acknowledging Letters—cont'd

SAM CURRIE." . . . PFC. RAY PELOQUIN, Carribean Sea, writes "Thanks for VERMETTE'S address (Air Transport Command, Trinidad). I used to know most everybody in town but don't know any of the girls in the picture. That picture of the Linwood Honor Roll sure is a pip. My best to HAROLD BASZNER." . . . CPL. JOE LAVERDIERE on a deserted island in the Pacific, writes "I'm convinced that this place is a hell-hole. GEN. ARNOLD was here on an inspection tour and he admitted that this spot was rotten." . . . PFC. IGGY KLOCZKOWSKI (Millville), Germany, writes "All the boys sure like the pictures of all the beautiful girls. Does BIG MIKE from Milford still work in the Foundry? Give him my best." . . . PFC. GEORGE MOUSETTE writes "All we do is hang around and go to shows, dances and town. I've seen Milano, Geona and many other places. We are now living in the Prince of Italy's palace. Swell life, swell bar, but we want to get home." . . . PVT. GEORGE GIGARJIAN, Herrington, Kansas, writes "I find myself on a new job—that of projecting films for the boys. The field is a small B-29 base, with about 2500 men and WACs combined to make up the personnel. Each month the Base Commander puts on a beer bust." . . . PVT. VARKIS EGSEKIAN, Long Beach, Cal., writes "I'm attending Douglas Aircraft School for A-26's, a 30-day course. I'll have to admit Southern California is a pretty place. Have been to Hollywood—saw BETTE DAVIS at the Hollywood Canteen; Los Angeles and Long Beach. The officers are awful strict on your health." . . . LEO MOORADIAN, MMG 1/c, Espiritio Santo, New Hebrides, writes "Thanks for LARRIE CHAUVIN'S address (Philippines). Here are some pictures for you—Roman Catholic Missionary, Village Market where all the fellows get hooked and St. Michael's Mission. As for JOE FENNER, my ever-faithful friend, he's really taking it on the chin. I assure you you need have no fear of Joe's being angry. I adopted a tiger kitten—a male kitten so I believed, but our gorgeous feline is about to become a mother. Oh! Am I taking a ribbing from the boys. Was glad to hear about GEORGE FERRY, RAY LAFERRIERE and HORACE ROBSON." . . . PFC. GERIT OPPEWALL, Nurnburg, Germany, writes "The fellows in my outfit said the girls in the June issue look nice. The sport season is here—softball, track, horseshoe contests, swimming and boxing. We all should be back by September 15th. Best to the men in the Screw Job." . . . PFC. JOHNNY LAFLASH, Philippines, writes "The girls over here are very pretty but I'm a married man. I want to get back to my wife and son. I would like to find out if I could send money every month to put in the Credit Union of the shop (Yes—only \$10. a month. Ed.)" . . . LT. (jg) HENRY BAILEY, U. S. S. Santee, writes "We've had a very few minor hair-raising and feel very lucky. Went ashore a few days ago for the first time since March 6th." . . . BILL HOCH is at the Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C. . . . PFC. JIM DAVIS, Ward 32, McGuire Gen. Hosp., Richmond 19, Va., writes "It is quite a long time to go here before I can get back to Whitinsville. Best to everybody." . . . DICK BURCH (East Douglas), Blexen, Ger-

many, writes "I am in the Army of Occupation. We have a good baseball league. We play 3 games a week and that is all the team has to do. I sure would like to be back in the shop league so I could argue with SALLY JONES." . . . PVT. GENE KENNEDY, R1, G2, T4-17, A. S. F. Recruit Reception Center, Indiantown Gap, M. R., Pa., writes "The usual procedure is to stay at the Reception Center 4 days. I have been here 33. I guess they are trying to find someone who wants me. My morale is lower than my shoes. Please tell GUSSIE and everyone else that the N. F. H. is the BEST IDEA EVER. Right now the most important thing in my life is to get back to Whitinsville." . . . PFC. PETER YOUNGSMA, Camp Maxey, Texas, writes "I'm still cooking. It is hot—100°. My wife and I sure had a swell time together at home. Can't wait 'til the day when we can return for good. Here's my picture." . . . PFC. GERARD BOUCHER, Pforner, Germany, writes "I've been gone from Rockdale three years. I used to work on GEORGE MORAN'S Job—Dept. 426. The old-timers still remember me. I helped round up many small-time Nazi parties taken by the Tiger Patrol. I'm still not out of the danger zone. I'm sending a picture of myself." . . . PFC. MAL WHITTEN, General Hospital, Hollandia, D. N. G., writes "My brother, LOU, is on Iwo Jima and my brother, ORRIN, a looey in the Marines, is on Okinawa. Had a reunion on Okie. They had a raid. LOU wound up with a bruised noggin due to an enthusiastic jump at a fox-hole. ORRIN has been in the service long enough to tell NIMITZ when and how to run the Navy. I see where VERN WILLARD wrote. Could you ship his address to me? GINNY BELTON, late of Whitins, now belongs to the WAVES, Owah. Tell CONNIE LESHENSKI, ARNOLD BANNING and the gang back there I'm going to be running up to a lot of people's doors with their corsages." . . . JIMMY PECK, S 1/c, writes "I am out in the Hawaiian Islands. I saw in the register ALLAN MCCREA'S name. Thought I saw JOHN MEGERDICHIAN in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. I yelled but nothing happened. If you could get in touch with my mother she could give you a picture." . . . WALTER SZERLAG, M 3/c, Rest Camp, Pacific, writes "Plenty of men have come here to partake of the beer and recreation and boat trips on Lalie Sentain but never anyone from home. Am I the only home town boy in the Seventh Fleet?" . . . PFC. MARVIN BIENEMA, Stuttgart, Germany, writes "Leading a garrison life is different from combat. I was only a few miles from SGT. HAROLD YOUNGSMA and didn't know it. Will send a picture soon." . . . 1st LT. MARGE KAROTY A. N. C., is transferred to 115th General Hosp. and will remain in Germany for a year in the army of occupation. Awarded a Bronze Star for Bravery under fire and a citation. Spent 10 days on the Riviera and 10 days in the Bavarian Alps. . . . PFC. GEORGE POULIN is in Europe. . . . PFC. G. MURRAY MORAN, Augsburg, Germany, writes "We are supposed to leave here Aug. 15th so we should be home around Sept. 15th. All the farmers are busy harvesting their wheat." . . . LT. J. ARTHUR PARENT, JR., Weiterode, Germany, writes "Say, in your issue of May, there is in a photo of the bowlers a very good friend of mine RUTH OBERG. Tell

CASEY I can swim 100 meters in a minute, 5 seconds and will be in the ETO meet to be held in Paris. Expect to cut my time down to a minute—at least the slave-driver says so. Have never trained to be a swimmer in competition. It happened like this. I had orders to bring 10 men to the Division Pools. I asked him would he mind if we took a dip. I hadn't gone ten feet from the block when he whistled and that's how it started. I'm a 'crawl' man."

