354 Lindenwold Ave., Ambler, Pa. Jan. 12, 1946

Dear.

Every now and then, in the letters we receive from you, some one will express the hope that Ambler would stay just like he left it. We have. For example - the business of getting Butler Ave. decorated for the Holiday Season. We are always a little slow in getting started, but give us time - we get there. It was almost the middle of December and Christmas decorations were up wherever you went - but none in Ambler. A great many boys were home and they were beginning to grumble and mutter about "the same old dump". Then Mr. August Post decided to do something about it and went out and collected some money. In fact, a lot of money, and after spending what was necessary this season, a good sum has been saved for next Christmas. So, on Dec. 15th decorations began to appear. The big tree by the Wyndham was lighted; the Fire House was strung with greens and lights; the Presbyterian Church hung its lighted star and cedar trees were placed at every post on both sides of Butler Ave. from K & M to Lindenwold Ave. Add to this, the displays in each store, the glistening white snow over everything, and we really presented a gay and "White Christmas" picture.

We are sorry to tell you this -- if you didn't see the big tree by the Wyndham lighted this year, you will never see it again. On Saturday morning Jan. 5th, it was flat on the ground. The steam shovels came in, ate the bank away and leveled the entire lot to the street. We hear there will be a Parking Lot in the space. The old Nesbitt Bldg. is also down to street level. Nothing left but rubble, which ought to give some of the veterans a start, as it looks just like a bombed-out spot.

Speaking of veterans, we could hardly get through the crowds on Butler Ave. last Saturday morning. Looked and sounded like a convention.

A display of souvenirs and trophies brought home by our Service boys is being arranged by the Ambler Public Library. The Library room will be open to the public the week of Jan. 28th. Some of the objects to be displayed are quite valuable and all are of special interest, so a guard will be present all the time.

The Community War Memorial Committee is working very hard completing the plans for raising funds. The chairmen of the various sub-committees meet every Saturday afternoon, with Judge Harold G. Knight, presiding.

When the Ambler Borough Council reorganized for the coming year, J. Robert Simpson, Jr., was re-elected President. John J. Troster is back with us again as Burgess.

Ambler Fire Company has a new Automatic Signal. By simply telephoning a fire call, the siren sounds automatically and continues to sound until someone arrives at the Fire House and accepts the call. In the past, K & M furnished the fire alarm.

The Rotary Club of Ambler celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a banquet at Lulu Temple Country Club.

On Jan. 2nd, our K & M Plant was closed by a strike. To date the Company and the Union have not agreed. All entrances are being picketed. No violence. Everyone looks good-natured about the job of marching back and forth.

We regret that a very well known and respected man has passed away. <u>Mr. Fred S. Arnold</u> died Monday, Dec. 17th, at his home in Fort Washington. A great many of us well remember his cheerful generosity in all good causes.

A new factory has been opened in Faust's Tannery on Bethlehem Pike- will manufacture wrought iron furniture for indoor and outdoor use. The name is Zen's, Kimball & Co.

The Ambler Recreation Council sponsored a formal dance New Year's Eve for the young folks of the town. It was held in the High School Gym, which was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees. Early in the evening, there was a professional floor show, a Christmas gift from Downs-Amey Post of the American Legion. Music for dancing was furnished by the High School Orchestra, under direction of Mr. Clifford K. Geary.

You will be glad to know that <u>Miss Anne Gear</u> has returned to High School. She's a very special person - has her lunch served in her room every day. Stop and see her when you are home.

Mr. Baker had an accident, too. The day before Christmas, he was in the wood shop turning out a toy for Billy's Christmas, and zip - cut off the tips of two fingers. Very painful for him - and his family as they had planned to drive out to central Penna. to their folks for the holidays. There was nothing in the house to eat and Mr. Baker was unable to drive so far.

The annual Carol Service was presented in the High School Auditorium just before Christmas. Nearly 600 people attended.

The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs gave a testimonial dinner on Dec. 19th to the members of the Football Squad, Hockey Squad, Cross Country Team and the Band. <u>Bill Albertson</u>, varsity guard on the Football Team who qualified as an All-Bux-Mont guard, received the outstanding individual award. Bill is a Junior and has been on the Scholastic Honor Roll for the past five years. Guest speakers were Jack M. Kinkel, member of the Philadelphia Eagles, and Charley Gelbert, Dept. of Athletics and Physical Education in Lafayette College.

Upper Moreland High School of Willow Grove was formally taken into membership of the Bux-Mont Scholastic Conference for football and track.

	The	Basket	Ball	season	has gotten	under w	lay as	follows	5:
Dec.	14	home			Lansdale	20		Ambler	18
77	18	away			Quakerto	wn 31		Ambler	17.
Jan.	4	home			Hatboro	20		Ambler	36
	8	away			Sell-Per	rk 40		Ambler	25
	11	home			Springfi	leld 26		Ambler	22

Ambler players:

Forward: Wişler; Brown, Camasso, Lochetto, Wolfe Center: Mallozzi, Garritt Guard: Brown, Wolfe, Zaffarano, Garritt, Worth, Beeson

Stateside:

James Serratore is the leader of an Army Air Corps orchestra, which is touring the country, visiting Base Hospitals and Training Camps. The boys were in training at Harlingen, Texas, for overseas duty when VJ Day arrived. Shortly after that, the new entertaining group was formed.Jimmy has been with the Army Air Forces about 3 years.

T/4 Walter L. Dietrich returned to the States for hospitalization, after serving in the ETO. He is receiving treatment at the Woodrow Wilson Gen'l. Hospital, Staunton, Va., and frequently gets home on leave.

Pfc. William D. Pugliese reported to Truax Field, Wisconsin. Re-enlisted for 1 year, and came home for 32 days. He expected to report just before Christmas, and was granted 19 extra days. On Jan. 10th, he reported to Greensboro, N.C. for assignment to overseas duty. Expects to be discharged Dec. 4, 1946. While Bill was home he made arrangements for his orchestra to go over to the Valley Forge Hospital and entertain the boys. The date was made for Sunday, Jan. 6. Members of the band are Danny Donato, Evan Pennick, Sol Cohen, Bert Tompkins, Don Friest, Gene Fleming, Bob Astler, Jóe Pennick, John Astler, Willie Allen, and Bill, as leader. Charles Smith went along and performed some of his magic tricks.

J. Gordon Jervis, G.M.3/c was on Pacific duty aboard the U.S.S. Bennion (DD 662). Arrived in Ambler on Dec. 14th and has leave until Jan. 14th. On Jan. 15th he reports to Philadelphia Naval Base for his discharge.

Earl J. Stone, ACM, has been assigned to the new carrier, USS Tarawa (CV-40) V2 Division, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y. Expects to make a trip around the world, with Manila the home base.

The "Mighty Monty", light cruiser USS Montpelier, finally came to rest at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, with <u>Willis LeRoy Davies</u>, S2/c, I Div., aboard. She saw much action - and some "very dull campaigns" according to LeRoy - during her Pacific tour of duty, and came home by way of the Canal. Pretty nice for LeRoy, as Brooklyn isn't far from Ambler. He managed to get home the Sunday before Christmas and the New Year holiday. On Jan. 6th, Le started his 30 day leave.

Charles E. Kepler, Jr., F2/c, much to his surprise and pleasure, when he reached the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was assigned to the "Mighty Monty". Although Charles is in E Division, he and LeRoy are going to get a lot of pleasure out of being on the same ship.

Pvt. Arta Snyder, returned to hospital duty at Buckley Field, Colo.

Miss Doris Grabert completed her training as a Nurse, took her State Board Examinations and left for California on Dec. 17th. She and Bob Broughton were married and have an apartment at Corona, 4 miles from the Hospital.

Lt.(j.g.) David K. Hellings, Jr., aboard the U.S.S. St. Croix, reached port on the West Coast about Dec. 15th. We heard that Pfc. Henry W. Barry was aboard, returning from his Pacific duty. Charles R. Weir, Jr., S2/c reports meeting Anthony Urban, Jr., Ph.M.3/c in Boston.

Charles G. Hughes is now a Sergeant. Working at the Separation Center, Fort Dix, N.J.

Robert Conway, S2/c (SK), has been assigned to the U.S.S. Fiske (DD842), Atlantic Fleet.

For the first time in 4 years, the three Kemmerer brothers, Joe, Alfred and Charles, were home together for Christmas.

Anyone remember <u>Stanley Biggert?</u> Well, he's with Naval Air and stationed at Hutchinson, Kansas. It was raining one day, and they needed another hand to play cards. Called for a volunteer, and a fellow responded. Played cards together all afternoon, and on the way to their barracks, <u>Stanley</u> asked, "Where are you from?" and almost dropped in his tracks when the fellow said "<u>Ambler, Pa.</u>" Was that exciting! And even more so, when it turned out to be <u>Bob Kleinfelder</u>, from Greenwood Ave. Remember, the Biggerts used to live on Greenwood directly across the street from where the Kleinfelders now live. It's a small world.

Paul Ferla, Mus. 2/c, served with the Pacific Fleet aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota. Reached the States in time to have Xmas at home. After his leave, he reports to Philadelphia Naval Base.

The Eisenhard-Stevens family had plenty of excitement for their holidays. It started with telephone calls. First, <u>Harvey Eisenhard</u> called from San Francisco on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Then <u>Bob Stuart</u> called his wife, "<u>Boots</u>" Stevens, on Sunday, Dec. 9th - all the way from Hawaii. Then <u>Bob Stevens</u> called from Portland, Oregon - a little nearer Christmas. Then <u>Harvey</u> called again from Napa, California, and said he hoped to be home about Jan. 11th. He has been on Pacific duty aboard USS Y.D.G.#7, as EM2/c. Then <u>Bob Stevens</u> arrived home on Dec.31st. Will have a 30 day leave and report to Phila. Naval Base for assignment, as he has l¹/₂ yrs. to serve. Was on Pacific duty with the PT Boats, as Mo MM3/c.

Pfc. Gordon D. Deck expects to come east about the middle of this month for his discharge. He has been at the N/E Staging Facilities, Tacoma, Wash., driving a 9-ton International Bus for troop transportation from Tacoma Docks to Camp Murray and Fort Lawton.

Pvt. LeRoy Jones was home 15 days for the Christmas holidays. When he returned to Camp Crowder, Mo., he drove his car back. Charles King had just arrived in Ambler and was very anxious to get down to Texas, so he went along. A real break for Charles, as transportation here in the States is a terrific problem.

Pfc. Walter Steve Jones, left Yokohama some time in December and arrived in California Jan. 5th.

Jack Meyers, recently discharged from the Navy, has signed up with the Merchant Marine service.

Charles A. Meyers, BM1/c, U.S.S. Hamblen (APA114), was eligible for discharge, but has returned for 6 months extended duty.

Pvt. John H. Gump, home on 19 day furlough, from Camp Croft, S.C. Pvt. Robert H. Gump, had a short pass at New Year's and made the trip home from Camp Crowder, Mo. Now based at Fitzsimmons Gen'l. Hospital, Denver, Colo., for MDETS. Pfc. Arnold Dragani and his sister, Sgt. Gilda Dragani, were home for the Christmas holidays. Gilda returned to her duties at South Post, Fort Meyer, Va., and Arnold reported to his new camp:-Co. F, 11th Inf., APO 5, Camp Campbell, Ky.

Vincent James Ferla, S2/c, was expected to arrive in Ambler this afternoon, Jan. 12th, on the 4 o'clock train. He has served with the Pacific Fleet aboard LCI (L) 1027. Has a 30 day leave.

Edmund G. Roberts, S1/c, is home on a 25 day leave. He has been out in the Pacific with 134th N.C.B.s.

John E. Roach, Sl/c, U.S.N., was also home for Christmas, after serving in the Pacific. He has 18 or 20 more months to serve.

Many of our boys and girls were able to get home for Christmas: <u>Pvt. Dourlas Brooks</u>, Terre Haute, Ind.; <u>Cpl. Bruce Singer</u>, 21 days, Luke Field, Arizona; <u>Charles R. Weir, Jr.</u>, S2/c, Newport, R.I.; <u>Anthony Urban, Jr.</u>, Ph.M.3/c; <u>Pvt. James A. Shelly, Jr.</u>, Camp Butner, <u>N.C.; Cpl. Frank T. Fertsch</u>, Greensboro, N.C.; <u>Mary Dickinson</u>, Y2/c, <u>Arlington Farms, Va.; Lt. Charles Deuchar; Robert B. Kleinfelder</u>, <u>ARM3/c</u>, Hutchinson, <u>Kansas; Irvin Woodward</u>, S1/c, U.S. Naval Receiving Station, Brooklyn, N.Y.; <u>Cpl. Richard Cragg</u>, Fort Bragg, N.C.; <u>S/Sgt. Ralph W. Schwager</u>, duty in Pacific. After 21 days reports to <u>Cherry Point</u>, N.C.; <u>Cpl. Wm. L. Kilson</u>, MacDill Field, Fla., returned to Kansas.

Engagements:

	Miss Margaret Fazio to Mr. Pete Crecium.
	Miss Margaret Billger to Robert A. Huber, Scranton, Pa.
	Miss Anne Morris Fox to Mr. Wendell H. Hibschman.
	Miss Irene Laverne Curtis, Indianapolis, Ind., to Mr. Radcliffe
H. A.	llen.
	Miss Emily Jane Howard to Mr. Joseph W. Wagner, Jr.
	Miss Margaret Gambone to Mr. James Walsh, Gwynedd Valley.
	Anne E. Burton, Y2/c to Sgt. Jerome Fitzpatrick, of Queen Village,
Long.	Island, N.Y.
	Miss Shirley Coffey to Haze A. McDougal, C3/c, of Caribou, Me.
Marr:	lages:
~	Miss Marian Smith and Mr. Clair Hofman, in Prospectville Methodist
Chur	
	Miss Doris Grabert and Robert J. Broughton, AMMF3/c, on Dec. 22nd,
TH L	ne Chapel at U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Cal.
	Miss Beryl Harvey, Lansdale, and Mr. Louis Antonnucio.

Miss Marian Elizabeth Compton and Mr. Marlin Leroy Collier, at Zion Lutheran Church, Whitemarsh.

Miss Eleanor Margaret Mastromatto and Mr. Victor F. Romendio, Jan. 5th, St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Miss Ann Grimmer, Cheltenham, and Pvt. John H. Gump, Sunday, Jan. 13th, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Cheltenham.

Births:

Mrs. & Daniel J. Stone, Sl/c, a son. Daniel is in Pacific aboard the "Walter X. Young", APD-131. Mr. & Mrs. Norman Urban, a daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Halligan, a daughter - Barbara Lynn, on Jan. 2nd - wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Royal Mattison, a son, named Royal Criss. Living in Redwood City, Calif.

Canal Zone:

Robert E. Kriebel, HAl/c, stationed at Coco Solo, Canal Zone, Navy 1955, Box 17, talked with folks by telephone Christmas afternoon. Expects to be leaving soon.

Pacific:

Pfc: Frank A. DiRienzio, 136th "Bearcat" Inf. Regt., 33rd Division, is garrisoned near Lake Biwa, Honshu. He is helping to disarm Japan by destroying a large ammunition and weapons dump. Lots of fun - sounds like a super colossal 4th of July, all day - every day.

Sgt. Robert O. P. Stuart, based at Bellows Field, Wahoo, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, would be glad to meet the Amblerites as they pass through. His address is: 951-1 Exchange, APO 951, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal. Telephone : Bellows Field 592.

Lt. H. J. Dager, Jr., left the States some time ago, landed in Manila, and went on to Tokyo. Jimmy and his brother, <u>Charles</u>, were both in Manila, at the same time and neither one knew about it. When the home folks received mail from the boys, they discovered it. Charles is a Cadet Merchant-Marine, aboard the S.S. "Valverde", and has gone on to Singapore and the Persian Gulf.

Cpl. Theodore W. Dailey, 154th Ordnance Co., MAM, is leaving Okinawa for the States.

Pfc. Albert C. Fluck has a new address: Co. C. 706th TK Bn., APO 75, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Not so long ago, Albert and Sgt. Warren S. Fleck had dinner together at the Salvation Army in Manila. They planned to meet again the next week, but Buzz didn't show up, so Al believes he must be heading Stateside.

Lt. Wm. F. Geddes', 505th Bomber Gp., APO 336, expects to stay on Tinian 3 or 4 months longer.

Pfc. Philip Benigno is still with the 232 Gen'l. Hospital, Section B., APO 86.

Pompeo Dragani has a rate of Baker 3/c and a new address: 23rd NCB Hdgs. Co., c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

ETO:

Cpl. William T. Weir, finished his studies in London, and expects to move Stateside.

Pvt. Dawson W. Deck has reached Europe. Traveled by "40 & 8" from LeHavre, France, to Marburg, Germany; from there to Frankfurt. Address: Hdcs. Co., Hdqs. Command, USFET (Personnel) APO 757. Working in an office, clearing GI Service Records. He is living in an apartment in Hedderheim, a surburt of Frankfurt.

Pvt. Wm. James Linde is also in Germany, not far from Frankfurt. Jim is at Budingen. Address: Hdqs. Btry., 9th F.A., APO 3.

Discharges:

Pfc. Norman R. Mortimer, Army, 180th Infantry Regt., 45th Division. Overseas in ETO almost 2 yrs. Saw action in Naples-Foggia; Anzio Beachhead; Rome-Arno; Southern and Northern France; Belgium and the Rhineland. Wounded 3 times. T/4 Robert F. Prow, Army, 32 yrs. Overseas 26 mns. in ETO with 101st Airborne Div. Pfc. Arthur K. Wood, Army, about 3 yrs. Overseas, 12 yrs., in ETO with 863rd Anti-Aircraft Bn. Cpl. Earl W. Wood, Army, 3 yrs. 9 mns. Served in States. Cpl. Salvatore Casalenuovo, Army, about 3 yrs. Overseas, ETO, 1 yr. 10 mns., with 45th Div. Wounded during Anzio Beachhead. Major J. Brooks Diver, Army Air Forces. Chief of Personnel at Atlantic City for about 32 yrs. S/Sgt. Raymond K. Aures, Army Air Forces, 32 yrs. After training, was stationed at Florence Army Air Base, Florence, S.C. Sgt. Alexander Queenan, Army, 3 yrs. Overseas 2 yrs., ETO, with Qms. Corp. Pvt. Thomas A. Boland, Army Air Forces, 8 mns. Had passed ' examinations for flight training when program was terminated. Sgt. Stephen J. Mallozzi, U.S. Marine Corps, 22 yrs. Overseas 15 mns. with aviation detachment in Facific. William F. Drake, RM2/c, Navy, 2 years. Overseas 7 mns. in Pacific. John M. Ambers, Sl/c, Navy 3 yrs. Served 22 mns. Atlantic on U.S.S. Kowa; 8 mns. Pacific on U.S.S. Boyle. Charles Walter Pennington, MoMMI/c Navy 22 yrs. Served overseas in Pacific aboard USS LST1018 12 yrs. Pvt. Russell W. Huckel, Army, about 21 yrs. Went overseas in December, 1944, to ETO and was taken prisoner by the Germans in January, 1945. Liberated May 1st. Returned to states in July for hospitalization. Lt. Commander Roland B. Macomber, Navy, 22 years. Officer in charge of the District Recreation Office, Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. Pfc. Robert J. Redington, Army, 44 months. Served in States at Camp Lee, Vai, for 22 years. Later at Camp Howze and Camp Fannin, Texas. Pfc. George W. Barecca, Army. Served overseas in South Pacific. Lt. Walter Shaeff, Army, 22 yrs. Served overseas, 20 mns. with 1306th Engineer Regt. Went to ETO and from there directly to Manila. After 22 months there, went to Japan. Returned to States for Terminal leave and received word on Jan. 9th, that he has been promoted to rank of Captain. Will be on reserve list after Feb. 9th. Col. Charles Charlton, Army. Served overseas with 72nd Airdrome Sqd. in India. Ensign William G. Singer, Jr., Naval Air Service, 22 years. Trained for pilot in South and prior to discharge was based at Hutchison, Kansas. Ensign J. Rohert Simpson, 3rd, Naval Air Service, 3 years. Trained as Fighter Pilot and was assigned to VF-4. S/Sgt. Leonard R. Normington, Army. Served overseas in ETO with 134th AACS Sqdn. Sgt. Stanley J. Neigut, Army 3 years. Overseas, 2 years, in

Hawaiian Islands with 950th Ord. HAM Co.

Pfc. Earl W. Dinnell, Army 4 years. Overseas, 42 mns., Pacific. Joseph B. Kemmerer, GM3/c, entered CBs July, 1943, transferred to Navy in Fall of 1944. Served overseas in Pacific 6 mns. aboard LST 462.

Pfc. Charles Kemmerer, Marine Corps. Served overseas in Pacific 14 mns.

Sgt. Philip J. Benzenhafer, Army, 3 yrs. 3 mns. Studied languages at Stanford University for Italian occupation. Itlay surrendered and group did not go. 1½ yrs. as instructor in B-29 ground crew training school, Denver. Transferred to Texas; Salina, Kansas; and was discharged from Mitchell Field, N.Y.

Pvt. Michael J. Camasso, Army, 2 yrs. 7 mns. Overseas in ETO, 2 yrs. with lolst Airborne Division as machine gunner.

Allan J. Taylor, F.C.2/c, Coast Guard, 2 yrs. 5 mns. 11 mns. sea duty. Served aboard the U.S.S. Gen'l. Wm. Weigel. Several trips to Europe prior to VJ day: After that on Pacific duty.

Cpl. Adolph L. Lindquist, Army Air Forces, 2¹/₂ yrs. Taught electricity at Chanute Field, 6 mns., transferred to Keesler Field, Miss. With 3704th Base Unit as Instructor in Electricity.

W.O. Samuel P. Worthington, Army, about 4 years. Served 20 months at the Woodrow Wilson Gen'l. Hospital, Staunton, Va.

Cpl. Norman F. Urbach, Army. Served in Aleutians with 349th Engineers Regt. Returned to States and went to Philippines with the 3184 Engrs. P.D. Co.

George J. McIntyre, MAM2/c Navy, 2 yrs. Served overseas in . Pacific with Naval Post Office.

T/Sgt. Victor Romendio, Army, over 3 years. Served in Alaska with 613 Ordnance Ammunition Co. Came to States for furlough and returned to Alaska and was assigned to Hdqs. Co., Alaskan Dept.

Charles J. Shearer, Yeoman, Navy. Served in States. Staff Hdqs., San Francisco, Cal. Returned to Faculty of Ambler High School.

Pvt. Richard C. Schuler, Army, about 2 year. Overseas in ETO a little over 1 year. Was aboard ship enroute to Japan when VJ Day was declared. Returned to States. Served with a Communications Sqd.

M/Sgt. Charles F. King, Army, over 3 years. Overseas in ETO about 14 mns. Was with Hdqs. of 99th Division.

Robert Edward Wind, Fl/c, Coast Guard, 2 yrs. 3 mns. Served North Atlantic patrol, 15 mns., aboard U.S.S. Emporia, PF28.

<u>William Dummeldinger</u>, MM1/c Navy. Served with Atlantic Fleet on U.S.S. Croatan, CVE-25. <u>S/Sgt. Edward M. Amey</u>, Army Air Forces, 4 yrs. Overseas, Pacific

S/Sgt. Edward M. Amey, Army Air Forces, 4 yrs. Overseas, Pacific about 3 yrs. Served 7 mns. "down under", rest of time in Hawaiian Islands, with Hq. Sqd., 6th Air Service Area Command.

Ralph S. Amey, SoMH2/c, Navy almost 3 years. Overseas Pacific 20 mns. Was based on Russell Islands when it was Cub #12 and later on Grande Island, Subic Bay, Luzon, P:I:

on Grande Island, Subic Bay, Luzon, Pil: <u>Pfc, Elmer E. Spence</u>, Army Air Forces, about 3 years. Overseas Pacific about 1 yr., with the 5th Aircraft Repair Unit (Floating).

Sgt. Harley Smith, Army Air Corps, 38 mns., in school and training: Sidux Falls, S.D.; Yuma, Arizona; Lincoln, Neb.; Alamogordo, New Mexico; Salina, Kansas. Pfc. Alfred Kirk, Army, overseas in ETO with 61st Armd. Inf. Bn; Wounded and hospitalized in England.

Walter P. Dickinson, M2/c, Navy about 4 yrs. Served with Pacific Fleet on U.S.S. Bushnell.

Pvt. Thomas Queenan, Army, $33\frac{1}{2}$ mns. Overseas, $28\frac{1}{2}$ mns., Africa and Italy, with 27th Chemical Co.

Pfc. Carl E. Meyers, U.S. Marine Corps, about 2¹/₂ yrs. Went to Hawaii, 2 mns. after joining Marines and was later transferred to the Panama Canal Zone.

T/5 Drayton C. Robb, Army, $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. Overseas; 1 yr. 9 mns., in ETO, with H & S Co., 238th Eng. Const. Bn.

Sgt. Melvin James, Jr., Army., almost 4 yrs. Served with 21st Signal Service Co. in Newfoundland for 3 yrs. and 4 mns.

Cpl. James J. Ward, Army; 22 yrs. Overseas, Pacific, about 2 yrs. Served with 186th Engrs. Combat Bn.

Sgt. Thomas R. Miller; Jr., Army Air Forces. Served overseas in Pacific with 68th Fighter Sqd. (TE).

Lt. Andrew Dressler, Jr., Navy, over 4 years. Served in Pacific with the U.S.S. Kankakee. Recently assigned to new ship - USS Clinton (APA 144).

Lt. Col. Alfred S. Martin, Army, over 4 years. Stationed in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor. Returned to States and trained in Florida with Combat Engrs. Returned to Pacific and served with 1113th Engr. Combat Bn. from Southwest Pacific to Philippine Islands. Re-assigned to 46th Engr. Const. Bn. Went to Japan and returned to States from there.

S/Sgt. Ralph W. Schwager, U.S. Marine Corps. Overseas Pacific with Marine Service Sqd. 94.

Sgt. George R. Fertsch, Army Air Forces, over 3 years. Overseas about 2 yrs. Based in England at BAD #2. Recently transferred to Belgium and France with 365th Bomb Sqd., 305th Bomb Gp.

Belgium and France with 365th Bomb Sqd., 305th Bomb Gp. <u>Richard Gump</u>, PhM1/c Navy, 37 mns. Overseas, 23 mns. in China: <u>Stewart Irvin Woodward</u>, S1/c, Navy, about 3 years. On Atlantic duty, then transferred to S.S. Thomas F. Cunningham, as Armed Guard and made trip around the world. On return was stationed at U.S. Naval Receiving Station, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Other discharges we heard about:

Joseph Gradin, SSB2/c, Navy; Pfc. Willard Leh, ovérseas 21 mns.; Cpl. J. E. Rainey; T/5 James S. Curran; Lt. Thomas White; T/5 John Wabescz; Pvt. John A. Riccio; Charles Tate, S2/c, Navy; Pfc. Earl B. Seiz; S/Sgt. Wallace W. James; Pfc. Joseph S. Landon; Cpl. Ernest B. Clarke; Sgt. Luke Galardi; Pfc. Calvin H. Moore; Pfc. Joseph F. Bocchino; S/Sgt. Monroe Boyer, Jr.; T/5 Willie S. Jones; Pfc. Robert R. Godorecci; T/4 Earl W. Henry; T/5 Larry J. Manogue; Pfc. Frank V. Maiello; Pfc. Earl Refsnider; Pfc. Michael J. Camasso; T/5 Chas. S. McDaniels, Jr.; T/4 Thomas Morrison, Jr.; T/Sgt. Joseph Chiriano; Pfc. Henry Robinson; and Sgt. Anthony Lelii.

Sports News:

Basketball

Dec. 10th Valley Forge Gen'l Hospital defeats Phila. Coast Guard 94 to 33 to score its 7th victory, in 8 starts, this season. Phila. Naval Base, Dec. 12th beat LaSalle 71 to 47; Temple 57, Bainbridge 56; Penn 68, Swarthmore 33; Villanova 56, Fordom 39; Princeton 49, Rutgers 40; Bucknell 43, F & M 32; Muhlenberg 55, Penn State 36;

Valley Forge 58, Albright 35; Lebanon Valley 63, Lehigh 62.
Dec. 14th LaSalle beats Phila. Coast G. 59 to 46. Dec. 16th
Cornell 55, Penn 42; Dartmouth 55, Princeton 43; F & M 45, Swarthmore
43: Bucknell 53, Lehigh 22: Oklos A & M 26, Tample 26. Dec. 14th 43; Bucknell 53, Lehigh 32; Okla. A & M 38, Temple 36; Penn State 34 Carnegie Tech. 27; Phila. Navy Yard 40, Albright 27; Yale 46, Villanova 33.

Dec. 19th Columbia 46, Princeton 44; Rutgers 59, Haverford 38;

Penn State 58, Bucknell 33; Bainbridge 65, Norfolk N.T.S. 41. Dec. 20 - Annapolis 74, Bainbridge 67; Lehigh 57, F & M 38. Dec. 21st Temple 87, Lehigh 54; Dec. 22nd Penn 66, Princeton 30; Cornell 70, Columbia 36.

Dec. 29th Univ. of Tennessee 43, Temple 36; Univ. of No. Carolina 47, St. Joseph's 36.

Jan. 1st Temple 53, U. of Kentucky 45; U. of Wyoming 55, St. Josephs 32.

Jan. 5th Dartmouth in last minute of play defeats Penn 46 to 45. Temple beats LaSalle 70 to 60. Muhlenberg 47, Penn State 38; Annapolis 71, Bucknell 30. Cornell 66, Columbia 43; Gettsburg 44, Juniata 33. Jan. 10th Valley Forge General Hosp. trims Penn 61 to 30. This

makes 12 wins to one defeat for Valley Forge this season. Army 70, Swarthmore 38; Lafayette 57, Scranton 22; Villanova 54, Bucknell 52; Muhlenberg 56, F & M 46; Penn State 46, Temple 34; Pitt 56, Geo. Tech. 45; Cornell 77, Rochester 49; Princeton 50, Rutgers 37; Dartmouth 58, Iuonset 42; Ursinus 57, PMC 28; Yale 44, Columbia 32; Gettysburg 78, W. Maryland 20.

Jan. 12 Yale 57, Penn 41; Cornell 51, Princeton 40; Dartmouth 47, Columbia 35; Lafayette 39, Bucknell 28; Gettysburg 61, Lehigh 38; Swarthmore 47, Ursinus 38; Navy 50, Villanova 31; Pitt 45, Penn State 38; Temple 49, Valley Forge 44.