## Fish Stories

(By Sally Jones)

Fish stories are scarce this month. Not much fishing is being done by the local boys. It's too hot, and worms are hard to get. . . . There are a couple of stories that might interest you, however, so I will tell them—my insurance policies are paid up! . . . One of Linwood's favorite sons, also it's erstwhile scribe of N. F. H., bet-known as "Mayor" of Linwood, one J. Harold Baszner, survived a terrifying experience. Recently, this locality had to put up with a terrific thunder storm. Plenty of hot bolts and water were thrown at us from all directions. The "Mayor" had occasion to go where we must all go, whether we like it or not. Upon entering the sanctuary, otherwise known as the working man's library, he noticed a puddle of water on the floor. With a long face and drooped shoulders, the beaten man called his wife to the scene. . . . "Look dear, the roof leaks—no vacation, the money will have to be used to repair it." . . . Like all loving wives the "dear" consoled her spouse the best way she knew how. When the shock had worn off somewhat, Harold decided to look for the leak. . . . After hanging by his toes, standing on his head and walking the ridgepole for sometime, he was startled by a shriek from inside the house that nearly knocked him from his lofty perch into a permanent pine vacation. After much clever maneuvering for a man of his age, he finally got down and entered the house. . . . "Jr. has something to say to you," said Mrs. B. . . . "What is it?" spoke up the impatient "Mayor". . . . So Jr., with finger in mouth, and downcast eyes said, "I'm sorry that I didn't make it Daddy, I waited too long." . . . It will be a happy vacation for the Baszner family after all.

The next story is about Joe Topp.—The home of the amber fluid and good Fellows, Good ole Joe, the guy that collects your dimes without batting an eye is always filling the air with verbal odors about his wonderful watchdog. "Why," said Joe, "he'd clean up Patton and every tank he has if he attempted to come in here after hours,—the best watchdog in the county." . . . It turned out that Joe was right. A few nights later someone wanted a few free beers and a couple of extra dollars to play the horses, so "they" or "he" jimmied a window, slipped in, had their fill and slipped out again. Uncle Joe was right, the dog is a good watch dog. As a matter of fact that is just what he did—watch. As the crime was re-constructed, the story got around that the dog did not mind as long as the intruder drew him a beer also. It has been whispered that the dog got so drunk that he pointed to the very spot where Joe keeps his hard earned cash. . . . What happened to the dog is another story.



## A Letter from "The Night Owl"

(By James H. Jones)

P. F. C. Henry Belseth,

Hello Henry,

I received your mail O. K. and I am glad to know you have settled down near that famous Island of "Waikiki". They tell me Henry that there are some beautiful girls and some beautiful moons down at "Waikiki" and knowing you as I do — I don't think you will pass up any of the "scenery" — so give me the "low-down" Henry if you change your mind and decide to stay. All kidding aside Henry — I have certainly enjoyed reading your letters and when you come home which I hope will be shortly — I think you will have quite a tale to tell of your travels. . . . There is "Pete" Belisle M. M. 1/c who writes a breezy letter to "Joe" Guyette here in the Tool Crib and peeking over "Joe's" shoulder I read "I had a nice trip coming over except for the first night. We hit some ground swells right off the coast and everybody and his brother was sea sick. We had quite a few "Waves" aboard and most of them were real sick. It sure was a mess. I was assigned to a P. T. Tender the other day and I'm at a Rec. Base waiting transportation. Just to keep us out of trouble they have us doing everything. I'm driving a "Ten Wheel" cargo truck, it has no roof or windshield. On the average of once a day I get soaked, and the way I got these lines so darned crooked you might think I've been drinking, but I haven't had a drink in a long time now (four days) when I was in the States I really made up for all I missed". . . . There you are Henry, if I could only show you just how it was written you would know that "Pete" was really on the ball. (That right "Pete"). . . . Then there is another boy out your way who is really in the thick of it and that is "Dave" Gray's boy, David Gray, Jr. S 1/C he writes, "Well, when we were at Okinawa we were lucky and got us a Jap plane — a suicide plane at that and the same day we picked up some Japs in a life raft. There were three of them to start with. When we got close to them we could see one of them was dead but the other two were still alive. When we tried to take them on the ship one of them took off his life belt and drowned himself, the other we took on the ship and we brought him to the authorities. A few days later we had an air raid and one of our ships was hit and we had the job of picking up the men out of the water, some of them were hit pretty bad. They were all cut up and burnt. I sure hope we never have that to do anymore". That certainly is a grim picture that David, Jr. has painted for us Henry, one that he and his comrades will never forget and it reminds us very forcibly here at home that we have also a duty to perform as well as keeping the faith. God speed the day when you will all be home again amongst your friends and relatives enjoying the peace which you so richly deserve. Now to go to the other side of the world we find Cpl. D. Cecchi writing from Reims, France, "Was I shocked to read about Leonard Howard in the N. F. H. I read it over and over again and still think about it, he was a swell person. I really enjoy the N. F. H. and look for-

ward to it every month. I was almost on my way to the Pacific when a "physical" threw me down so now I'll have to stay here till they decide it's time for me to come home." (and I hope its soon Cpl. D. Cecchi) and last but not least comes Cpl. Harry E. Remillard who corrects a statement that I made in the last issue of the N. F. H. the correction is: "It was the 3rd Air Division and not the 3rd A. A. F. Flying those P. W.'s. The 3rd A. D. is part of the 8th A. A. F." (Thanks Harry and my apologies to all for this error).

From your friend

James H. Jones.

## July Gatherings

(By the Society Editors)

This was an extremely popular wedding month. Ensign and Mrs. Richard H. Benner were married in the Universalist Church in Milford. Mrs. Benner was the former Miss Ruth Moss. . . . Miss Rosemarie Ellen Fowler of Grafton, formerly of Whitinsville, was married on July 14th to Pilot Officer George La Roy MacCallum, R. C. A. F. of Hilden, N. S. in the Evangelical Congregational Church in Grafton. . . . In St. Patrick's Church on July 21st Miss Jeanette Yvonne St. Andre became the bride of A. Ms. 2/c Edward Podles of Uxbridge. . . . Miss Mildred Pearce of Pine Street and Sgt. Delue James Lane of Milwaukee, Wis. were married on July 21st at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Worcester. . . . S. Sgt. Joseph A. Gagnon U. S. A. Air Corps of Worcester took Miss Doris Allain of Northbridge as his bride at St. Peter's Church on July 21st. . . . Miss Evelyn Rita Decoteau of Manchaug was married to Pvt. Jacob Sohagian of Border Street in the rectory of St. Anne's Church, Manchaug. . . . On Tuesday, July 23rd, Miss Eleanor Duggan of Brook Street became the bride of Sgt. John Fitzgerald of Crescent Street at St. Patrick's Church. . . . Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Doris Bruneau of North Main Street to Leonard Chesley S 1/c, U. S. Navy by the bride's parents. . . . Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Glazier have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Barbara Drilaine Glazier to Warren S. Kroll of Church Street. . . . Pfc. Edward Walsh, former resident here has been discharged from the Army. He was wounded three times in campaigns in Italy and France. . . . Lt. John Foley, A. A. F. is home for a 30-day leave from the E. T. O. He piloted a B-24 Black Bomber across the North Atlantic with ten passengers of a ground crew as well as his own plane crew. En route from Labrador to Bradley Field they paid Whitinsville a visit — sending out vari-colored flares from a Verry-pistol via greeting. Was that a thrill! The whole town enjoyed the show. Jack says his crew decided they stopped all the ball games in town. 'Twas the various playgrounds they were seeing. All the youngsters stopped to see the fire works. . . . Miss Phyllis Shaw of Fletcher Street has reported to Fort Devens. She's a Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps. . . . Capt. and Mrs. John W. Lasell of Whitinsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sonia Lasell to Lt. Alfred Jaretski, Jr., New York City. . . . Another recently announced engagement was that

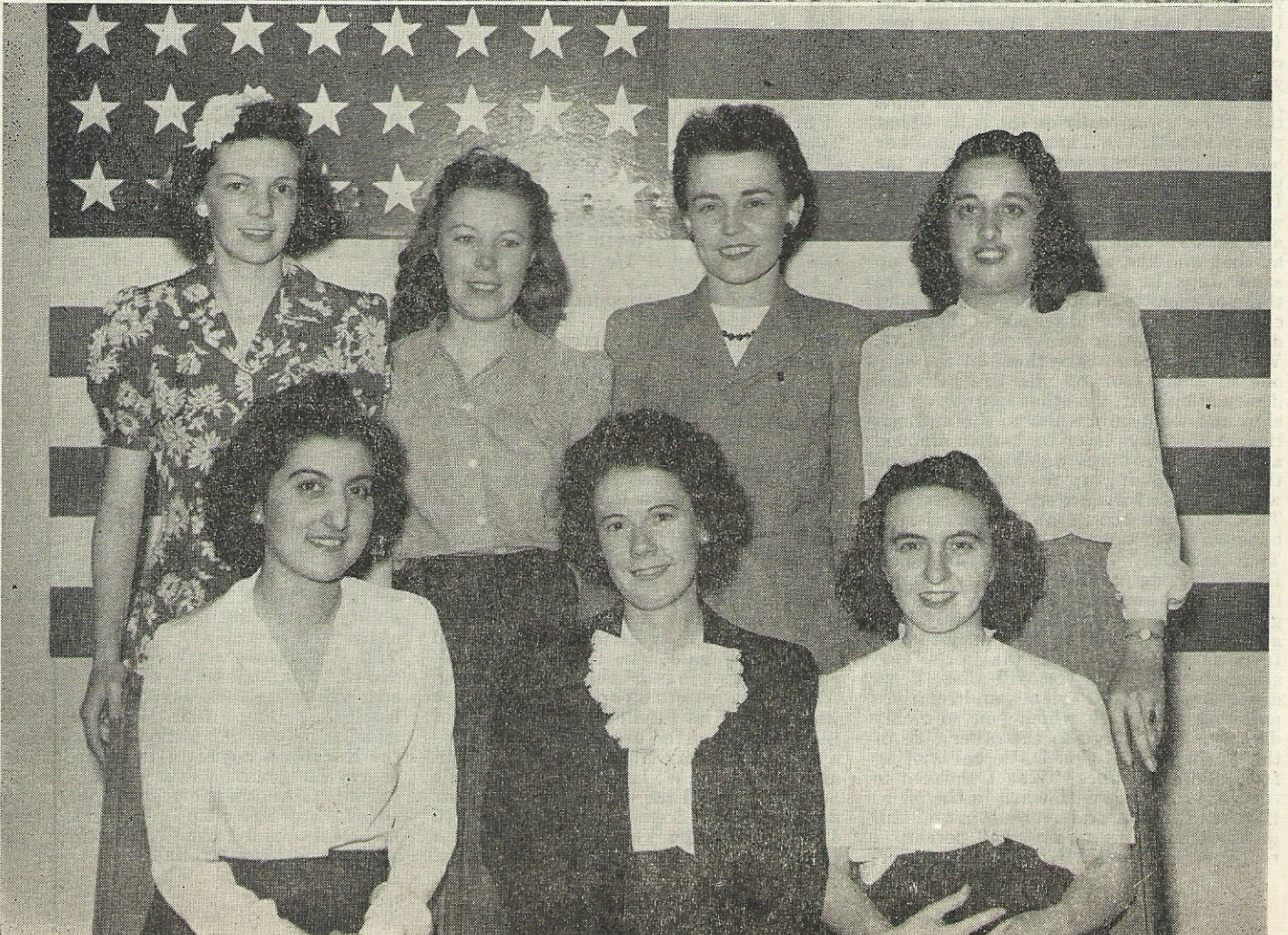
of Miss Lillian F. Belanger to T/5 Joseph Poirier of Ipswich. No date has been set for the wedding. . . . A recent marriage was that of Miss Grace Brothers, Providence Road, to S/Sgt. Donald J. Aldrich of Upton. The couple will make their home in Alexandria, La. . . . On July 28, in Linwood, Miss Marie Dion was married to Pvt. Ernest J. Langlois of Springfield. Rev. Leo Aloin Gagnon officiated at the Church of the Good Shepherd. . . . Town Clerk Ruth C. Keeler has published the following figures concerning marriage intentions filed for the first seven months of the year, for the last 4 years: 1942, 77; 1943, 50; 1944, 44; 1945, 48. . . . Mrs. Maude Roche, Main Street, announces the marriage of her son, Raymond ARM 1/c, to Miss Dorothy Armaur of Marlboro in Jacksonville, Fla. Incidentally, this was Ray's birthday. 'Till Labor Day — so long!

## "Shavings" from the Pattern Shop

(By Patrick A. McGovern)

HOT STUFF — The air conditioner in the drafting room and main office went on the "Fritz" during one of the hottest spells we had this summer. It was tough on those boys who have been accustomed to having their blood temperature in the 60's. It got so hot in the drafting room that George Deeks took off his coat, vest, and SHIRT. Some one reminded him he was not at home and there were LADIES present. . . . HEAVE HO! The last time Lige Gilmore was in the news he was floundering around Meadow Pond in a snow drift. This time he was IN the pond. It seems one fine Sunday recently he decided to take a sail in his dinghy — instead of dinghing — he got a "dunking". According to him he was peacefully sailing along taking it easy. Suddenly a gust of wind smacked into the sail and before he was aware of it he was PLUNK right in the middle of the pond with an overturned dinghy beside him. He says he was awake when it all happened but you can use your own judgment. He says he'd rather buck at a snowdrift any day than tug a sailboat ashore. . . . Did you all know Whitinsville was represented at the Peace Conference in San Francisco? John O'Connell, MaM, 2/c of our Post Office Staff was attached to the International Secretariate as a member of the Interpreting and Translating Bureau. He was recommended by Carter Burgess, Executive Secretary of the Conference to Lt. Comdr. Hayes, the officer in charge of the San Francisco Fleet Post Office for promotion because of his excellent work. Sec. Burgess commended him for "his efficient manner, his invaluable understanding of the French language, his good will, co-operative spirit, and unfailing dependability thus producing smooth functioning of the French section". . . . 3/c MM Harry Van Brug came back from the Pacific after two and one-half years of Amphibious Work. He took part in many major battles. . . . Pvt. Julian Mason, a former member of our department is back from the European theater. He earned an Infantry Badge and a Presidential Unit Citation. . . . Another former member of our department, Sgt. John L. McTiernan came in. He is one of the "chosen few" who wears a Caterpillar Badge.