Football

Cleveland Rams beat Washington Redskins for championship in Professional football. Score 15 to 14. Game played Dec. 14. Temp. 5° above 0. Rams, heavy favorites, won by the slightest of margins because of an automatic safety, when early in the game, a pass from the end zone hit the goal posts and fell back of the goal line for 2 points. Each team made two touchdowns, mostly on passes. The redskins made both points good the Rams, but one. Attendance 32,178. A.P. sports writers pick Army football combination as outstanding sports team of the year.

New Year's Bowl Games: East-West game ended in tie 7 to 7. Savitsky & Evans of Penn played on East team. Dekdebrun of Cornell and Evans of Penn starred for the East. Univ. of Alabama wins in Rose Bowl defeating Univ. of Calif. 34 to 14. Calif's first defeat in 9 Rose Bowl games. Alabama always the favorite scored in all periods. Calif. didn't score until late in final quarter and then made 2 touchdowns.

Sugar Bowl: Okla. A & M 33, St. Marys College 13. Exciting game. End of first half score 14 to 13. Passes, straight, lateral and double lateral. Bob Femimore A & M's all American back was the outstanding star of the game. Herman Wedemeyer of St. Marys, also all-American half-back, starred in all roles.

Orange Bowl: The thriller of the day. Holy Cross and Univ. of Miami were in a 6 to 6 tie until final play of game. With ball in possession of Holy Cross it was worked to Miami's 21. Then with 10 seconds to go, Holy Cross attempted a pass. It was intercepted by 155 lb. Al Hudson, a substitute back who ran 89 yrs. to score. Time was up before he crossed goal line, but a play must be finished and the chance for point allowed. The kick was good. Final score Miami 13 Holy Cross 6.

Cotton Bowl: Tex. U. 40, Missouri 27.

Oil Bowl: Georgia 20, Tulsa 6.

Sun Bowl: N. Mexico 34, Denver 24.

Gator Bowl: Wake Forest 26, S. Carolina 14.

Bert Bell succeeds Elmer Layden as Commissioner of the National Football League.

Cleveland Rams, 1945 National Football League champions, will move franchise and play in Los Angeles next year. Their owners say, despite their winning team, they lost money in Cleveland.

Baseball

Frank McCormick, slugging first baseman of Cincinnati Reds purchased by Phils.for \$40,000. This is highest price ever paid by Phils for a player. The Phils are bidding for other good players. Major Leagues vote to allow all clubs to play unlimited number of night games in '46. Formerly, 7 was limit for any one club.

Jim Bagby, Cleveland pitcher traded to Boston Red Sox. Phils buy Newsome, shortstop, from Red Sox.

All star game, between 2 major baseball leagues, a war casualty in '45, will be played at Boston on July 9th in '46. Leo (Lippy) Durocher signed for 1946 as manager of Brooklyn Dodgers. Rudy York, hard hitting 1st baseman traded to Boston Red Sox by Detroit, for shortstop Eddie Lake.

Walker Cooper, now with Navy, previously star catcher of St. Louis Cardinals, was purchased by N.Y. Giants for \$175,000. Said to be best catcher in baseball. Cardinals also sold Jimmy Brown, infielder to Pittsburgh Pirates. Cards supposed to be overloaded with talent.

Misc.

Busher, 3 year old filly, won 10 of 13 starts, netted \$273,000 in purses, named horse of the year. More than 1½ billion dollars bet on horse races in U.S. during 1945 season.

Kentucky Derby, the 72nd Consecutive run, set for May 4th, 1946. Betting on Daily Double may be eliminated at N.Y. State tracks. Bryon Nelson named as No. 1 male athlete of 1945 by sports writers. Nelson won Professional Golfers' Championship and 18 other golf tournaments. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias named No. 1 female athlete. Once a track star she now stars at golf.

Short Story Dept.

After a recent football game, the usual stream of cars was filing out of the parking lot. Seeing a young fellow alone in his car, an alluring young blonde dashed up and asked if he was going to town: He eagerly said "Yes" and flung the door open. The blonde turned and called to five GIs waiting nearby. "See fellows, I told you I would get you all a ride. Come on, pile in!" Leaving the young man thoroughly dismayed, she ran across the lot to her waiting escort.

A teacher, making a trip with a group of children, stopped for lunch at a restaurant where one youngster noticed a slot machine and asked what it was. The teacher launched into a lecture on the evils of gambling. To emphasize the futility of trying to get something for nothing, the teacher marched up to the machine, put in a nickel, pulled the handle, and - hit the jackpot.

A left-over:

Smoky Stover on Christmas Sunday wondered why it was called "the Yule Season" - and was told "because you'll buy this and you'll buy that."

There's no place like home - if you can find one! "What is your rule for punctuating?"

"I set as long as I can hold my breath and then put in a comma; when I yawn I put in a semicolon, and when I want a chew of tabacco I make a paragraph."

"I'm a college graduate and I'd like to know what I should do to make my living in this worl."

"Just marry the first girl you find that has a steady job."

A patient called his dentist for an appointment. "So sorry", said the dentist, "not today. I have 18 cavities to fill." Whereupon he hung up the telephone, picked up his golf bag and departed from the office.

How did the professor make out in his research work when he was away? Well, - he hadn't been home a week before he showed me how to open bottles with a half dollar.

Sweet Thing - Would you come to my aid in distress? Sailor - Lady, it wouldn't make any difference to me what you were wearing.

At the Enid, Okla., Army Airfield, a very young combat returnee with a sleeve full of overseas stripes was asked where he was from. "I was born in Brooklyn", he replied, "and raised in New Guinea."

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather - only different kinds of good weather.

We enjoyed personal calls from the following: Thursday, Dec. 27th, <u>Thomas C. Hughes</u>, ARM2/c, returned Dec. 1st from 20 months of Pacific duty. After 30 days, will report to Philadelphia Receiving Station. Tommy looks well and <u>happy</u>. Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, <u>Winny Stong</u> came in. He, too, looks well and <u>happy</u>. Was discharged on Dec. 6th and is returning to Cruse-Kemper.

Winny recently announced his engagement to a young lady from Drexel Hill and plans to be married some time in May.

Wednesday, Jan. 2., William J. H. Hough, Q.M.3/c - telephone call. He was on Pacific duty from June to December aboard the U.S.S. Akutan (AE-13) when they returned to East Coast by way of Panama Canal. Docked at Naval Ammunition Depot, Leonardo, N.J. Bill enjoyed 10 days at home over New Year's with his twin brother, Charles. Charles is also Navy - in the ROTC program at the University of Penna., and gets home weekends.

Tuesday, Jan. 8th, LeRoy Davies, S2/c, U.S.S. Montpelier, Radar Division. Le celebrated his 20th birthday the next day, Jan. 9th, and has one more year to serve. After boot training at Great Lake Naval Station, he went to Pacific. First, to a Base in New Caledonia, then to New Hebrides, where he went aboard the U.S.S. Denver. Later was assigned the "Mighty Monty". On this ship, he went through the Pacific campaigns - Saipan, Philippines Okinawa, Borneo, and Japan, just to mention a few. His ship has been assigned to the Atlantic Fleet and he hopes to see some of this part of the world for a change. Le looked pretty snappy, all dressed up in a blue muit with a white handkerchief tucked in his pocket.

The same afternoon, while LeRoy was here, Thomas Queenan came in. He had just been discharged on the 4th. He served with the 26th Chemical Co. in Africa and Italy. Had a quick trip up through France and just reached Germany, and then returned to Italy. Returned to States from Naples.

Also, the same afternoon, after LeRoy and Thomas had gone, Bob Gerhart came in. He is in the Naval Blimp service and was overseas 20 months. It was always a real secret, as to where Bob was and what he was doing. He is still not permitted to talk about his adventures. We can only tell you, his base was at Port Lyautey, Africa. Bob sailed from Marseille, France, and 10 days later reached New York, at noon, Jan. 1st. Had a good turkey dinner, called his folks on the phone and went on to Lakehurst, N.J. where he hopes to be based, after his leave is over.

Saturday, Jan. 12th, George Fertsch telephoned. Just returned from France. During the war, he was in England. At Blackpool in BAD #2. About the first of August, '45, he was sent over to Belgium and just before coming home, he was in France. We haven't seen George, but his voice sounded "rather British" - he seemed to clip his words - very pleasing.

Correspondence Column

Pfc. Earnie L. Smith, AG Sec., Div. Hqs., 11th Airborne Division, APO 468. You will find Earnie in the Adjutant General's Office, Camp Loeper, Sendai, Honshu, Japan. He would like to get some Amblerites together and have an Ambler Day. Please contact him. Recently John La Cerda, a Bulletin correspondent visited the 11th Airborne Camp and wrote several articles about it, and on Friday night, Dec. 28th, Earnie's name appeared in the write-up. Earnie had

written and told us about the reporter being out there and said they had made a recording to be given over WPEN some evening. So far, we haven't heard it. Earnie reports good facilities for all kinds of sports - a good Basketball team, football when the equipment arrives, boxing, skiing and ice skating, and even table tennis. Earnie also reports concerts, a swing orchestra and stage shows. He recently saw a Japanese Tight rope walker, who was world renown and really marvelous. So all in all, Earnie is making himself content with his 36 points and two years of service and feels sure his turn to come home will eventually roll around. He says "hello to all my friends through the Newsletter."

S/Sgt. E. Allan Buzby writes, "After 22 months spent in the CBI with the XX Bomb Command and AACS, I am finally on my way home and am anticipating that my 62 points will make me a civilian again without too much delay." Allan was with the 125th AACS Sqn., APO 671, Calcutta, India.

Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., 52nd Def. Bn., H & S Btry., Heavy AA Gp., U.S. Marine Corps, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Jimmy has served 15 months overseas, and expects to serve 4 more. When he reached Eniwetok, Jimmy found <u>Ray Lane</u> stationed there which made it more pleasant. Jim recently left Guam. While there, he had made friends with a family who had made things more homelike for him. He really hated to leave them. He also left <u>Bill Gant</u> on Guam and now, we are adding Bill's name to our mailing list. Address: William J. Gant, Cox., Camp Wise, 2nd Batt., Co. K, NSD, Navy 926. Bill sends his "regards to all the Amblerites in the Service, and also those lucky ones that are referred to as Mr. instead of GI Joe."

Cpl. Robert F. Della Loggia sent a card reporting his change of address from Hondo, Texas, to the 2530th A.A.F.B.U., Selman Field, Monroe, La. We appreciate this very much.

Lt. Donald R. Meng, has arrived in Tokyo, Japan, and reports a change in address which he hopes will be his last one - 1st Opns. Co., 4026th Sig. Photo Det., APO 181, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal. He left Kyoto by freight train and enjoyed the trip through the mountains to Tokyo. There he was, as he says - "stowed away on the 8th floor of an unheated building, called San Shin. All we had was ice water to keep clean in, so we were unhappy. I am now used to it, but they are getting heat and hot water in." Don is now Motor Officer, with 35 jeeps, 30 trucks, 25 trailers and power units to keep him busy. He says he can get to nearly any place within 300 miles of Tokyo by jeep and is very anxious to contact anyone from Ambler who is around. (Earnie Smith take note.) There is a fellow from Conshohocken in his outfit and a former Penn State buddy whose home is in Allentown, stops by for a chat now and then. Don also had a letter from Walt Sobers who is in Manila. When Don was in Manila, he was a block from Walt one time, and never knew Walt was there. (Neither one had a Newsletter in time.) Jan. 12th - another letter from Don, who had just received the October Newsletter. Too bad, mail is so slow arriving. Hope it is better by this time. Reports that Raymond Midgett, "an old Amblerite and Penn State buddy" has moved in with him. Ray went to Springfield High and Don was gloating over Ambler's victory - wonder what they think about the 3-way tie? Now says that the fellow from Conshehecken is named Schoffner; the weather has

turned cold, like home, and he likes it; his room is heated by a "pot-bellied stove" which isn't so good; and a Japanese girl just came around and gave each one a "candy cane" for Christmas.

Pvt. Albert J. Hurst, Jr., Division Hdqs., Finance Section, APO 25, has been moving around and is now permanently assigned to the 25th Division Finance Section in Nagoya, Japan. Working in the Finance Office is more to his liking, as it is work similar to that he did before being drafted. Al reported signs of the Christmas Season in Nagoya. Saw a sign in front of a store which read, "Merry Christmas". Stepped inside and saw a large decorated Christmas tree. The next day, something new had been added to the sign -"Only 16 more shopping days before Christmas". That particular store was bidding for the GI trade and carried an elaborate display of expensive souvenirs. Also had an interpreter present to help. Al is afraid he will be in Japan for some time as he hasn't enough points and only 2 children.

Sgt. Pete Girondo, Hq. Co. 389th Infantry, AP098, broke a long silence with a nice message on his Greeting card. He had been in the Hawaiians for a long time and recently went to Osaka, Japan, with the 98th Division. The card was very good looking - especially made up for the Division. Pete wrote, "Xmas is just around the corner and I'll miss the good old home town and folks, especially this Xmas. I won't be as merry as I would like to be, but I'll be happy for more reasons than one. - First of all, because there's something about the Xmas spirit that makes one happy; second, because this Xmas finds the world at Peace, and third; because with God's help it'll be the last Xmas most of us boys will have to spend away from home. To the hometown buddies who are now home and still abroad, I send my sincerest regards. I hope to meet them in good old Ambler, USA, by early Spring." Word has just been received that Pete is on his way Stateside.

Ralph E. Vandergrift, CM2/c, c/o Small Boat Repair, U.S. Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Albany, #6, Cal. He has charge of the Tool Room and likes the work. His buddy from Philadelphia is working with him. Ralph expects to be home some time in February and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

#54, <u>J. Robert Meyers</u>, MoMM3/c, reports a new address: ATB - SLCU-#54, <u>Coronado</u>, San Diego, 55, Calif. <u>J. Robert Simpson</u> reports his discharge from the Naval Air

J. Robert Simpson reports his discharge from the Naval Air Service. He is returning to his job at the Brown Instrument Co. He and his wife, and baby daughter are living in Wyncote temporarilyand house hunting. He says, - "If you have room - pass my regards on to all the fellows waiting to get out and tell them that I hope they'll all get home in the near future."

Lt. Walter C. Sobers, Co. A. 799th MPBn., APO 75, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif. Walt has reached Manila, and reports - "The city looks like a moth eaten suit. All the government buildings were pulverized, as well as the big houses. We are living at the University of the Philippines - no windows or doors. We had to put the roof and floor in our building. We have running water here, too whenever it rains. As you can see from the address, we are the law in southern Manila. I have patroled this place so much, I know it better than the Flips. I actually got a Filippino lost here in his home town last week. The big deal here is joing out with the vice squad. Just about every house has stolen GI equipment. Two million dollars worth of equipment has been stolen here in Manila and the MP's have recovered half of it. Last week we recovered a small arsenal -2 machine guns, a dozen carbines, and half a dozen pistols. The communists pop away every once in awhile in northern Luzon and it looks as though they are moving south. Then it's time for me to move, too. Remind the fellows that if they ever need a traffic ticket fixed, here is the place. Last week we traded a typewriter for a ticket, another time it was 3 French phones. We are not corrupt just cooperative." Walt had been trying to locate some one from Ambler. So far, no success. Reached Don Meng's outfit 2 weeks after. it left for Japan . -- Just heard that Walt spent his Christmas in the 4th Gen'l. Hospital, losing his appendix. Reports that it is a "very neat job" and only required "four stitches to button it up."

<u>T/3 Hugh M. Bullard</u> reports a new address: 3198th Signal Service Bn., APO 290, c/o PM, New York, N.Y. He is now in Snanghai, China. Writes - "In case you are wondering about Shanghai, it sure is a wonderful place to be - much better in a lot of respects than most of the Stateside Army Camps."

S/Sgt. Harry E. Wood, Det. #1, 32nd A.A.A. Brig., APO 932, Leyte, P.I. Located Charles Willox and found him "in the supply room as usual, taking care of the boys, in the line of supplies." Said they had "quite a chat about Ambler". Harry expected his outfit to move to the 97th F.A. and then expected to locate George Linde. Also reports that all troops are starting to move from Leyte, so it shouldn't be long before they will all be home again. Harry says they haven't been doing much - just taking it easy. Afternoons off and ice cream served between 2 and 3. He has been running the movies and they have pictures every night.

Pvt. Albert D'Elia, 3779 Q.M. Truck Co., APO 75, Manila, P.I., says he is "feeling fine". "Birdie" is working in a trucking cutfit and asks us to "Please say hello to all of my buddies".

Robert H. Davies, A.M.M. 1/c reported to Coronado Heights Annex, Naval Air Station, San Diego, 35, Calif.when he reached the West Coast, after spending a 30 day leave at home. He was then moved from Coronado to North Island, San Diego, and is assigned to C.A.S.U. #5, his address being c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. Bob spent Christmas in Van Nuys, Cal., with the parents of a former shipmate. Just heard that Bob Davies and Bob Meyers got together one night at Coronado had dinner together and a grand talk about Ambler.

Ambler, <u>T/3 Geraldine R. Spears</u>, WAC Det. O'Reilly Gen'l. Hospital, Springfield, Mo., did not get home for the Holidays. Said they almost had a "White Christmas", but the snow quickly disappeared and left a thin sheet of ice, bad for traveling. Gerry shares a room with two girls. To make the room more home like, the girls papered the walls, painted the wood work and put up frilly curtains (Boys, please take note): Then, as their Christmas cards came in, they tacked the cards all over the walls, giving the room a real Holiday appearance. Gerry recently received the T/3 rating - congratulations. Says this is as far as she can go and is "looking forward to Christmas 1946, for I shall be home and a civilian by then."

Cpl. Nicholas Palermo, Det "A", Hq. & Hq. Sq., USAFE (Rear), APO 413. Writes - "Have been stationed in London since leaving Salisbury in June. We are now billeted in 'Montagu Square' after 6 months in 'Norfolk Crescent'. Montagu Square is located near the heart of London, near Marble Arch. Nearby can be found the Columbia and Mostyn Red Cross. Hope some of the boys from Ambler would drop around when on pass or furlough. Don't know when I will hit civvy street but I hope it's soon. Finished my third year in October, now

heading towards my fourth." <u>T/5 Carlton L. Myers</u>, 124th Gen'l. Hospital, APO 777, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y., is in Salzburg, Austria. Carlton continues his duties as Assistant to the Chaplain and Organist for services.

Pfc. Edgar A. King is at Calas, France, which is about 12 miles from Marseille. His address is Co. B. Car Plt., 1st S/A Bn. APO 772. In December, convoys of trucks were being run up to Pilsen, and Edgar was glad to go with them. On a return trip, his truck broke down and he spent Christmas in Nurnberg. Said the German people there were singing the familiar Christmas carols.

We wish to acknowledge Greetings from the following who are away in Service:

S/Sgt. Harry E. Wood, Leyte, P.I.; Robert W. Gerhart, A.M. 3/c, Blimp Service, Africa; Robert E. Kriebel, HAl/c, Coco Solo, Canal Zone; J. Harry Cullingford, RM3/c, U.S.S. Estes, Whangpo River, China; Pfc. Earnie L. Smith, 11th Airborne Division Hqs., Camp Loeper, Sendai, Japan; T/Sgt. Walter J. Wyrostek, Tilton General Hospital, Ward 23, Fort Dix, N.J.; William R. Landes, S2/c, Seaman Guard, Bldg. 626, . Bainbridge, Md.; Major & Mrs. John E. Stewart, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Pfc. Alvin Neigut, Fort Ord. Cal.; M/Sgt. & Mrs. Harry L. Hutchison, Jr., Camp Blanding, Fla.; Cpl. Richard Cragg, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Sgt. Pete Girondo, Osaka, Japan; Cpl. Frank T. Fertsch, Greensboro, N.C.; Mary Dickinson, Y2/c, Arlington Farms, Va.; J. Gordon Jervis, GM3/c U.S.S. Bennion - in port; Pvt. Thomas J. Elder, West Point; Robert J. Broughton, AMMF3/c, U.S.Naval Hospital, Corona, Cal.; T/5 Margaret Maxwell, Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; Lt.(j.g.) John Wm. Ditter, Jr., U.S.S. Amycus (ARL2), Pacific Fleet.; Sgt. Harley Smith, who says, "I think I'm just about out now."; Cpl. Nicholas Palermo, London, England; Lt. Donald Meng, Tokyo, Japan;

Also, we received Greetings for the Holiday Season from the

following who are home and out of Service: Bill Lunn; Ruth & Hugh Sivell; Bill Pierson; Bob Compton; Sam Dailey; William Taylor; Roscoe L. Smith, Jr.; Dick Schuler; Wilbert H. Landes; Ray Gear; Donald Gerhart.

Church News

The Couples Club held their Christmas party the Friday after Christmas in the Primary room of the Sunday School. We had to find a big place to hold it because the group is growing. There were 44 present.

The meeting opened with caroling and then a little fat man appeared with a record player and records and he turned out to be a square dance caller.

After he got started the fun began. He showed us how to do the

different dances and such activity you never saw. The place really jumped.

After refreshments were served we all wandered wearily home to bed and needless to say got up the next morning a little stiff. Gee what you have to look forward to:

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society had a bowling party on January 5 at the Green Tree Bowling Alley. They also had another bowling party the following Saturday, January 12, at the Stenton Bowling Alley and everyone had a grand time.

The Sunday evening before Christmas the Society went caroling around Ambler and later met at the home of Ruth Towne for refreshments at which time 10¢ gifts were **exchanged.**.

Leaders at our Sunday Worships were Lillian Leslie, Barbara Garner, Ruth Towne and Dorothy Umstead.

Reverend Dunsmore's message:

Perhaps some of you have seen the words carved on the stone arches over the three doorways into Milan Cathedral. The first arch bears a garland of roses and the sentence: "All that which pleases is but for a moment"; the second arch has a cross and the words:"All that which troubles is but for a moment"; while the middle archway reads: "Only that is important which is eternal". We ask ourselves as we begin a new year if the things in which we are most interested are those that are eternal, and we hear Jesus' words coming to us as they came to Peter long ago - "Lovest thou Me more than these?" In 1946 let us resolve to yield our first loyalties to Him - make every desire Christ centered!

> "Grant me in this New Year, dear Lord, Clear vision that I may act and say Only helpful, hopeful words To those who go my way.

Grant me in this New Year, dear Lord, A freedom from envy, hate, and sin, That I may help to usher on My neighbor and my kin.

May I make a bit of heaven, Lord, in My part of this, Thy sphere, That comrades dear may really feel 'Tis good that I am here."

-L.B.Neale

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

354 Lindenwold Ave., Ambler, Pa. Feb. 14, 1946.

Dear

Feb. 2nd - good old American Ground Hog Day. It was bright and sunny, so the little pest saw his shadow and that means 6 weeks more of winter. Before the end of the day, we had bright sun, high winds (like March) and snow flurries. Since then, Spring has been trying to break out. Last Sunday, Feb. 10th, we had a beautiful day hereand Washington, D.C. and Atlantic City had a snow storm. The radio said 4 or 5 inches.

The K. &.M. plant still on strike since Jan. 2nd. That's all we can tell you about it.

No doubt you hear of all the strikes all over this good old U. S. of ours. It is probably part of all the unrest in the world. It's like a big pond of water. Someone heaves a rock into it, and the whole surface is disturbed. After a time, the waves and ripples subside and the surface becomes smooth and calm once more. We hope and pray our world will do likewise.

A War Trophy Exhibit was held in the Ambler Public Library from Feb. 1st to 9th. The exhibits were loaned by returned service men and their families. They were attractively displayed under plastic gun turrets, loaned by the Evening Bulletin. There were battlefield trophies, such as guns, daggers, swords and knives; all sorts of medals; uniforms; battle flags--especially a Japanese one autographed with many familiar names. Several German maps of English towns and countryside. From the Pacific--grass skirts and slippers; shell jewelry; kimonas from Korea, Japan and Philippines. All corts of money. Objects of Art from Mexico and France. Guess we had better stop here. It was a good Exhibit and very interesting.

Howard Johnson's is <u>packed</u> every night. You can be sure to see all the latest returned Vets, plus those who have been home for some time; the girl friends of all ages; and even some of the old folks cluttering up the place.

Ambler High's Basketball Team is playing a full schedule this winter, and so far has won only 2 games.

Jan.	15	- away	- Jenkintown	32	Ambler	20
**	18	77	Doylestown	27	11	23
**	22	11	Souderton	46	**	39
Feb:	1	41	Lansdale	49	17	33
**	5	Home	Quakertown	35	11	34
**	18	away	Hatboro	26	**	31
	12	Home	Sell-Perk	35 .	11	22

The game on Feb. 5th with Quakertown - 35; Ambler - 34, was exciting. Two extra periods were played to decide the game.

Feb. 8th was Ambler's second winning game. Ambler 31 over Hatboro's 26. Beat Hatboro twice.

On Feb. 12th Springfield led the Buxmont League with 10 wins and 1 loss. Sell-Perk is second with 10 wins and 2 losses. Jenkintown is third; then Lansdale, Quakertown and Souderton, Ambler and Hatboro have each won 2 and lost 10. Stand just ahead of Doylestown in last place with 1 win and 11 losses.

On the other hand, the Girl's Basketball Team is making a wonderful record. Played 7 games; lost 1 game to Abington; tied Cheltenham and won 5 games. Played Springfield Feb. 12th. Ambler 33 Springfield 20. Nancy Morgan is Captain.

Mr. Alexander James Willox passed away very suddenly on Jan. 19th. He had a heart condition and was sick only a few weeks. We are all very sorry, as he was liked by everyone. He served in World War I; was former Commander and Adjutant of Downs-Amey Post of the American Legion; a member of the Houston Drum and Bugle Corps of Germantown; also had served as a member of the Ambler Police Force four years.

Wilbert Landes has been appointed Assessor for the Borough of Ambler, and will cover all three Wards.

Dick Amey, Ray Gear, Charlie Flannagan and Gerry Davis met d and Norman Olsen. The boys traveled up to Bennington, Va. Arnold and Norman Olsen. for a weekend of skiing.

Robert Leon Lowe, Penllyn, and Ellis William Dean, were recently inducted into Service.

Ed Halligan was in Abington Hospital for an appendectomy.

Josh Thompson was recently discharged from the Army. He hopes to be a doctor and returned to Lincoln College, where he is starting his Junior year in Pre-medical.

Don Gerhart has returned to PMC to finish his interrupted education.

Russell Benigno went to the Custom House in Phila. and took the Form 1900 examinations and has been recommended for a Course in Music at the West Chester Teacher's College. He expects to enter very soon.

Stateside:

F/O Bill Hamilton expects to be stationed at Craig Field, Selma, Ala., for 2 or 3 more months.

Pvt. Dominick Pistelli is now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. William G. Kalb, C.M.3/c is home on a 30 day leave.

Sgt. Bob Kern and 1st Sgt. Harry Dickinson are enroute to the States from India. They met in Calcutta just before sailing. Harry has charge of the Penna. boys for the trip. Harry has been in the Army 4 yrs. and was sent to all parts of the world as a replacement. Bob has been in service nearly 3 yrs. with 14 mns. in India.

Lt. David K. Hellings, Jr., of the U.S.S. St. Croix, Pacific Fleet, was home on leave.

Robert H. Davies, AMM1/c on duty at CASU #5, North Island, San Diego, Cal., was able to find attractive accommodations at 3620 Herbert St. His wife, Mary, has gone out to be with him.

Willis LeRoy Davies, S2/c has returned to his ship, U.S.S. Montpelier, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, after enjoying 30 days at home. Cpl. Frank Thomas returned from Japan and taking his 90-day furlough in Ambler. Has re-enlisted for 3 years and expects to go to Germany.

Richard G. Tompkins served aboard the Merchant Ship "Western Sun" during the war. He saw duty in the Atlantic, and later in the Pacific. Returned to the States in November, and is now on coastwise duty to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Edmund G. Roberts, S1/c, served with the 134th NCB in the Pacific. Now at home for 30 days.

Pvt. LeRoy Jones is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., with Hdqs. Co., ASFTC.

Robert B. Stevens, MoMM3/c went to Shoemaker, Cal., for assignment after enjoying a 30-day leave at home. Has 12 years to serve. Bob saw action in the Pacific with the PT boats.

Robert W. Gerhart, AM3/c reported to Lakehurst, N.J., after enjoying 30 days at home.

Robert Flury returned from service in India, and has re-enlisted for 3 years. While in Ambler, he is back at his old job at Howard Johnson's.

Pvt. Jimmy Allen, U.S. Marine Corps, finished his boot training at Parris Island, S.C., and is now at Cherry Point, N.C., for some special training. Gets home for a weekend now and then.

S/Sgt. George Camburn who recently returned from India, made the trip around the world. When he went out, he went by way of the Atlantic, across Africa and so on to India. Returned by ship from Calcutta, across the Pacific and landed at Seattle, Washington. Across the U.S. by train to Indiantown Cap, and so home as a civilian.

Pfc. Bill Pugliese recently left the States, headed for Germany. He had been at Greensboro, N.C., with an Army Air Force Base Unit waiting assignment.

Vincent James Ferla, S2/c, recently returned to States for 30day leave after Pacific duty aboard U.S.S. LC1 (L)1027. The ship came to Philadelphia Naval Base and Vincent is waiting assignment. In the meantime, he gets home now and then.

Theodore Williams, Sl/c returned from Pacific duty, enjoyed 30 days in Ambler, reported to Phila. Naval Base and was sent to California for duty.

News from 2 Navy boys - Dave Walbert at Bainbridge, Md. and Charlie Ulmer on duty at Naval Hospital in Phila.

Engagements

Miss Antoinette DeEario, Glenside, to Mr. John Troster. Miss Lillian Ruth Deno, to Mr. LeRoy Smith, Prospectville.

Miss Connie Gulliver, Bay Du Vin, New Brunswick, Canada, to Mr. George Gordon M. Charlton, Jr. Miss Gulliver served in the Women's Division of the Canadian Army. Gordon was stationed in New Foundland for 8 months.

Marriages

Miss Ruth B. Scherff and Thomas H: Gibbs, at Elkton, Md. Miss Irma Bilger Umstead and William K. Mears, in Ambler Presbyterian Church, Jan. 19th.

Miss Mary Jane Niblock and George J. Kern, at residence of Rev. Geo. J. Crist, Elliger Park, Fort Washington.

Miss Irene Ruth Lee, Penllyn, and Thaddeus W. Smith, Jr., San Antonio, Texas, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Penllyn.

Births:

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar D. Eckfeldt, a son - name, John Howard.