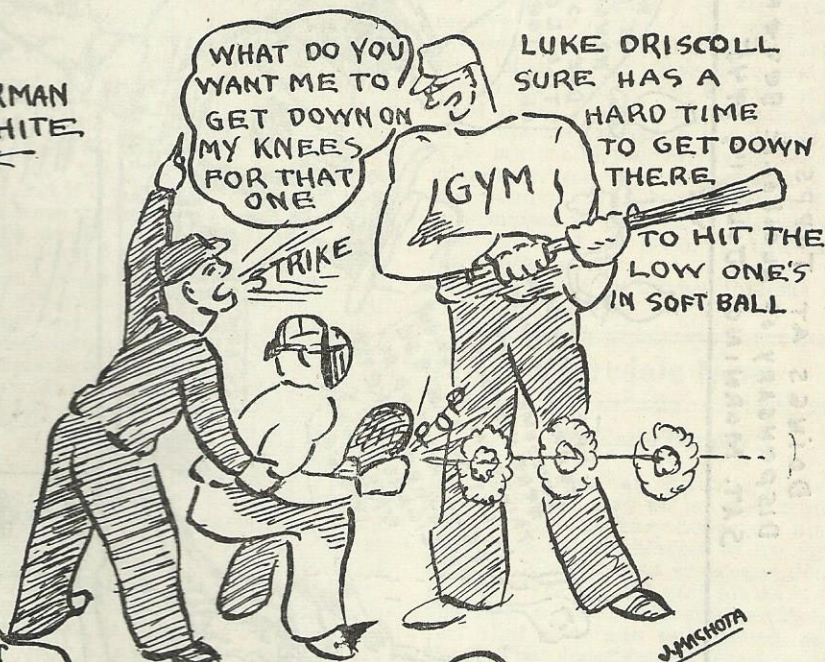








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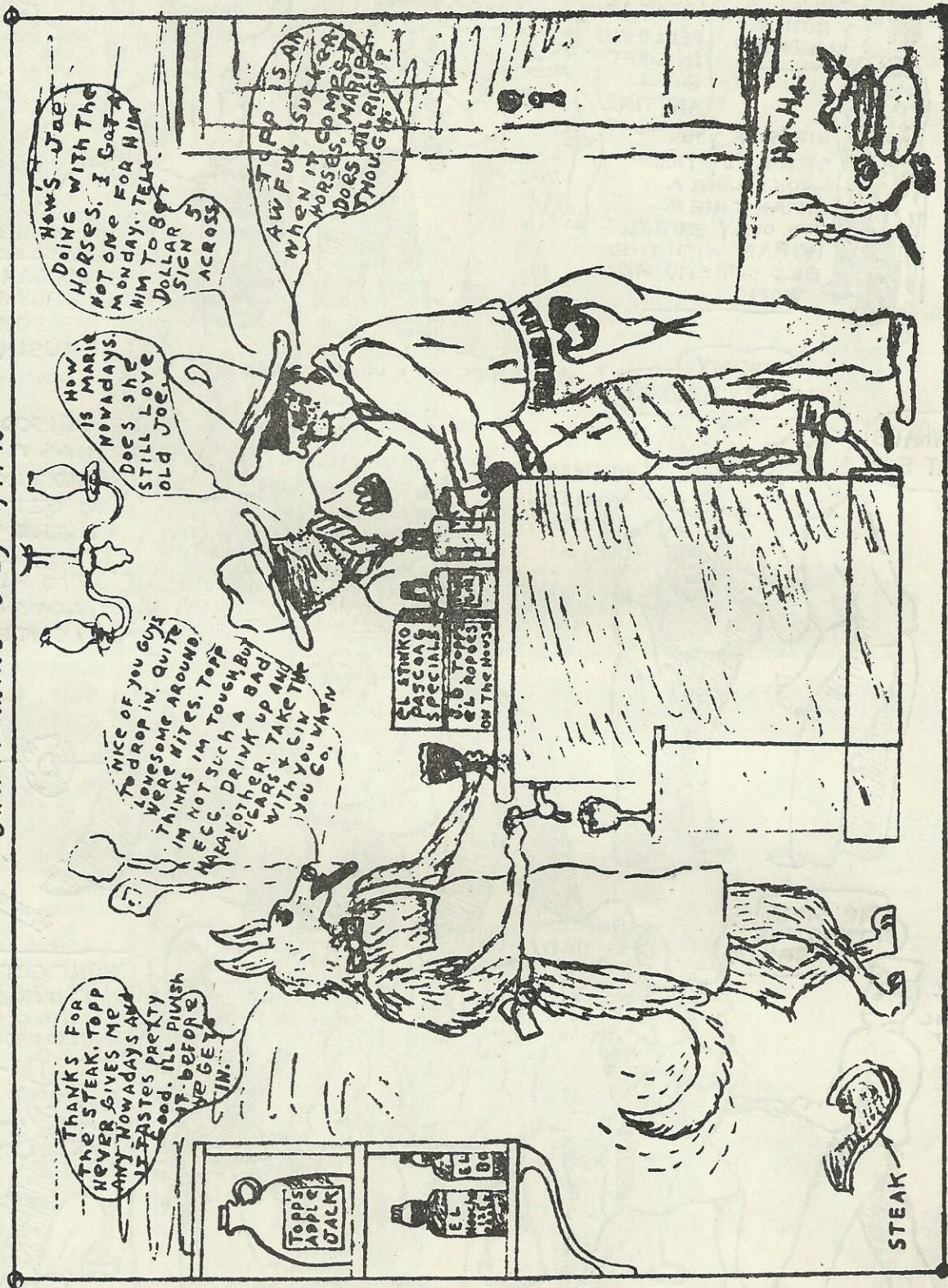
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## Plummers News

(By Florence Pielecki)

Most of us here at home are in a whirlpool of excitement and I for one am still breathless with delight. So many familiar faces are now seen in town that we get a bit timid and hesitant wondering if you fellows think us forward as we step up to say hello by the time we manage enough gumption to hold a conversation you're gone and new ones come in for a short stay before more travels swallow you up. Let's hope it won't be long when you'll all be back to stay and return to normal life. Without further ado here's the current roll call. . . . Sgt. Adam Chiras who spent a year feeding our men in an English General Hospital led the list. For 30 days Adam pattered around his garden and house enjoying every minute. This G. I. is so well-liked by the townspeople that it stands to reason when we saw 2 of Micky Deanes geese fly the coop to welcome Adam home, he sent his feathered friends home to wait for his next call when he would sit at the same table with them. Adam came over on the Queen Mary but wasn't seasick till he went fishing with brother Pete at West River. He left behind him not only well fed fish but enough supplies for several months. Isn't it strange how chlorine water affects some people? . . . Floyd Guranowski T. M. 2/c paid us a 39-day visit. He was away from home for 2½ years, 18 months of this time spent in active service. In his many travels he met but two town boys—Ziggy Gory and Roy Roach. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific-American Theater Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a star in each. He was temporarily attached to an Escort Carrier. Floyd flew from the Philippines to Pearl Harbor on a C-54 and from San Diego to Providence, R. I. on the commercial lines. Nice going, huh? While here he made mighty sure that all roads led to Blackstone and Mary, so you see he certainly had a grand time. He reports to San Diego for reassignment. Good luck sailor and a speedy return. . . . Sgt. Maynard Krull flew home with his crew and ship, a B-17 (flying fortress) called "War Weary Bird" she's decorated with a stork carrying a bomb. (something new to explain to children). Maynard has been in the service for 3 years but made just the tail end runs over Germany. He participated in 3 bombings out of 134 made by his plane. He's planning to go to Denver, Colo. to "check up on a certain woman" and then to Tampa, Fla. for redeployment. Gonna take the woman with you Maynard? Pfc. Donald Grignon, a veteran of the Rhur pocket and Rhine River battles returns to Devens and redeployment after a 32-day furlough. He's the proud wearer of the Infantry Combat Badge received in line of duty. Hope it won't be long Don when we can have a weenie roast again. . . . Pfc. Frank Kalonas wounded in Germany is convalescing at Camp Edwards. After spending 30-days at home Frank you'll be a new man. His pride in the Infantry is terrific. . . . S 2/c Gordon Krall of Bayonne, N. J. had a merry 10-day leave, thanks to a cute chick by name of Lillian. It seems that Gordon enjoys walking in the wee hours of dawn (4:00 a. m. to be exact). Patrolman Vander Bann seeing