Canal Zone

Congratulations to <u>Bob Kriebel</u>; made his PhM3/c rate. He is at the U.S.Naval Station at Coco Solo and hopes to be in Ambler for a "promised" leave. At Christmas time, they had a tree and Bob thought it would be nice if the tree had some lights. So they "requisitioned" some wire and 40 W bulbs. The result was very gratifying.

Pacific:

Ensign John Holz has arrived in the Philippines and is stationed at Cavite, near Manila.

Ensign Franklin P. Wright is aboard coastal patrol gun boat, U.S.S. PGI-30, on Pacific duty.

Congratulations to <u>Al Hurst</u>. On Christmas Eve, he was made a Corporal, and on Jan. 18th, he was a Sergeant. A coincidence, Jan. 18th is the birthday of his daughter, Lynne. Al is with the Finance Section of Hdqs. of the 25th Division. He was at Nagoya, but the whole Division has been moved to Osaka, Japan.

Congratulations to Calvin Ashton. He is now a Staff Sergeant. Still on Palowan.

Lt. Walter C. Sobers has a new address in Manila - Co. A, 738 M.P. Bn., APO 75. While Walt was in the Hospital having his appendix removed, his old outfit moved out for the U.S. Tough break for Walt.

Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., sends word that only 120 fellows are left on Eniwetok. Jimmy's job is with the operation of the Radar Station.

Pfc. Ray Lane was on Eniwetok with Jimmy, but he has gone back to Guam.

Sgt. Fughsley Lane returned from Pacific duty and is receiving treatment at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

ETO:

Pvt. Dawson W. Deck is working with Hdqs. Command, 1 G. Farben Bldg., Frankfurt, Germany.

Sct. Lambert N. West was at the Staging Area near Marseilles, France, and re-enlisted for 3 years. Has decided to take his 90 day furlough later.

T/5 Thurman M. Wright's address is Co. F, 33rd Engrs. SS Rest., APO 175.

Congratulations to George Parry Wiess. He is now a First Sergeant and stationed at Basel, Switzerland. Parry reports comfortable living quarters as he is at the Hotel Metropole.

Sgt. Richard D. Hoyt was stationed at Nellingen, Germany, where the Army has established a School of Technical Training for the boys in the Occupation Forces. Dick is now at the University, Fribourg, Switzerland, taking an 8 week Academic Course which runs from Jan. 21st to March 16th.

Henry C. Deens is still in Nurnberg. He and five other fellows are guarding a fuel pile. His address is Co. D., 26th Inf. APO 1. Discharges:

J. Harry Cullingford; RM3/c Navy 2 yrs. Served with Pacific Fleet aboard the U.S.S.Estes (AGC12).

S/Sgt. E. Allen Buzby, Army Air Forces Communication System, 31 mns. Served overseas 23 mns. Based near Calcutta, India. Cpl. Theodore W. Dailey, Army, about 2½ yrs. Served in

Cpl. Theodore W. Dailey, Army, about 22 yrs. Served in Hawaiian Islands with 154th Ordnance Co., MAM about 12 years. Last months, stationed on Okinawa.

Lt. Terence P. Cassidy, Naval Air Force, 4 years. Pilot on PV Ventura bombers in action over the Solomons and Bougainville. All service in Pacific.

T/5 Harry Wood, Jr., Army 31 mns. Served 30 mns. in South Pacific - in Solomons 13 mns. Saw action on Bougainville, Manila and Luzon.

T/5 Harold J. Naudasher, Army 2 yrs. 6 mns. Overseas, ETO, 23 mns., with Co. E, 531 Engineer Shore Regt. Action in Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe.

T/5 Crawford F. Maxson, Army, 6 mns. Served at Indiantown Gap. Pa., as instructor in cooking and baking.

Gap, Pa., as instructor in cooking and baking. <u>T/5 Salvatore Bonfiglio</u>, Army Overseas with Btry A, 127th AA Gun Bn., APO 339.

Sgt. Warren S. Fleck, Army, 30 mns. Overseas about 2 yrs., Australia, Netherlands, Indies, Philippines and Japan. Served with 340th Engineers Construction Bn.

M/Sgt. H.L. Hutchison, Jr., Army, 3 yrs. 0 mns. Served in States - Camp Blanding, Fla. <u>Pfc. Walter (Steve) Jones</u>, Army, 28mns. Overseas, 19 mns.,

Pfc. Walter (Steve) Jones, Army, 28mns. Overseas, 19 mns., Pacific - New Guinea, Philippines and Japan with 97th Malaria Control Unit.

Sydney C. Buchanan, CM1/c Navy 4 yrs. with Ship Repair Unit in Pacific.

Pvt. Carlin I. Taney, Army, 1 yr. Overseas, 5 mns., in Philippines.

Daniel J. Stone, Sl/c G.M., Navy. Trained for Amphibious action at Fort Pierce Fla. Assigned to U.S.S. Walter X. Young APD-131, Atlantic Fleet and later on Pacific duty.

Sgt. Herbert J. Luxton, Jr., Army, 35 months. Overseas, 22 mns., New Guinea and Leyte, Philippines, with 915th Ordnance.

S/Sgt. Richard A. Harris, Army, 3 yrs. Overseas about 12 yrs., Pacific. Served with Army Intelligence - 1 year on Pelelieu under Marine Corps command.

Cpl. Dawson Rae Collins, Army, 3½ yrs. Served overseas in Hawaii with 48th A.A.A. Brigade.

Cpl. Joseph O. Rosenberger, Army, overseas in ETO with 26th Regulating Station.

Pfc. Herman L. Ashton, Army 31 mns. Overseas, 26 mns., in ETO with H/S Co., 377th Engrs. General Service Regt.

Pfc. Gordon Dudley Deck, Army, about 3 years. Overseas, ETO, 112 mns. Served with 104th Division. Returned to States in July, 1945, and was assigned to N/E Staging Area, Tacoma, Wash., until discharge. Capt. Earl R. Matson, Army, 4 yrs. Stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Aug. 1945, shipped to Cebu, Philippines - served 6 mns.

Sgt. Earl Henry, Army. 42 yrs. Overseas, 2 yrs., south Pacific. Joseph A. Gear, MM3/c, Navy C.B., 30 mns. Overseas Pacific, 19mns. Cpl. William T. Weir, Army, 3 yrs. Overseas 16 mns., in ETO. Served with 84th Reconnaissance Troop of 9th Army. Before returning

Served with 84th Reconnaissance Troop of 9th Army. Before returning to States attended Northern Polytechnic Institute in London, for 3 months.

J. Robert Meyers, MoMM3/c, Navy, about 22 years. Overseas with Pacific Fleet aboard U.S.S. Marvel (AM262).

Lt. Jules Bell, Army Air Force, 42 yrs. Overseas, 18 mns., in India, with 61st Service Gp.

S/Sgt. Francis B. Harper, Army Air Forces, 38mns. Overseas 20 mns., Africa and Italy.

Pfc. Franklin Bohner Smith, Army, 12 yrs. Overseas, 1 yr., in ETO with 1st QM Co., in 1st Army.

Cpl. Richard Cragg, Army, 38 mns. Overseas in ETO with Div. Hdqs. Co., 13th Airborne.

Donald Paul Roberts MoMMI/c, Navy. Overseas in Pacific -Australia and Philippines.

Cpl. J. Robert Lutz, Army, about 3½ years. Overseas, 2 yrs. in ETO with 102nd Division.

S/Sgt. George Camburn, Army Air Forces, 3 yrs. Overseas, 2 yrs. in India with Air Transport Command.

in India with Air Transport Command. Lt. George W. Sandiford, U.S. Marine Corps, 49 mns. Overseas, almost 2 yrs. in Pacific with 6th Marines. Action on Saipan and Okinawa. Has entered University of Buffalo for course in Dentistry.

Ralph E. Vandegrift, CM2/c, Naval Repair Unit, about 2 yrs. Was based at Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, c/o Small Boat Repair, Albany, Calif.

Sgt. Gilda Dragani, MAC, 2 yrs. 4 mns. Stationed at South Post, Fort Myer, Va., with Service Unit.

Paul Ferla, Mus. 2/c, Navy, about 3 yrs. Played with Station Band at Bainbridge, Md. Later assigned to Bank aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota. Pacific duty, about l_{z}^{1} yrs.

J. Gordon Jervis, GM3/c, Navy 3 yrs. 4 mns. 24 mns. sea duty -2 mns. in Atlantic and 22 mns. in Pacific, aboard the U.S.S. Bennion DD 662.

Pfc. George Williams, served overseas in Pacific for 2 yrs. Mary Dickinson, Y2/c, Navy, about 3 yrs. Served with Waves at Arlington Farms, Va.

Other discharges:

T/Sgt. Howard J. Burrell; S/Sgt. Edward L. Jensen; Cpl. Stanley Miller; Vincent J. Zaffarano; T/5 James S. Curran; Sgt. Mickey J. Krisan; Pvt. Harry L. Reimel; T/5 Courtland C. Ross; Pvt. Dominic F. Giuliano; Joseph A. Caputo; Lt. John D. Dickinson; Carl A. Morgan EM3/c; Pvt. John A. Hackett; Cpl. Maceo Malone; T/5 Louis G. Antonacio; T/3 Roy V. Mitsch; Pfc. Anthony J. Donato; Ffc. Glenn Whitfield; Pvt. Anthony Ricciardi; Pfc. Norton D. Wisser; Cpl. Arthur A. Malander; Pfc. Herman A. Balestrieri; Pvt. Anthony J. D'Elia; Pfc. Daniel W. Ford; T/4 Albert M. Johnson; S/Sgt. Ray Cavalier; Robert L. Pierce, MM1/c.

Sports News:

Misc.

Byron Nelson, with 283 for 72 holes, wins San Francisco open Golf Tournament, on Jan. 13th. Herman Barron of White Plains, N.Y. was 2nd with 292. Ben Hogan 293. Jug McSpaden and Sammy Snead trailed. Jim Ferrier who finished with 298 made two holes in one stroke each, a feat never before accomplished in a tournament. Joe Louis, Billy Conn fight for world's heavy-weight championship has been set for June 19th, in New York at Yankee Stadium. Toney Penna on Jan. 20th wins Richmond, Calif. open with 280 for 72 holes. Hogan, Byrd and Fry tie for 2nd with 281. Nelson did not compete.

Penn's football schedule for 1946. Oct. 5th, Lafayette. Nov. 12th, Dartmouth. Oct. 19, Virginia. October 26th, Navy. Nov. 2nd Princeton. Nov. 9th, Columbia. Nov. 16th Army. Nov. 28th, Cornell. All games at home except Columbia: Capt. Tom Hamilton will coach Navy this year. He succeeds (Swede) Hagberg. Hamilton formerly had the job about 10 years ago.

Roy Hughes, shortstop, purchased by Phils from Cubs. He played 6 games in 1945 World Series, Phils buy Jim Tabor, slugging 3rd baseman from Boston Red Sox.

A super 12 million dollar indoor sports arena to be built at 46th and Market Sts.

Leslie MacMitchell former N.Y.U. star, ran his first race, after 3 years in Navy. He won the mile race. Time 4 min. 14.1 sec. The meet was held at Convention Hall Jan. 25 sponsored by Phila. Inquirer. Jan. 27 - Hogan & Keiser tie with 273 in Phoenix open Gold Tournament. In playoff, Hogan made a 68 for the 18 holes, Keiser 70.

Bill Dickey, back from Navy at age of 38, says he expects to continue where he left off in 1943, as No. 1 catcher for Yankees. Major League baseball seasons to open April 16. Phils will

play at N.Y. and Boston will play the A's in Shibe Park.

Feb. 2nd Leslie MacMitchell wins mile run in 4.19. His 2nd victory within a week after 3 yrs. in the Navy.

Phils. buy Pitcher Jurisich a big fast ball man, young and promising. Phils also bought a slugging outrielder, John Wyrostek, both from Cardinals. Phils had to bid high for these men. They are building a ball club for Fhila.

Leslie MacMitchell wins mile run. It was the feature event of Boston A.A. meet of Feb. 9th. This is 3rd time in as many weeks that MacMitchell has taken 1st place in the mile run. Time 4:13.6.

Ben Hogan wins Texas open Golf Tournament with 264 for 72 holes. Sam Byrd next with 270. Byron Nelson, 3rd with 273.

Basketball

Valley Forge General Hospital wins 12th game of season, defeating Villanova 66 to 42, on Jan. 14th,

Jan, 16th - Army made highest score in 44 years of competition defeating Univ. of Penn. 95 to 61. Villanova 75, England Hospital 40; Navy 44, Maryland 35; W. Va: 48 Penn State 45; Rutgers 63, Lehigh 45; Harvard 39, Yale 37; Dickerson 41, Drexel 30; N.Y.U. 62, Cornell 46; Muhlenberg 59, Lafayette 48; Swarthmore 45, Haverford 27; Ursinus 63, Delaware 59.

Jan. 18th Valley Forge 56, Univ. of Scranton 40; Swarthmore 47, Delaware 36; Lehigh 69, Bucknell 44; Notre Dame 56, Great Lakes 54. Jan. 19th Muhlenberg 63, Bucknell 45; Penn 48, Columbia 41.

Temple loses in last 50 seconds of play to Syracuse 53 to 52. Temple's big boys were banished in latter part of game because of so many fouls. One of these Lerner, popped the referee on the chin as the game ended. Cornell 77, Princeton 34; Dartmouth 55, Army 53; Navy 53, G. Washington U. 42; Colgate 67, Penn State 51; Bainbridge 44, Camp Shelton 42; Dickerson 49, Drexel 31; Muhlenberg 63, Bucknell 45; Lafayette 57, LaSalle 49.

Bainbridge on Jan. 20th for 2nd day in succession defeats Camp Shelton, this time 66 to 41.

Jan. 22nd - Valley Forge 61, Camp Bradford 40.

Jan. 25th - Swarthmore 58, Drexel 24; Muhlenberg 87, Lehigh 44; Valley Forge 82, Moravian 47; Colgate 56, Villanova 45; F & M. 48, Ursinus 41.

Jan. 23rd - Muhlenberg 50, Penn 47; Navy 64, Fordam 22; Princeton 51, Army 48; Syracuse 63, Cornell 45; Valley Forge 53, Aberdeen 46.

Jan. 26th - Penn 55, St. Joseph's 54; St. Johns Univ. 57, Temple 54; Dartmouth 48, Cornell 44; Muhlenberg 87, F & M 34; Lafayette 59, Gettysburg 54; Army 78, R.P.I. 39; Navy 51, Duke 40; Penn State 47, Bucknell 28; Syracuse 44, Villanova 33; V. Forge 83, Fordam 33; Yale 50, Princeton 30.

Jan. 29th- Bainbridge 87, F. & M. 38.

Jan. 30th - Phila. Naval Base trims Penn for 27th win in a row Score 64 to 38. The Naval base boys have won 35 of 36 games played. Ursinus 50, Swarthmore 34; Muhlenberg 73, Lehigh 37; Gettysburg 46, Bucknell 37; Army 46, Penn State 45; Yale 58, Columbia 45; Princeton 44, Villanova 36; Cornell 64, Colgate 53; Valley Forge 64, Rider 54.

Jan. 31st - Holy Cross 53, Temple 47.

Feb. 2nd- Cornell 70, Penn 58; Dartmouth 49, Princeton 33; Temple 48, W. Virginia 42; Muhlenberg 45, Bucknell 39; Gettysburg 61, Lehigh 40; Bainbridge 77, Villanova 55; Navy 62, Columbia 41; Penn State 48, Pitt 37; Yale 67, Army 45; Swarthmore 45, Drexel 37.

Feb. 3rd - Great Lakes N.T.S. defeats Univ. of Detroit 66 to 43.Feb. 4th - Del. Univ. 43, Drexel Tech. 35; W. Va. 69, Lehigh 52.Feb. 5th - Great Lakes 66, Marquette 61; Ursinus 49, Susquehanna 28.Feb. 6th - Swarthmore 43, Haverford 35; P.M.C. 36, Drexel 30;

Feb. 6th - Swarthmore 43, Haverford 35; P.M.C. 36, Drexel 30; Muhlenberg 67, Gettysburg 44; Muhlenberg leads the Northern Div. of Middle Atlantic League with 6 won 0 lost. Annapolis 34, Penn State 33; Penn 58, Phila. Coast Guard 37; Columbia 48, Lafayette 46; Yale 46, Princeton 34.

Feb. 9th- Ursinus 56, Haverford 40; Bucknell 44, Gettysburg 36; Lafayette 66, Niagara 41; Penn 51, Princeton 46; Dartmouth 56, Cornell 53; Penn State 46, Colgate 44; Yale 58, Holy Cross 45; Army 57, Columbia 56; Temple 64, Duke 38.

<u>Feb. 11</u> - Temple 55, St. Johns 51; Great Lakes 59, Michigan State 58; Feb. 12 - Ursinus 64, Moravian 50. Feb. 13 - Columbia 60, Penn 56; Lafayette 47, Muhlenberg 45; Rutgers 67, Haverford 30; Annapolis 47. Kings Point 45; Gettysburg 59, F. & M. 25; Villanova 42, Manhattan 40; Dickerson 44, Lebanon Valley 43; W. Va. 61, Pitt 41; Phila. Maval Hosp. 71, LaSalle 69. This took overtime period to decide. In the Eastern Intercollegiate League Dartmouth leads with 6 won 1 lost. Cornell 2nd with 6 and 2. Penn 3rd with 4 won 4 lost Columbia next with 3 won 4 lost. Princeton last having lost all 8 games played.

SHORT STORY DEPARTMENT

Season's Greetings, Our favorite valentine story is about a six-year-old California lad who was much impressed by the storewindow displays of lacy cards with pink, plump Cupids on them. On February 14 he went to school and handed an envelope to his pretty, young teacher. "Here's a valentine for you, Miss Smith," he said gallantly. "I paid a whole nickel for it." Miss Smith started to thank him, but fell to stammering when she saw the card inside. There was a pink, plump cherub all right, and underneath were the words: "Congratulations on your new baby."

Address unknown. Fame is a fleeting thing. It is reported that a cable sent to General Eisenhower in care of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces," was returned because of insufficient address," and a telegram to General MacArthur bounced back because it lacked "addressee's serial number and APO."

Very much at Sea. A New York minister invited a contingent of Coast Guard Women's Reserve stationed near his church to a Sunday evening service. Five hundred and fifty uniformed women marched in that night, settled down to hear a sermon on the life of Saint Paul. When the minister came to the shipwreck scene, he raised his arms dramatically and asked: "Have you ever considered how different the history of the world might now be had not Paul clung to a spar all night?" The SPARs say the minister still doesn't know why they all broke out into gales of laughter.

Strictly Off the Cob - A boss was upset because his new stenographer was late. Fuming, he said as she finally came in: "You should have been here at nine!" "Why?" she asked, "What happened?"

A somewhat drunk GI, haled before his superior officer, offered this excuse: "I got into bad company. I had a quart of whisky and my three buddies didn't drink."

In an American Army Hospital in Germany a list of the men to receive hypodermics was headed: "Targets for Tonight."

A dilapidated car wheezed up to the toll gate of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Its last drop of gas was gone and its worn out tires were almost flapping in the breeze. "Four-bits", demanded the bridge attendant briskly. "Sold!" exclaimed the two weary GIS.

With a grinding of brakes, an Army officer pulled up at the side of the road.

"Say, sonny," he called to a small boy standing nearby, "have you seen an airplane come down near here?"

"No, sir," declared the boy defensively, hiding his slingshot behind his back, "I've just been shooting at a bottle."

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dressler, and young Drew, called on Friday, Feb. 1st. They were around Ambler for a couple months. Andy is planning to go to California Tech, so they are returning to Long Beach, and will be "at home", at 1333 W. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach 6, Cal. Telephone - Long Beach 4-9227. They would be very happy to have callers. <u>Pvt. Douglas E. Brooks was home on a "delay enroute". He is with the Chemical Warfare Section and had been stationed at Terre Haute, Ind.</u> That base was closed and the men were brought to Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Doug has now been assigned to the Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah. Edward Wesley Kerns, SM3/c has been assigned to duty at the Naval Hospital in Phila, while waiting for his discharge. We had just written this, and in walked Wesley. The PTC strike was on in Phila. so he had "hitched" a ride home. Passed #354 and came in. Says he expects his discharge March 2nd.

Correspondence Column

Pompeo Dragani, Bkr. 3/c, 23rd N.C.B. Hdqs. Co., is stationed on Guam. He says "the Navy broke its heart" and gave him a rate. Made Sl/c and two weeks later, he was made a Baker 3/c. Pompy was always interested in baker's work and had some experience, so no doubt, he is very pleased with his assignment. We extend our congratulations. Pompeo sends his regards to all his old Pals.

Earnie Smith, promoted to Sergeant and has a change in address: 408th QM Co., 11th Airborne, APO 468. He remains at Camp Loeper, Sendai, Japan, and is now a Supply Sergeant. On Jan. 5th, Gen'l. MacArthur and Secy. of War Patterson drove by the 11th A/B. Earnie says it was "quite a parade." The day before, the 1st Sgt. and Earnie had packed a picnic basket and took off in a jeep. Toured the surrounding country. Said it was good to "get away from it all." Earnie sends the following Sports News: The 11th A/B has entrances in all the Olympics. To date - Jan. 5th - won the South West Pacific Football Championship. The Boxing Team won the preliminaries and went to Honolulu for the Olympics main bouts. Basketball team had beaten all opponents. Tennis, golf, swimming and badminton teams - are still practicing. "All in all, the 11th A/B Angels have done wonders," and Earnie is bursting with pride.

<u>Pvt. William (Jimmy) Linde</u>, Hdqs. Btry., 9th F.A., APO #3, is based at Budingen, Germany, about 20 miles north of Frankfurt. Jimmy has a jeep and drives for an S-2 Officer and a Chaplain. Says Budingen is an old town, with only one main street. Had a good Christmas and New Year, with regular Stateside dinners. At Christmas, the Red Cross gave each one a package and the outfit had a 4-day pass. Jimmy went to Frankfurt and took some pictures.

Pvt. Robert Gump, Co. E. M.D.E.T.S., Fitzsimons Gen'l. Hospital, Denver, 8, Col. Had a short leave at New Year's and made the long trip East to have 2 days at home. Robert has been doing a lot of traveling by train recently - covered 3500 miles in a few weeks - and says he doesn't like it too much - "trains are too slow!" Met a fellow at Fitzsimons who knew his brother Dick. When the fellow left to be discharged at Indiantown Gap, Robert says he "almost hid in his barracks bag!" Robert has quite a course ahead of him. Has 8 weeks at Medical Technician School; with Emergency Medical treatment; Nursing Procedure; Hygiene and Frevention of Disease; Anatomy and Physiology. Classes in these every morning and practical work 4 afternoons a week. After this course, there will be training in some Hospital for a month. Robert plans to ask for a Hospital in the East, but says - "You know the Army - I'll probably go farther West." Saw a USO show, called "Right About Rythym" and except for the MC who did some very good juggling, it wasn't too good. Adds a P.S. - "Food isn't as good as they told us it would be. Mountains are beautiful."

Cpl. Richard Cragg, Div. Hdqs. Co., 13th A/B Div., Fort Bragg, N.C., writes, "Well, the best news I have to say is something I have been waiting 38 months for. I'm now sweating out my discharge and very soon I'll be traveling north, only this time to stay for an indefinite spell. No more worrying about passes and being AWOL; no more army discipline; no more of that army chow. It really is hard to believe and to tell you the truth, I haven't come to the realization as yet." --Dick has his discharge and is home.

Benjamin B. Camburn, S2/c, aboard the U.S.S. Hamblen (APA 114) enroute to Seattle, Washington, from Okinawa. Spent Christmas aboard ship, one day out of Okinawa. Had quite a celebration: - 5 trees in their mess hall - one trimmed; a big dinner; music by a 3-man band; sang Christmas carols; saw the movie "And Now Tomorrow"; and received presents provided by the Red Cross. The Chaplain had made all the arrangements. Benny was in the States from Noy. 24 to Dec. 8th and met Paul Ferla in San Francisco.

<u>Opl. William L. Kilson</u>, 247th SHAAF BU, Sqd. "C", Salina, Kansas, writes, "I have been doing a little singing with our Squadron Orchestra and have been kept very busy. Already I have traveled some 800 miles by road and air, and I've only been here 3 weeks. That, I must say is pretty good for the Army - plus a regular duty assignment." His job is Orderly Room Clerk. Says anything would do for 3 months - he figures he has 3 more months to serve before he can call his life his own. While William was home for the Christmas holidays, he had a most enjoyable time meeting and greeting many of his old schoolmates. Many of the boys have been discharged and after talking things over with them and Tom Gibbs, our new policeman, all agreed - "Ambler is still the greatest place in the world." "To all my friends still in the Service, I say hello", from Buddy.

Robert Conaway 52/c (SK) U.S.S. Fiske (DD 842) - down in Cuba on maneuvers. Had been to Guantanamo Bay, Santiago and Haiti. Just listen to this, you fellows where there is snow and rain - while writing his letter to us, Bob was in his bathing suit, out on the fantail of the ship. He writes, "Yes, this does sound funny in the middle of January. It really is beautiful but nothing like the good U.S.A."

<u>William J. Gant, Cox.</u>, Camp Wise, Co. "G", N.S.C., Navy 4926. For the past 6 months, Bill has been stationed on Guam at the Naval Supply Center. His job is being commander of one of the seven companies in their camp. At the time of writing, he was in sick bay with a case of acute tonsilitis. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, spent 20 months at San Diego, and then shipped to Guam. Sends his best regards to all the other fellows.

<u>T/Sgt</u> Walter J. Wyrostek, Tilton Gen'l. Hospital, Ward #28, Fort Dix, N. J., writes, "I'm getting along fine, with my leg in traction at present; although sort of restricted to the bed." He hopes to be up again in a few weeks and perhaps we shall see him around Ambler then.

William (Dick) Landes, S2/c, U.S.N.T.C., Bainbridge, Md., writes, "Well, I'm still on the old job and still carrying out orders." He's hoping to get a 5-day leave sometime in February and figures he will get his discharge in April. Pvt. Thomas J. Elder, Eng. Det., U.S.M.A., West Point, N.Y. writes that at the present time he is assigned to the Engineer Paint Shop, where they do all sorts of spray, brush and stencil painting of equipment and ordnance. Tom finds life very pleasant and interesting at the "Point". Lots of athletic contests to watch. George Miller is a Cadet up there, and Tom had to come home to Ambler and go to a party at Gloria Simpson's to see him. However, Tom is going to look George up as he would like to watch George fence.

Senior Christian Endeavor Society

Speakers at the Sunday evening meetings for January and February were: Ruth Nice - "The Atom Bomb", Dorothy Umstead - "Should the Movies Go to Church?", Mr. James H. Little, guest speaker - "The Prodigal Son", and Dick Schuler - "My Job in the Post-War World."

On February 6 the Society held a business meeting at the home of Ruth Nice.

Youth Sunday Service

January 27 was National Youth Sunday and at the Presbyterian Church the morning service was conducted by the young people of the church. Gloria Simpson had the Call to Worship, Bill Little, the morning Prayer, Betty Marple, the Scriptures.

The Intermediate Girls Choir and the Junior Choir each rendered an anthem and solists in the Junior Choir were Lois Emerick and June Lindsley. Lillian Leslie sang a solo, "Come to Me". The Service entitled, "The World I Want to Live In," was presented by four members of the Westminster Fellowship, Bill Little, Gloria Simpson, David Mottshaw and Betty Marple. Reverend Dunsmore closed the Service with the Benediction.

Couples Club

The Couples Club held a dinner meeting Jan. 25 at the Church. This meeting had to be held there because there were 60 people present. Imagine! The Club has grown from the original 20 to 60 and still more to join.

We welcomed at this meeting one of our former members back from the service and also some new returned service men and their wives. We hope that from now on at each meeting there will be at least one returned veteran with his wife.

After dinner Harold Worth gave an informative talk on Communications and some of the new developments in this line made by the Bell Telephone Co. He brought along some gadgets for us to play with and we had fun testing our voices, etc.

The Club will meet in Feb. at the Church again but more of that later.

Rev. Dunsmore's message:

Have you ever had questions in your mind as to whether or not there is a God? I think we all have them - at least some time in our lives. This month we remember two great men, Washington and Lincoln - men who believed in God and who tried to live as Christians. Each of them faced trials and great difficulties; they did so in the confidence that there was One who could help. God deserves our affirmations, not our questions. Facing the uncertainties of today we need to be able to say:

"O, God, I cannot do without Thee!

Where would I turn for life and strength and courage for the way?

I cannot fully understand Thee, for my finite mind does not stretch that far.

But Thou art "closer" to me "than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

And I have felt Thy love stirring in my heart.

When I have sinned, I have known Thy forgiveness;

When loved ones have gone, I have felt Thy assurance that we all can live with Thee eternally;

As I give myself to Thee, fears dissolve, doubts disappear, weakness changes to power;

And I unite myself with those of the past, of today, and of years to come, who in all confidence proclaim:

Yes, there is a God."

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

354 Lindenwold Ave., Ambler, Pa. March 14, 1946.

Dear

The minute we start this letter, we feel tempted to give you a weather report. And what weather we are having. Just the kind California likes to brag about. March came in as gentle as a lamb. We are having beautiful sunshine and balmy breezes. The robins are here and the trees and bushes are showing buds. Every day the radio and newspapers tell about the temperature records that have been broken. Today the official high temperature was 73 degrees. Just think of that - when back in 1888, on Mar. 12th, we had that famous blizzard your grandpappy talks about. You may recall that last month on Feb. 2nd the ground hog was supposed to see his shadow and that would bring us 6 more weeks of winter. Somebody made a mistake somewhere.

The strikes are being settled, slowly, one by one. So we hope K & M and the Union will come to some agreement before long. To date we have nothing to report.

Ambler High's Basketball Season closed with 3 wins to their credit.

Feb.	15	-	away	-	Springfield	46	Ambler	15	
Feb.	19	-	home	-	Jenkintown	49	Ambler	28	
Feb.	21	-	home	-	Doylestown	26	Ambler	25	
Feb.	26	-	home	-	Souderton	28	Ambler	33	,

The 3 winning games were 2 over Hatboro and the last game with Souderton.

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Wolff: F	28	22	78
Albertson, G	22	9	53
Garritt, C	14	14	42
Worth, G	9	10	28
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Mastromatto, F	45	ĥ	14
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Totals	105	90	300

The Girls' Basketball Team played 10 games. Won 8; tied 1 with Cheltenham; lost 1 to Abington.