him on several occasions asked him if he knew where he lived. Poor Gordon, how was he to explain to the officer that he was a baker in the Navy—he had made some dough and was waiting for it to rise? Apologize Mr. Vander Bann. . . . Pvt. Archie Gigarjian spent 15 days furlough at home. He returns to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. . . . Pfc. Ira Noroian home from E. T. O. is having a grand time living 30 days of freedom. . . . Johnny Kapolka is glamorizing the corner, too. Johnny spent several months overseas but hesitates to comment on his activities. I wonder if he's afraid of me? . . . S 1/c Johnny Campbell has arrived home after a 4 month trip. He has been released from the armed guard and is waiting orders with either the fleet or more school days. Jack tells me he's waiting for his pal Tucker Lennon to pull into port Saturday and both of them are gonna cut the rug. Eureka, but the kids are growing up. . . . Pfc. Joe Konvent, our sea-going Marine, with over 24 engagements on the battleship New Jersey, has been assigned to shore duty at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. After a few days at home Joe will probably watch those bums lose again. . . . Willie Chiras is still our standby, a part time patient at Cushing he spends most of his time on the corner showing us all how to smile and be happy. A grand guy. . . . Thanks Pfc. Bob Smith for the many, many nice things you wrote about the paper, but if it wasn't for fellows like you, we at home wouldn't get a chance to write for we would be cultivating rice. Bob has been in the Pacific for 14 months. His brother George, a Marine, too, is in a rest camp after the battle of Iwo. Bob said, "I hope and pray our luck holds out in the forthcoming combats." I'm sure that all of us here at home join you in that prayer. To all the members of the Camera Club, Bob sends his best. . . . Pete Chiras, C. M. 3/c dropped me a long letter—seems I've put myself on a spot with the C. B.'s. Sorry gang the 33rd C. B.'s aren't doing all the fighting. I agree that you all have had more than your share. Pete's been overseas for 20 months and "is getting mighty homesick for the best little place in the U. S. A. and the people in it". (me?) He's doing a lot of wishful thinking hoping to be home for Thanksgiving. To the boys home on furlough from Europe he says, "Do it up brown, boys, and don't be anxious to get into the Pacific—one war is enough for any man." Thanks, Pete, and I hope you'll be home for that wishbone. . . . Sgt. Bill Campbell, stationed at Lenz Austria is expecting to hit our shores any day now for 30 days. . . . T/5 Mick Michalek is mingling work with a little play—swimming and baseball. Mick supplied his kid brother with enough German weapons to keep Edgemere Ave. playing cowboys and cops and robbers for 20 years. They claim they don't need a gun moll so I can't play. Mike Sohegian M. M. 3/c, who is on the U. S. S. Philadelphia writes that his ship had the privilege of escorting President Truman across the Atlantic. . . . S/Sgt. Ralph Lermond has been transferred from Br. New Guinea. We will let you know where his next assignment takes him. Lt. Joe Lermond of the U. S. S. Virgo was in the States recently for a rest. Joe's ship was closely followed by the typhoon but the Virgo out whirled her. Glad to hear that you had your fill of U. S. food—good luck Joe on your next jaunt. . . . Mrs. Andrew Berube received a purple heart from her

Andy but no explanation came with it. She never heard from the gov. about his being wounded and her guy never said boo about it either. These men are so mysterious—don't you know women are inquisitive? I hope your wounds aren't serious and you do throw some light on our prying. Andy (I think his wife called him that) has been in the Pacific for 2 years with the C. B. units. . . . From way over in the Moluccas Islands in the Netherland East Indies we hear from Cpl. John Konvent. Johnny says his new home is a worse dump than Bougainville was, "plenty of rain, mud, heat and loads of ants to crawl into our pants, no kidding, and I've lost my appetite completely. Before leaving the Philippines we exchanged our pesos for American money, now we exchanged it for guilders—I wonder what next." Next? A couple of nickles for the milk machine outside the Cost Dept. and a couple of onion sandwiches to keep things moving. . . . Frank Kapolka escaped with just a shake up when the typhoon hit his ship the Massachusetts. . . . It really makes a gal feel grand to receive your letters with compliments, corrections, a few digs and brotherly advice. Most of you neglect yourselves in the praises handed out but we at home shall never forget your steadiness and determination in doing a job well done. This is a small way of saying thanks to so many of you who have helped me write my column, through your letter I gain information to pass on to the other men and women of our town. . . . Until again, good luck to all.

Florence Pielecki

## Riverdale News

(By Earle Barclay)

It sho' beats all tarnation how the Armed Forces stay all manned up to the hilt. Do our Military heads see another enemy beyond the horizon of the Setting Sun? . . . The war that my generation was in was THE WAR to stop all wars. This one, I guess, was or is just to certify to the fact that wars can be stopped, or can they? That doesn't make sense. . . . Uncle Sam has taken into his outfits three more boys from Riverdale. Nelson Pouliot and Lawrence Gagnon are to be transformed into soldiers, and Roger Majeau is to be transformed into a sailor. Transformed is the right word. Every one of us got a new slant on things, a new point of view, and a much healthier body. . . . Richard Lemoine is now 3rd Class M. M. running new fangled lathes somewhere about Luzon. Will you trade even for one of our old fashioned ones on Riverdale Street? Of course this includes the top sirloin steaks. . . . Earl Blair arrived home August 1st after 27 months away. He came directly from the Philippines, but has seen considerable of the Pacific Theatre. I have not seen his badges yet, but let's leave them for you fellows to talk over when you are all home again. He expects to attend a school before returning to regular duty. . . . Johnny Blair's ship, after helping to clear the Kraut Tin Fish from the Atlantic, has been decommissioned. In the meantime he gets a few days at home before reporting aboard something new. . . . Dick Lacha-

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## Riverdale News—cont'd

pelle came in to see us on his last furlough. It certainly beats me how well deep water sailors can take the fenders off of the home automobiles. Maybe they think they are made of rope. We are still looking forward to seeing Arthur Gauthier, who just about has a record for time away without even a visit home. Clarence Hayward is another who has been away for a very long time without one visit home. Thanks for your letters, Clarence, and I know your division earned the slogan stripe "Hell on Wheels". Your "itinerary" was interesting to read. You certainly have been through something. . . . Rolf Joeschke was the first man at N. A. S., San Diego, Calif., to be awarded his High School diploma as a result of the Educational Development Tests. He is a regular sailor, too, for Lorraine could not come to work for nearly a whole week after he left because of sun-burned lips. . . . Ernest M. Weinert (Booby) has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct while on duty. Every one of us felt a conscious pride when we saw your picture in the Telegram, and are anxiously awaiting your personal report. . . . Jimmy Polichele and his sister Mary, of Omaha, Neb., were visitors at George Burtouski's home recently. Jimmy was a prisoner of war in Germany for quite a very long time, but now has completely recovered. . . . We have just learned that Francis (Killer) Rutana has arrived for a thirty day furlough from points Pacific, after being away for nearly two years. . . . While you boys and girls were out there fighting for the principle of Free Enterprise, some of here at home were fighting for the Freedom of the Press—to wit, here's one from Merrill Reeve of Milwaukee: A corporal and two privates were burying a small army mule which had had the misfortune to intercept a mortar shell on the German front. As they dug the grave one of the privates remarked: "Out in Colorado where I come from we would call this critter a burro." The other private replied: "Well, in South Carolina, where I come from, we'd call it a donkey." "You're both wrong," said the corporal. "I'm from Missouri, and this here is just a plain old army mule." The discussion continued until the Chaplain happened along, and replied to their query as to what it was that according to the Bible it was an ass. So that settled the argument, and the boys went on digging the grave. In a few minutes a jeep full of Army Nurses drove by and called out: "What are you boys doing? Digging a fox-hole?" "No," replied the corporal, "Not according to the Bible".