The High School is planning to erect a concrete grandstand on the west side of the Athletic Field, as attendance at the games has increased.

The Ambler Chapter of the Nat'l. Honor Society held its eleventh annual induction of new members, Mar. 1st, in the Auditorium. The active members are: - Patricia Edmondson, President; Bernita Gross, Vice President; Sara Lindsley, Secy.; Rita Coia, Jean Good, Mary Lou Morris and Mary Jane Willox. Short talks were given: Character-Jean Good; Scholarship - Mary Jane Willox; Leadership - Mary Lou Morris; and Service - Bernita Gross. The Oath of Membership was jointly administered by Mr. Hugh Gehman, '38 President of the Society and the President, Patricia Edmondson. The new members are: William Albertson, Hathyrn Barth, Jean Breisch, Mildred Burrell, Jennie D'Elia, Jean Graham, Betty Marple, Catherine Minio, Molly Monaco, Anita Moore, Doris Pennington, Mary St. John, Martin Troster, and Marion Yost.

Mr. James Lauder has resigned as a faculty member. Has gone over to the Swarthmore School District.

Robert Parker and Herbert Williams are back from service and in the Senior Class at High School.

The Recreation Center continues in operation: Monday - K & M AA; Tuesday - Special Groups; Wednesday - Basketball; Thursday - proposed Volley Ball; Friday - Open House Dancing. The Saturday Night Dances have been transferred to the High School until further notice. Mr. James Meyers, Ambler High Coach, is the Supervisor.

February was a Red Letter month for the <u>Camburn</u> family. <u>George</u> came back from India and arrived home on <u>Feb. 12th</u>. <u>Bill</u> received his discharge and came home <u>Feb. 22nd</u>.

Chic Willox gave his mother a welcome surprise on her birthday, Feb. 22nd. He arrived home from the Philippines with his discharge in his pocket.

Friday, Mar. 8th - the first **Fri**day in Lent, was observed as World Day of Prayer by Protestant Churches all over the World. The Ambler meeting was held in the evening at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Rev. Thomas Atkinson, formerly of Lehighton, Pa., has been elected the new pastor of the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. He is to assume his new duties very soon.

Mr. R. B. Macomber, recently discharged from the Navy, has been appointed Chief of Athletic Division of Special Services, Veterans Administration. His office will be in Philadelphia.

The Downs-Amey Post 125, American Legion, has resumed its monthly social nights, which were discontinued during the war. They hold open house for all veterans, members or not.

The Friel-Jones-Casalenuovo Post #4640, Veterans of Foreign Wars recently held an election of officers:

Commander -Vice Commander -Jr. Vice Commander-Adjutant -Quartermaster -Chaplain -Judge Advocate-Surgeon-Officer of the DayAlbert Walters George Chiriano Walter Shaeff Garwood Howard James Ciliberto Frank Ferla Ralph Mascola Charles MacPhail Joseph Bruno Patriotic Historian -Historian -Trustee for 3 yrs.-Trustee for 2 yrs.-Trustee for 1 yr.-Legislative Officer-Qms. Sergeant-Sgt. Major - Charles Farrington Anthony Palodino Cornell Krisan Joseph Urban Gordon Charlton Ralph Schwager Harold Jensen Richard Cragg.

The Officers will be formally installed on Tuesday evening, April 2nd.

A Ladies Auxiliary has been organized and they are planning to handle the sale of Buddy poppies on Memorial Day.

The Gradin boys, Edward and Joseph, Jr. are home from Service and doing business with their father at the barber shop on Main St. Edward served in the Pacific - Guadalcanal, Tawara, Saipan and Tinianwith the Marines. Joe served with the Navy, aboard the Crusier " Aldrige", in the Atlantic and Pacific. Stateside:

Pfc. Jimmy Shelly is stationed at Ft. George G. Mead, Md., with Co. F, 3rd Cavalry Reconnaisance Sqd. (Mech.)

Alvin Neigut, Fort Ord, Calif., has been sight-seeing in Hollywood. Promoted to Sgt.

Bill Geddes dropped in Sunday morning, Mar. 3rd. He had just returned from the Pacific and had his discharge. Served 44 mns. in the Army Air Forces. Trained as an Air Cadet and received Pilot's wings. Was fortunate to be selected as an instructor for B-17 pilots and was stationed at Columbus, Ohio, for some time. With the development of the B-29, Bill was selected for Pilot training and went to Alamogorda, New Mexico. Seven months ago, he went out to the Pacific and was based on Tinian. As Pilot of a B-29, he flew 3 missions over Japan before VJ-Day. Has credit for one more mission, as he flew over the fleet, the day Peace was signed with Japan.

Walt Dummeldinger came home and was discharged about the end of February. He, too, has circled the world, mostly by air. Flew over to India by way of the Atlantic. From there, he flew to China, and so on to Kwajalein. The trip to the States from there was made by ship. After reaching the west coast, he flew east in 17 hrs. and received his discharge at Ft. George G. Mead, Md. Walt received Signal Corps. training and while in India, served with the 20th Air Force.

Charles E. Kepler, Jr., U.S.S. Montpelier, has been promoted to Fl/c. Charles and LeRoy Davies, S2/c are both stationed on the U.S.S. Montpelier which is in port in Brooklyn and get home almost every weekend. This coming weekend, the "Mighty Monty" will be host to a large group of boys from a Military School. We believe they are to go out on a cruise and you should hear "our salty gobs" talk: <u>Pvt. Harvey B. Allen, Jr.</u>, U.S.M.C., left Cherry Point, N.C., and

is now at Mirmar, Cal.

Feb. 18th, <u>Harry Hendery, Fl/c</u>, stopped to say hello. We were mimeographing the February Newsletter and we almost got Harry helping with it. He had been out in the Pacific for 15 months - with a submarine relief crew and also on the submarine U.S.S. Dentuda. He is on leave until Mar. 16th, when he returns to Mare Island, San Francisco. Has been assigned to the U.S.S. Loggerhead. Expects his discharge soon. T/5 Margaret Maxwell, 52nd WAC Hospital Co., Ashford Gen'l. Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. was home on a 15 day furlough.

Kenneth Amey, ARM2/c, was transferred from California to the Norfolk Naval Base.

Robert B. Stevens, MoMM3/c recently returned from duty in the Pacific with the PT boats, is out on the Pacific coast helping decommission LSTs.

Pvt. Douglas E. Brooks is stationed with Hdqs. Co., Chemical Warfare Service, Dugway Proving Grounds, Tooele, Utah. Works with medical research in laboratory. There are about 250 men at this base and they are 50 miles from the nearest town, which is Tooele. Not a bad spot - lots of nice scenery - as they are in the hills south of Salt Lake City.

Walter, King, Jack Heath, Ed Kelly and "Tiger" Decembrino were recently inducted into Service. Walter King is at Camp Lee, Va., taking Basic Training in Quartermasters Corps. Reports that "Tiger" is with him at Camp Lee. Jack Heath is with the Engineers in Alabama. Ed Kelly went to Texas.

Donald Reed dropped in one evening to say hello. We noticed he was wearing Corporal stripes and an <u>Army Meritorious Unit Award</u> insignia on his right sleeve. Donald has been in service 15 mms. Trained for Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C. After VJ Day was sent to Indiantown Gap and is still working at the Separation Center.

LeRoy W. Zettlemoyer, Jr., reported to Norfolk Naval Base, Va., to begin his boot training.

Engagements:

Miss Frances Helen Kikol, of Hartford, Conn., to Mr. Russell W. Huckel.

Miss Viola Mae Gant to Mr. Oliver Berry Drakeford, 2nd, of Bryn Mawr.

Miss Rita Brumbaugh to Mr. Thomas C. Hughes.

Miss Anna Eleanor Mann to Mr. Harry W. Dickinson.

Marriages:

Miss Helen Lorraine Roesch and Mr. Harvey Lee Heath, St. John's Lutheran Church, Ambler, Pa.

Miss Marylou Houston, Drexel Hill, Pa., and Mr. Winfield N. Stong.

Miss Anna Mallozzi and Mr. Angelo Lochetto, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Ambler.

Miss Arta Shyder and Mr. Robert C. Urling of Denver; Colo., in Chapel at Buckley Field, Colo.

Miss Caroline Bocchino and Mr. Pasquale Pileggi, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ambler, Pa.

Miss Margaret Dean and Mr. Leonard Brown, Zion Baptist Church, Ambler, Pa.

Miss Mildred Thelma Yocum, Norristown, and Mr. William T.

Pierson, Jr., at Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church, Norristown, Pa.

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyers, a son. Mr. and Mrs. Heber Meyers, a son, named Gerald Texter.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lindquist, a son, named Robert Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Watton, a son.

Pacific:

Pfc. Allan H. Burroughs, U.S. Marine Corps is still in Japan with H & S Co., 20th Amphib. Truck Bn., Fleet Marine Force. It was "rumored" that he was moving stateside, but later we learned that he was staying.

Ensign Franklin P. Wright was on his way from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor and later the Crossroads Operation, when fire broke out aboard his ship, the 173-foot motor gun boat, U.S.S. Patrol Gun Medium #30. The ship was so badly damaged, it is to be scrapped. The crew fought the fire in life jackets, and in spite of a rough sea, the only casualties were cut hands and skinned knuckles.

Sgt. Robert O.P. Stuart, has moved to the Personnel Center, near Hickman Field, Oahu. His address is 968-1 Branch Exchange, APO 968, c/o PM, San Francisco, Cal.

T/5 George W. Linde, Jr., is stationed about 10 miles outside of Manila, in what was our 313th Hospital. He went to Manila and looked over the registar at the USO and located Sam Miller, "Sally" Decembrino, and Johnny Smith. He planned to look up Albert Fluck, also. George is with Hdqs. AF WES PAC, AG Rec. Pors. Div., APO 707. Pfc. John Charlton is in Manila with Btry. A, 332nd F.A.Bn.

The APO is 450. ETO:

Pfc. William D. Pugliese left the states Feb. 10th and arrived in LeHarve, Feb. 20th. Traveled by "40 & 8" across France and southern Germany to Furstenfeldbruck. Germany, where he is being processed.

lst/Sgt. George Parry Weiss is working in Basel. Switzerland, with the Railway Transportation Office.

Pfc. Paul Angellilis is in Germany with Co. A, 39th Inf., APO #9. Stories:

Why was it George Washington never told a lie, sergeant?

Well, Joe, probably because no one ever asked him when the war he was in would end.

Medic: "Private Jones swallowed his knife, sir. We've operated, but couldn't recover the knife."

Major: "OK, issue Jones another knife and have him sign a Statement of Charges."

A Scotsman leaned against a midtown bar holding his stomach and moaning piteously. "Sick?" asked a sympathetic stranger. "Verra, verra sick," said the Scotsman, "I am afraid I've got

yoors."

"What's 'yoors'?" asked the stranger.

The Scotsman brightened immediately. "Make it a scotch and soda," he said.

A Broadway playboy had a closer shave than he bargained for in a local barbershop. His manicure girl was very beautiful, and he suggested dinner and a show that evening. "I don't think I ought to," said the girl demurely. "I'm married."

"Ask your husband," suggested the playboy. "I'm sure he wouldn't mind."

"Ask him yourself," said the girl. "He's shaving you."

"Doc", said the old mountaineer, leading a gangling youth into the presence of the village medico, "I want you should fix up my sonin-law. I shot him in the leg yesterday and lamed him up a mite."

"Shame on you, shooting your own son-in-law!" scolded the doctor. "Wal, doc," rejoined the mountaineer, "he warn't my son-in-law when I shot him."

Patty had been at college only a short time when she sent an urgent request to her mother for more lingerie. By return mail, special delivery, she received a large package and a note from her mother: "Use this and you'll have plenty." The package contained soap chips.

Judge: "What were you doing chasing those bathing girls at the beach?"

GI: "I was enjoying the privileges granted me by the constitutionlife, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

And then there is the minister presiding at a funeral who got off this nifty: "Friends, all that remains here is the shell; the nut is gone."

SFORTS NEWS:

Misc.

Phillies sign girl as baseball scout. Edith Houghton, 33, played baseball for years, with Phila. Bobbies, N.Y. Bloomer girls and as member of girls team that toured Japan some years ago. She will look for prospects on sandlots of Phila. and vicinity. She was recently discharged from the Waves.

Leslie MacMitchell wins Baxter mile race, feature of N.Y. A.C. games. This is fourth win, this winter, for MacMitchell in the mile event. Time 4 min. 12.3 sec. Tommy Quinn a close second. Efaw, third.

Byron Nelson wins New Orleans open golf championship. 277 strokes for 72 holes. Ben Hogan 2nd with 282. Sam Snead 286, Jug McSpaden 287.

A's baseball squad leaves for Florida training camp on Feb. 18th. Phillies leave on 23rd for Miami Beach. Leslie MacMitchell kept his unbeaten mile record intact, when he won the feature of National A.A.U. Indoor track championship on Feb. 23. Time 4 min. 18.1 sec.

Catcher Walker Cooper, recently sold to Giants, by St. Louis, for \$175,000. will be released by Navy, April 2nd. He will be discharged under the point system which lowers each month. He will have 31 points on that date.

Hank Borowy's younger brother is with the Phils. He is a pitcher, 21 yrs. old, and looks like a comer, says his coach Bengough, who also coached Hank. Bob Feller, star pitcher of Cleveland, says he is going after strike-out record this year. MacMitchell scores 6th straight win in mile event of I.C.A.A.A.A. track & field meet. Time 4 min. 16 sec. Mar. 3rd. Ben Hogan with 269 wins St. Petersburg Open Gold Championship. Same Snead 274, Vic Ghezzi 275, Joe Kirkwood 276, Byron Nelson 277, Jug McSpaden and others trailed.

Mexico, where since thw ar, there have been many reports of modernization and prosperity, have a syndicate which is organizing a big league baseball circuit of eight teams. Several big leaguers from hoth National and American Leagues have signed up at fancy salaries. Now there are rumors that attractive offers are being made to some of the outstanding stars, such as Bob Feller. Considerable speculation as to whether or not the Mexican adventure will become formidable.

MacMitchell again. Wins Columbian mile at Madison Square Garden on March 9th. Time 4 min. 15.3 sec. Marcel Hansenne was close 2nd 3 yards back. Tommy Quinn 3rd.

Another report says New Mexican League, offering Williams, clouting outfielder of Bost Red Sox \$120,000. a year tax free, also a similar offer to Hank Greenberg.

Baseball Commissioner Chandler, the czar of the big leagues, told all contract breakers to report at the start of the season or face 5 year suspension from organized ball. Cornelius Warmerdam, pole vaulter, only man to clear 15 feet and he did it many times, may retire. Recently returned from Navy says too long to wait for Olympics.

Basketball

Final standing of Eastern Intercollegiate. Dartmouth 7 won 1 lost, Cornell 6 and 2, Penn 4 and 4, Columbia 3 and 5, Princeton none won, 8 lost.

On Feb. 14th Bainbridge's great team defeated Camp Perry 85 to 67 for 16th straight win and 24 wins out of 31 games this season. Feb. 15th Muhlenberg beats U.S.Naval Academy 62 to 45, making 16 wins in 18 games played. For highly rated Navy this was 2nd loss out of Eleven played. Feb. 16th Muhlenberg 26, Villanova 46; Army 56, Pitt 42; Mich. 56, Great Lakes 50; Rutgero 65, Lehigh 49; Temple 54, Penn State 38; Bucknell 39, F. & M. 27; Navy 61, Penn 54.