## Linwood News

(By J. Harold Baszner)

Another month rolls around and I'm going through my notes to see if I can't find articles of real interest for this month. . . . Sgt. Leo Trotter, serving with the Fifth Armored Division overseas was awarded the Bronze Star from the commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Lunsford, in Dindelsstadt, Germany. Sgt. Trotter who wears five battle stars was graduated from the Good Shepherd school and previous to his entering the Army in Febru-

ary 1943, was employed at the Waucantuck Mills in Uxbridge. He received his basic training at Camp Edwards and went overseas in April 1944. We all extend our congratulations and best wishes, Leo. . . . I write about this young fellow because he worked with me in the office before he enlisted in the service through the V-12 program. Richard H. Benner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Benner, has been assigned to duty on a light cruiser in the Pacific following his graduation from the Navy Supply corps where he was given the rank of Ensign. He received his training at Dartmouth and Harvard Colleges. We're all very glad for Dick because I'm sure the Navy will be very proud of his work. . . . Pvt. Edward St. Andre of Camp Gordon, Ga., is spending a furlough with his mother Mrs. Ida St. Andre. . . . Mrs. Wilfred Courteau and Mrs. Lorette Ross are visiting with Wilfred Courteau, GM 3/c, at San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Henry Roy and Mrs. Roy and son William, have returned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas after spending two weeks with Mrs. Peter Roy. . . . We are very sorry to report at this time the death of Pfc. Joseph Henry Prunier, Jr., 22, Marine Corps who was reported Killed in Action in Okinawa June 18th, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Mary (McDonald) Prunier of Main street. He leaves his wife and a son, Robert Henry, 17 months, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Prunier, a brother Raymond and a sister, Mrs. Yvette Larochelle. . . . Pvt. Clarice F. Benoit of Kelley Field, Texas, is spending a furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Breault. Pvt. Benoit is an instructor in convalescent training. S/Sgt. Herve Gazaille of Madison, Wis., is spending a 15 day furlough with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Bazaille. . . . Lt. Louis E. Gregoire of Gulfport, Miss., is on a furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chris Haschey. . . . Alexander L. Merchand, P.O. 3/c, a member of the U. S. S. Bunker Hill, is on a 30-day furlough at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Merchand. . . . J. Leo Normandin, S. 2/c, who enlisted in the Navy last January, is stationed at Camp Parks, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Normandin. . . . Corp. Paul E. Grenon is spending a 30 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Odelle Grenon. He was overseas 10 months and took part in four campaigns. . . . Mrs. F. Hector Gauthier, has received word that her husband, F. Hector Gauthier has been promoted to Sergeant. He was wounded in Italy in May and in France in October. He has been in the Army 27 months, and 17 months overseas. He is in the Signal Corps in France. Congratulations Hector and we all hope to see you soon. . . . Thomas Morven of the Merchant Marines is at the Marine Hospital, Brighton, following an operation. He is the husband of Mrs. Irene Guertin Morven. We wish you a speedy recovery Tom. . . . T/4 Oliver J. Laflamme is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laflamme. He was overseas 10 months and took part in 3 campaigns. . . . Two youths have been active in the campaigns of the Fourth Marine Corps division in the Pacific area in the past several months. Sgt. George R. Suydam of Granite Street, Uxbridge and Corp. Roland Herous, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lauret Herous of Bouffard Lane, Corp. Herous sent his father a large steel sword in a leather cover, taken from a Japanese officer that

he killed in the Okinawa campaign recently. His father showed me the sword and I agree with you fellows it certainly is a vicious looking weapon. Maybe someday one of the boys will send me some souvenirs and I'll put them on display in my den, with a description and card attached as to its origin. . . . Pvt. Barbara E. Jackman of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. is spending a furlough with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Jackman. . . . Col. Rowland O. Huddleston has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General I Corps. The citation is as follows: Col. Rowland O. Huddleston, ordnance officer, U. S. Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch Guinea, and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from Nov. 10, 1944 to June 30, 1945. He is the son of Mrs. Amelia Huddleston who resides with his wife, Mrs. Vara Huddleston and daughter, Elinor. We extend our heartiest congratulations to you Colonel, and our best wishes. . . . Pvt. Girard Boulanger has reported to Fort George Meade, Md. after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doria Boulanger. . . . Sgt. Renee M. Malo, husband of Mrs. Bertha (Roy) Malo of Highland Park is spending a 30 day furlough at his home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Malo of Manville, R. I. . . . Mrs. Harvey J. Laliberte of Main Street has returned after spending several weeks with her husband, Harvey J. Laliberte, Coxswain, Portsmouth, Va. . . . Some have written in asking about my brother-in-law, Edward Fournier, S/Sgt. U. S. Army. This is just to let them know that Ed has gone back into Limited Service after his release July 4th from the Hospital Plant No. 4152 in England. He said that he's coming along all right and to say Hello to his buddies in Europe of the 75th Division, and also his buddies from the home town that are in the Pacific, such as Jim Kane, Jack Driscoll and Lt. Armand Bellefeuille, of the U. S. Army Air Force. . . . My nephew Gerard is still in Ciney, Belgium, with the 130th General Hospital unit. He claims there is quite a change over there now, so quiet. Well we are all glad to hear that, just keep it quiet, please. . . . I'm very happy to report at this time that Lt. (jg) Charles Hutt, U. S. Navy, has been made Fire Marshall of the Opalaka Air Training Base, U. S. Navy, in Florida. He left July 22nd to take over his new post. His wife, Gladys (Wilmot) Hutt, is with him and will make her home there for the duration of his stay. They dropped in on us last Saturday night to say so long. We wished them success and I'm sure that Charlie or I should say Lt. Hutt, will be well-liked by all who come in contact with him. He was here for only a short time, but made a host of friends, old and young. His wife Gladys was employed in the Traffic Department of the Whitin Machine Works. . . . Until next month gang, so long.

## News From Austie's

Well I guess you know that things are beginning to look a little more like home around here. There are a few more familiar faces around and cigarettes, although taxed again, are more plentiful.

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## News from Austies—cont'd

We can even put them out now and let the people look at them. That in itself is a lot these days. . . . Our summer is almost over and winter will be setting in before we know it, but the main thought is, we hope that all you service people will be home with us before next summer rolls around. . . . Now for the little news I've scraped up. Dr. Phillip Bouvier arrived home yesterday, Aug. 1st. He just returned from the European war theater. "Phil" was wounded in action while in Italy. . . . Karney Ovia S. S. M. 1/c of the Navy was home on leave after 37 months overseas duty. While on Ulithie Island he met Marsis Ovia. . . . Muriel Poole of the Waves was home on leave with her parents. Muriel at present is stationed at Washington, D. C. . . . Eddie "Red" Jones of the Navy is home on leave. "Red" just returned from France and he says that some of the girls over there are just "SUPER". . . . James Magowan of the Navy is home on leave. "Jim" hasn't been home for quite some time. He is spending most of his time riding the busses between Whitinsville and Webster, which by the way is where his heart throb lives. "Jim" has been in the Navy six years now and says he is ready for his discharge any time. . . . Norman Magowan, brother of "Jim" was also home on furlough. He is in the Marines but doesn't seem to be too happy about it. Don't take it too hard Norman, they say better days are coming. . . . Tom Burns of the Navy was home on leave. Tom is connected with the hospital corps. . . . Pvt. J. A. R. Thibault of the Marines is home on furlough after just finishing "boot" training. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. . . . Leo Tusunian of the Navy is home on leave with his folks. Leo is having a grand time for himself running around here and there. You know he is also quite the camera enthusiast, at least of of the snaps he has taken prove him to be so. . . . John McCarthy of the Army and who has been home on a 6 day furlough leaves for Lake Placid, Sunday, Aug. 5th. We will miss John's smiling countenance at our fountain. . . . Harold Johnson of the Army and Thomas O'Neil also of the Army have received their discharges. . . . Robert "Bob" Lynch of Douglas, one of the Lynch brothers, became the proud father of twin daughters at the Whitinsville Hospital. Mother, daughters and father are doing fine. . . . Joseph Hickey is home on furlough after two years overseas duty. Joe seems to be making himself scarce as we haven't seen too much of him around. I did however see him running around down at St. Patrick's Church the day John Fitzgerald and Eleanor Duggan took their vows. . . . Harry Cornell is home from overseas duty with the Army. Harry is just living the life of Reilly for 30 days. He is to report back to Camp Edwards. . . . Well the highways of Whitinsville and Uxbridge were being well used for eighteen days this past month when "Jimmie" Burke of the U. S. Army was home on furlough. "Jimmie" is the same swell kid except that the women in Whitinsville don't quite come up to those in California. . . . Eddie Baldwin of the Army has received his discharge. Eddie is thinking of taking up the same job in civilian life that he did in the Army and that is to be an Airplane mechanic. We wish Eddie the best of luck. . . . Eddie Cronin is home on a thirty day furlough.

Eddie doesn't seem to grow much as far as height is concerned but other than that he is just like all the other boys who come home. . . . Kendell Proir has joined the Navy for a regular hitch. He reports Monday at Sampson, New York. . . . Mrs. Harry Bedford of the WACs has just finished at O. C. S. and is now a 2nd Lt. . . . Army Nurse Anna McCabe was home on furlough with her parents. Anna looks as good as always. She is stationed on a hospital ship and has had quite a bit of experience. . . . Raymond Laferriere enjoying a furlough with his parents. Also enjoying a furlough with his folks is Armand Cournoyer. He too was a P. O. W. . . . Les Benton of the Army is home from overseas duty. Les is now enjoying a 30 day furlough before reporting back to duty. His sister Evelyn of the WACs was also home on furlough. Les looks swell and with the rest of the fellows being around there is no grass growing under his feet. . . . "Hoint" Oby of the Navy is home on leave. He has been in Bermuda and says that the scenery is just wonderful out there but would be even better if one could do as they please. . . . Henry Henderson of the Navy has received an M. D.

## This and That

(By Sam Currie)

"Potsdam Reduces Reich To A Farming Country," states the *Worcester Telegram*. Well, with all the bull that is being tossed about, Germany won't have to worry about fertilizer. . . . The AP reports that more poultry feed has been promised New England. Well, this part of the country hasn't been getting anything but chicken feed for several years now. . . . It is too bad about the fellow who had a couple hundred hens stolen from his farm last week. Well, you can't say that his chickens have come home to roost. . . . Pratt & Whitney Workers told U. S. Future is in the Air And just when we thought we were getting our feet on the ground again. . . . A Meat Truck tipped over on the Uxbridge-Mendon road the other day causing one bystander to remark that it was the first time meat had fallen in three years. . . . Tests show Worcester's ponds are O. K. for bathing. Now if someone would test the soap, Worcester might have a different complexion. . . . Sherer's urges public to buy blankets now. Some more undercover business no doubt. . . . "The Stork Shop has a clearance sale." We wonder how much for twins.

Got a card from Skipper McGuinness who says not only is the beef tough down here but you can't make a ripple in the milk with an oar. . . . Joe Boulanger from Linwood says the government furnishes a seat with every pair of pants but will only let you use it on K. P. duty. . . . Frank Turner says the fellow that sells raw milk should change his sign to read "Our Milk Best Cream Ain't In It". . . . If the people who are always talking themselves out of work would talk themselves into some Paul Devlin would have a chance to have a day off and also relieve Labor Shortage. . . . What some actors wouldn't give to have on their head what Gabby Hayes has on his chin. . . . Dewey Veau calls one of his pigs "Convict" as he is always escaping from the pen.

## Northbridge News

(By Gerry Gaudette)

Somebody's crossing us up, cause it just ain't possible that one whole month has passed since last writing this column of thises and thates for the Dear Old "N. F. H.", I think that, that dear little man down in Whitinsville better known as Tuttle Nose Keeler does things to the calendar just so he can call us up and say very politely (Quote) "The deadline for N. F. H. is such and such a day and I would very much appreciate your being on time this month and if your not I'll knock your damn head off". (End of Quote). Yes Sir, that's just the kind of a guy he is, you've no idea how mean he is to work for and I wish to hell you guys would quit playing around and clean up those Japs kinda quick so I can go back to my regular routine of working only 20 hours a day and get that guy Keeler off my neck, what do you say, will you HUH, PLEASE!! . . . Boys, I'm going to be truthful and tell you that I have no idea what has been going on around these diggings the last month. Several of the boys have been home and I know that there are quite a few that are in line (we hope) for a point discharge. . . . Had a pip of a letter from Arthur Caya stationed in Germany which really gave me the lowdown on what he had seen since entering into an airtight contract with "Uncle Samuel". A really nice letter Arthur and really appreciated. . . . The swimming beach at the Electric has been going full blast these past few weeks as it has been very warm around here and when passing I've noticed one can hardly see the water for swimmers. That was a darn good project and certainly has served a useful purpose. There are very few towns around that have a decent beach for swimming. . . . Boys I've got to beg off on this. It's now after midnight and I'm so damn bushed that I can hardly see the keyboard and this has got to go to Providence tomorrow morning or rather this morning, so please excuse such a scetchy and messy column and so help me I'll promise to do better next month. So long till next month.

NORTHBRIDGE ALBUM FUND  
SOFT-BALL GAME

Bed spread won by Edward Horan.	
War Bond chances.....	\$ 852.10
\$25 War Bond	
William Baines .....	18.75
Christine Boswa .....	18.75
Mary Buczynski .....	18.75
Ruth Manning .....	18.75
Louis Mayerson .....	18.75
James McRoberts .....	18.75
George Morris .....	18.75
Wilfred Rivard .....	18.75
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Soft-Ball Tickets (493) .....	147.90
Tax .....	24.65
	\$123.25
	825.35
The Eagle Printing Co. ....	40.00
Total .....	\$785.35
Northbridge Album	
Fund Balance .....	1,816.50
Grand Total .....	\$2,601.85



## Sports Column

(By Harold Case, pseudo  
Bill Cunningham)

Hiyah:

A few weeks ago some one must have been reading my mind because he suggested just what I had often planned to do some issue but never did. The suggestion was that I write more concerning the local events and let the big-time stuff go as a lot of it is stale anyway when you get it. Most of it is stale to me on second reading. Softball is the strong color in the local picture and as I see a few games now and then I will confine myself to the antics of some of your friends on the sixty foot base lines. First however, I'll get rid of what stuff I have snatched for this month. . . . Mr. Hagg, the Swedish miler, is with us again because he broke the world mile record once more. He made it 4:01.4 this time. I hope he gets it down to that so-called impossible 4-minute mile and then we can get on to something else. The Swedish experts claim that an empty cartridge case is all that stopped a 4-minute record. Andersson, who was chasing Hagg, picked up an empty cartridge case at the start of the race and couldn't dislodge it from his spikes and thus was thrown off his even stride over the whole course. The experts figured that if this hadn't happened he would have pushed Hagg harder. Could be. . . . Tommy Holmes wiped out Roger Hornsby's 33-game mark set in '22, for hitting in consecutive games, when he had his best day at bat in his 33rd and 34th games. Holmes went to bat ten times, twice in each game, and finished up with the day's total of a home run, four two-baggers and a single. Back in 1897, William Keeler, playing for Baltimore in the National League, hit safely in 44 consecutive games. That's too long ago to count for me—I'll stick with the present champ. . . . Rick Ferrell of the Senators was another player to set a new record. Ferrell tied the all-time American League catching record held by Ray Schalk, former White Sox player, as he caught his 1721st game the first week in July. By the end of the season he will be 'way ahead of that mark. . . . The Notre Dame—Stout Field game July 14th, must be some sort of a record as the game went 20 innings and ended when N. D. shoved across a run with two out. The service team's pitcher went the full route allowing nine hits, one walk and fanning 11 men. The college boys had to throw in a new pitcher in the 15th. . . . Hank Greenberg is living up to expectations and is giving the Detroit Tigers that extra punch. Hank singled with two gone in the ninth to score two runs which beat the Red Sox 9-8. Joe Cronin, Red Sox manager has retired to the inactive list and veteran Lou Finney is taking his place. Cronin hasn't played since he broke his leg during the opening week. The fans are wondering whether Joe McCarthy is going into retirement and let the Yanks get along with some one else. Joe says no but he is in a hospital for a check-up and probably if the docs' reports are negative he will drop his managerial duties. . . . Looks like there will be a World Series after all. Some very high brass hats in

all the armed forces have personally requested that the series be held. Looks like the pressure is strong enough for the boys in Washington to relent and allow the league champions to meet. The bookies aren't looking for bets on the pennant winners but are giving 2-1 on the Tigers in the American and St. Louis in the National. Also 100-1 that Philly won't have a winner. Generous of them! . . . Football is rearing its head from the box scores so soon and I guess some of the coaches would just as soon forget the game this year. The Worc. Tech coach is in a fine fix. He had one letterman out in a squad of 51 men, and he was a reserve back. The Tech schedule is short, Sept. 15th is open, the 22nd, R. P. I.; Oct. 6th, Wesleyan and Oct. 13th, Tufts. Holy Cross should have a fine team and the fact that Stan Koslowski is back this season will make the Crusaders a tough team to beat. Their schedule opens with Dartmouth in Hanover and then comes Yale, Villanova, Brown, Colgate, U. S. Sub Base, Coast Guard Academy, Temple and B. C. Not a set-up in the bunch. Four of these games will be on Sunday so I expect to see at least one game this year. That Colgate game looks like a good bet. Brown had 64 show up for the first session with but five lettermen and Penn had 75 turn out with just one lone letterman. The coaches sure are going to earn their dough this year. . . . That finishes up the national sport picture. Now to get nearer home. The Whittin All-Stars lost that benefit softball game to Worc. by an 11-3 score. It wasn't as bad as it reads. In fact, we are so sure we can beat them that we are planning to invite them back again! The town had a good team on the field. Harley Buma on first, Harry Segal and Jimmy Logan on second, Mike Marker, Bob Steel, short, Bill Hall covering third, Curt Carr, Fred Tattersall Leo Brouillard and Fred Seipietowski, outfielders, Bill Cawley and Leo Bouley were behind the plate and McCarthy, Benny Bardon and your Uncle Dudley tossed them up. The Worc. pitchers had a lot of speed but the boys were taking pretty good cuts at the ball. Worc. played their infield way in. The third baseman was just about thirty feet from the batter. It made it tough to beat out an infield grounder. Everyone on the local team was trying to drive a ball down the third sacker's throat so he'd back up but he kept his trap shut and went home with all his teeth. . . . The Douglas girls lost a tough one to the Scrimgeour team in the prelim game. The score was 4-3 and if Douglas hadn't thrown away a couple of chances they might very easily have won. Luke Driscoll had a case history of all the girls and he held forth on the p. a. system keeping the packed bleachers amused. I wonder where he got all that dope? How, rather. Luke really did a good job tho'. The only slip he made was at the end of seven innings in the men's game when he announced the ball game was over and Jack Kooistra put on a record and all the fans piled down from their seats. He had forgotten this was to be a nine inning game but order was restored in a few minutes. I think he wanted a drink of water. After all, the program started at 2:30 and it wasn't over until about 6:15. Following the game Lawrence invited all the players up to the house for a little refreshment and Luke finally discovered he hadn't lost his voice after all! . . . Pete Topps and the Plummer A. C. have been having some mighty battles on Sunday afternoons.

Each has won a game and this week the deciding contest is being played. I have found out whether they are playing for a barrel of pickles or just for the heck of it; but I have my own idea. Every player is out for blood and Lord have mercy on any guy who drops a pop fly or goes down swinging. I'll give you the details next time. . . . The Gym lost a nine inning game last night to the Tool Job, after we had it sewed up too. The last inning it was pretty dark but Joe Hetherington came thru with a single with two out and one on to score the winning run. What made it a tough one to lose was the fact that they were shorthanded and I consented to let them use Jimmy Duggan on first and Oscar Erickson out in the field. Jim played a good game and Oscar didn't have any chances in the field. So he played a good game, too. That guy is getting worse to pitch to than Mike Marker. No matter where you throw them he swings and the funny part of it is he connects. I even saw him get a home run one night against Plummers. Oscar, by the way, is the young man (?) about whom I wrote some disparaging remarks a month or so back. He is the one who bought a glove and at the time I wondered what the h--- for but now I know. For a while he had trouble—I suppose the glove wasn't properly broken in but he robbed me of the only decent hit I have had in weeks. I managed to get hold of one and from where I stood it looked like an easy triple but this big ox came thundering way over from right to center field, where he had no business to be, and with a tremendous sideward leap—he must have cleared three feet easily—speared the ball for routine put-out. That's what he called it so help me! Maybe a glove does make a player! . . . So much for sports this trip but as usual I have the 'one-more-item' note. It also really belongs to Sally Jones but I found it first. Crewmen on a merchant ship pulled anchor in the Mississippi River and found they had hooked a huge fish. A biologist identified it as a two-horned manta—one of the largest known species. It was 18 feet square and tipped the scales at 8000 pounds. The way the bass have been hitting lately I think I'd better see Sally tomorrow and find out whether he can fix me up for a different anchor out of some old castings. I might hit a fish on the head and not have to come in empty-handed.

Hang on,

Casey