Ursinus wins Middle Atlantic League (So. Div.) Championship, with 9 won 1 lost. Swarthmore 2nd, Delaware 3rd, P.M.C. 4th, Haverford 5th, Drexel 6th and last.

Phila. Naval base will represent this area in National A.A.U. tournament at Denver, Col. They won 43 out of 44 games, being defeated by Ft. Dix. by 4 point on the winner's court last November. On their own court they defeated Ft. Dix by wide margin early in the season. One national rating expert ranks them as top team of the country. Feb. 18th Bainbridge beats Valley Forge 52 to 48. Feb. 19th Phila. Naval Base wins again defeating Aberdeen 60 to 41. Feb. 20th Temple 51 Valley Forge 50; Muhlenberg 59, St. Joseph's 48; Navy 50, W. Va. 45; Gettysburg 79, LaSalle 54; Feb. 23rd. In one of the big games of the year, Temple loses to N.Y.U. 50 to 57. Hotly contested all the way, the score tied at 54 all, with few minutes left to play, the police helped to keep order when players swung at each other and fans joined the melle. The game was played at Convention Hall, Phila. Feb. 23rd. Muhlenberg 56, Gettýsburg 34; Army 84, Fordam 39; Lafayette 73, Lehigh 48; Navy 47, U. S. Coast Guard (A) 31; Feb. 25. Phila. Naval Base wins 37 in row beating Mitchell Field 97 to 46.

Muhlenberg will play in the National Invitation tournament at Madison Square Garden, N.Y. City, March 14 to 20. They won 21 of 23 games this season and won championship of their League.

Drexel beat Haverford 44 to 43 on Feb. 27. It was their first win, against a team in their league, this season.

Feb. 28. Bainbridge beats Valley Forge 62 to 42; Phila. Naval Base 98, Willow Grove 10. Friends Central win Interacademic League Championship winning all 8 games played. Penn Charter won 6, lost 2, Haverford 4 and 4, Episcopal and Germantown each had one win and 7 losses. Mar. 2nd. Temple 62, St. Joseph's 42; Army 67, Navy 60. An upset, Navy was top favorite. Lafayette 61, Lehigh 28.

An upset, Navy was top favorite. Lafayette 61, Lehigh 28. Mar. 6th Valley Forge 85, Wm. Penn Prep of New Castle, Del. 58. John Maskelevich, 6 ft. 2 in. forward set some kind of a record when he scored 61 points in the game. Lafayette 51, Rutgers 49. Mar. 7th Valley Forge 44, Albright 42. Mar. 9th Haverford 34, Drexel 32; Kentucky 54, Temple 43.

In Middle Atlantic League (North. Div.) Lafayette defeats Muhlenberg 59 to 58. Lafayette came from behind twice in last 10 min. of regular playing time to tie the score and then in extra period won the game by scoring 6 roints to 5 for Muhlenberg. It was play-off game for 1st place. The other teams finished in following order: Gettysburg, Bucknell and Lehigh. Then on Mar. 12 Lafayette beats Rutgers 52 to 39 to win the Middle Atlantic Conference tournament. Rutgers had defeated Ursinus. Muhlenberg also defeated Ursinus 67 to 30.

Discharges

Lt. (j.g.) Oakley F. Hoyt, U.S.N.R. 302 mns. Served continuously as Project Engineer for Airport Lighting Tests at U.S. Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md. On 45 day Terminal leave from Feb. 15th to Mar. 30th.

Cpl. Chas. Wm. Camburn, Army Air Forces, 25mns. Served with 444th A.A.F. Base Unit at Municipal Airport, Daggett, Calif.

Sgt. Charles A. Willox, Army, about 3 yrs. Overseas, 7 mns., in Leyte, Philippines. In states served with Hdqs. Det. 54th Trng. Bn., Camp Wolters, Texas. Later moved to Camp Livingston, La. Mas on way to Pacific Theatre of operations on VJ Day.

Thomas C. Hughes, ARM 2/c, Navy, about 32 mns. Served overseas, 20 mns.in Pacific. Left Alameda, Cal., with a Major Aircraft Repair Service unit. Went to Admiralty Islands. From there worked north as action in Pacific shifted. Served with a CASU (F) crew.

T/4 Walter L. Dietrich, Army, about 15 mns. Served overseas in ETO.

Cpl. Bruce N. Singer, Army Air Forces, 31 mns. Trained as Air Cadet; transferred to Base Units at Kingman, Arizona and Luke Field, Arizona.

Lt. Comdr. John A. Hoffa, Navy, 3 yrs. 4 mns. Served on LST #1 during first amphibious landings in Nov. 1942. Took part in landings in North Africa, Tunesia and Sicily. Ship was sunk at Salerno. Continued on active duty during invasions of Corsica and Sardinia. Spent 10 weeks on Anzio beach head. Went in on invasion of Elba. Later attached to Hospital Unit at Palermo, Sicily. Dr. Hoffa has resumed his general medical practice in Ambler.

<u>T/3 Nicholas Melograna</u>, Army. Served overseas 23 mns. in South Pacific with Mobile Field Hospital Unit.

Anne E. Burton, Y 2/c, Navy 2 yrs. 4 mns. Served with WAVES at Bureau of Personnel, Navy Dept.; Washington, D. C. Pfc. Francis A. Erhardt, Army, Served overseas in England with 1302 Engrs. Regt. T/5 Peter A. Girondo, Army, 30 mns. Trained and served with 98th Division. Was attached to Hdgs. Co. Based in Hawaiian Islands and moved to Japan after VJ Day. Sgt. Robert G. Kern, Army Air Forces, 34 mns. Served 14 mns. overseas in India with India-China-Burman unit. Was attached to 1345 A.A.F. Base Unit. Circled the world. Went out by way of Atlantic. and Africa. Returned - Pacific. Lt. Wm. F. Geddes, Army Air Forces, 44 mns. Overseas, 7 mns. Pacific. Pvt. Arta Snyder, Jomen's Army Corps, about 1 year. Trained at Des Moines, Iowa. Served with MDETS at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and later at Buckley Field, Colo. T/5 Walter E. Dummeldinger, Army Signal Corps, 41 mns. Overseas 14 mns, India and China. Cpl. Carl G. Randall, Army, Served overseas in ETO with Medical Detachment. After VE Day was stationed at 1st Gen'l Hospital in Paris. Edmund G. Roberts, S 1/c, Navy. Served overseas in Pacific with 134th N.C.B. Pfc. Frank P. Berry, U.S. Marine Corps, 25 mns. Served in states with Marine Corps Air Force at Cherry Point, and Greenville, N. C. <u>F/O Wm. G. Hamilton</u>, Army Air Forces, 2 1/2 years. Trained as Air Cadet. Served in states at Craig Field, Selma, Ala. Pfc. Philip Benigno, Army, 2 yrs. 10 mns. Served overseas in Pacific with Medical Detachment. Was based on Iwo Jima with 232 Gen'l. Hospital. Cpl. Robert F. Della Loggia, Army Air Forces, 2 1/2 yrs. Served in States with Army Air Field Base Units. T/3 Harry E. Wood, Army, 3 yrs. Served overseas in Pacific, about 7 mns. Stationed on Leyte, Philippine Islands with 32nd AAA Brig. <u>Thomas Wm. Henry</u>, CY, Navy 24 months. <u>Sgt. Ralph O. Morgan</u>, Pvt. Clemdal H. Timbers, T/4 Claude F. Rawlins, Pfc. Robert A. Mahoney, Pfc. Glenn Mitfield, S/Sgt. Edward M. Anderson, Cpl. Eugene E. Willis, S/Sgt. Noyes E. Leach, Pfc. Rudolp Sterner, S/Sgt. Clarence E. Williams, T/5 Paul C. Brasch. Correspondence: About Feb. 18th, we received a letter from Sgt. Earnie Smith who was with the 11th Airborne Division in Japan. We say "was", as he was excited about the rumor that he might be on his way home. You know these Army rumors -- so far we haven't seen or heard anything more of Earnie. Albert J. Hurst, Jr., with Division Hdqs. Finance Section, 25th Division, has been made Staff Sergeant. The 25th Division was moving from Nagoya, Japan, to Osaka, to take the place of the deactivated 98th Division. Al says they never lack work in his department as "the men must be paid." He is also doing some "wishful thinking" about

coming home. "Rumor" has it that men with two children were coming to the States--and Al has two wonderful daughters. However, he says, "I don't put too much stock in those things until they get in a more definite stage."

Pvt. William "Jimmy" Linde has moved from Budingen, to Babenhausen, Germany. He is now about 20 miles southeast of Frankfurt. The new station is a Prisoner of War Camp and they are guarding 17000 S.S. Troops. Jimmy is hoping for a chance to get into Frankfurt as he says, "I sure would like to see <u>Deck</u>." Church News:

The Couples Club met in January at the Church with 50 peoples present. This was not a dinner meeting so you see we can draw large crowds with light refreshments too.

After the usual business session, Dr. Theodore Henderson took over. He had some slides which he had taken while in the Army. They started with his arrival at Camp and ended in Florida from which point he returned home. It was the places in between which were the most interesting, first Africa and then Italy. The slides were in color and some were very beautiful. Along with the slides he explained a medic's duty in the Army and told of the hospitals they assembled. You know more about this than the writer so you can almost feel you've heard the talk. We all enjoyed it.

Next month a dinner meeting:

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society attended the UNO Discussion at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on February 24.

Speakers at our Sunday meetings were Irma Mears and William Mears. To help raise money for our Missionary Pledges we sponsored the Glenton Players in two one-act plays on March 15, 1946.

Rev. Sundmore's message: -

We have entered the Lenten season this month, and our thoughts are turned toward the things which are spiritual.

There is a story about Leonardo DaVinci which says that when he had finished his picture of the Last Supper he **showe**d it to a friend. After looking at it for some time, the friend said, "How beautifully those cups upon the table are painted." The artist at once took up a brush and painted them out, and turning to his dumb-founded friend said, "I want men to look at the Christ."

These are weeks when we should be centering our attention on the Jesus, and on what he has done for us. Je should look inside our hearts to see if we find there the force and power He can give us. William James said religion is either a dull habit or an acute fever! The acute-fever Christians are those who have gotten in touch with Christ as a force. May this Lenten season bring you a Christian experience which will turn your life into an adventure of walking with God every hour.

Sincerely,

The King's Daughters.

NEWSLETTER NO. 43

354 Lindenwold Ave., Ambler, Pa. April 22, 1946.

Dear

Yesterday was Easter Sunday - a gorgeous day. It gave the girls a wonderful opportunity to display their new clothes; their silly hats; their beautiful corsages supplied by the boy friends or new husbands; and their precious nylons (boys, we're not kidding about these things being precious - they're hard to get). Churches were overflowing - folks seem to be inspired by the thought of Easter and what it means to us as Christians. And this year, so many have so much to be thankful for. So very many of our boys have come back home to us here in Ambler - and we are grateful for this. Those who will not come back to Ambler are not forgotten they have gone on to join our Saviour. Easter is our promise of that.

Ambler observed the Easter season with daily noon-time services in the Presbyterian Church. A three hour Devotional Program marked Good Friday. Services were held from 12 noon to 3 P.M. in the Presbyterian Church. An Outdoor Dawn Service was held on the lawn at the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church under the sponsorhip of the Youth Council. Special evening services: - a Musical Program at the Calvary Methodist Church, a cantata by the choir of the Mt. Pleasant Church; and a cantata at the Presbyterian Church.

Robert Buddery Cope was ordained to the sacred priesthood of the Episcopal Church, Mar. 25th, Chicago, Ill. He is serving as curate of Trinity Church, Aurora, Ill.

Dr. Frederick E. Brister, who was well-known to you, died on Sunday, Mar. 17th.

Ambler High School Band celebrated its 20th Anniversary. We are all proud of our Band and we have often wondered how many of our Service boys played in the High School Band and then were selected for Service Bands. The Band grew from a 25 piece unit in 1926 to 65 in 1946. In addition, there are 32 students trained as a junior band, from which replacements are drawn. This year our band entered the District Contest which was held at Lower Merion High School and won <u>first place</u>. The State Finals were held at Johnstown and we did not go out, because the cost of transportation and maintenance was too great. However, the money needed for the trip is to be used to purchase new uniforms which are needed. The track season opened this week and members of the team are preparing themselves for a victorious season. We hear that Lansdale High's track coach has named our Track Team as one of his toughest opponents.

<u>Charles Smart</u> of Spring House, a former High School baseball star, has just signed up to play ball with the Gainesville Gators of The Florida State League.

The Inter-Church Softball League is under way again this year with teams from First Presbyterian of Ambler, St. John's Lutheran of Ambler, Mt. Pleasant Baptist of Ambler, St. Paul's Reformed of Fort Washington, St. John's Lutheran of Center Square, Flourtown Presbyterian and United Lutheran. The games will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings. Each team to play 18 games. The tentative date for the opening game is set for Monday night, May 13th.

Regular baseball is getting a start again in this area. We have a newly organized Bux-Mont V.F.W. Baseball League and their first game is to be played at Lansdale's Memorial Park, May 3rd, between the Conshohocken and Lansdale Posts.

The 1946 Midget Auto Racing Season will open May 6th at the Yellow Jacket Speedway, Erie Ave. and G. St., Philadelphia.

The Lansdale Golf Course opened for play, Saturday, Apr. 6th. Tommy Hughes is the manager and is hoping his friends will "come up and see him sometime."

Two war brides recently arrived in Ambler. Jack Schoenberg's wife came from Ireland and Bill Hayward's wife came from England.

STATESIDE:

We met <u>Charles (Felix)</u> Dager on Butler Ave. one afternoon. He looked pretty snappy in his Cadet Merchant Marine uniform. He had just returned from a long tour of duty in the Pacific on the S.S. "Valverde". He had been as far as India before returning to the States. He was home for 90 days and hoped to go to the Academy at King's Point, L. I. for further study.

Harvey H. Eisenhard, EM2/C arrived in Ambler, Mar. 23d for a 30 day leave. He had been away 27 months. Served in the Pacific aboard the USS Y D G #7. Returned to our West Coast and helped decommission the ship at Napa, Calif. At the and of his leave, Harvey reports to the Philadelphia Naval Base.

Leroy W. Zettlemoyer, Jr., A/S, went to U.S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va. for his boot training.

Major John E. Stewart is now stationed at the Army Airfield, Clovis, New Mexico. Ensign Franklin P. Wright has been home on leave. Expects to return to the West Coast for duty aboard his ship.

William J. H. Hough, QM3/C, U.S.S. Akutan (AE-13) is in port at Houston, Texas.

Pvt. John E. Heath, Co. D., 16th Trng. Bn., 6th Regt., IRTC, Fort McClellan, Ala. Jack is receiving a basic infantry training and attending Motor Mechanic School on his own time.

Sgt. Lambert N. West is home from the ETO on a 90 day furlough. He reenlisted for 3 years while in France.

Lt. (j.g.) Jack E. Watson was home for a short leave. He is now stationed at Little Creek, Va. He has charge of a fleet of Crash Boats and is now working with the Amphibs. He was formerly based at Cape Charles and serviced the U.S.S. Charger with his crash boat.

Sgt. Pughsley Lane, U.S. Marine Corps, is hospitalized at Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C.

Pvt. Harvey B. Allen, Jr., U.S.M.C., was home on furlough from Miramar, Calif.

S/Sgt. John Amey, who is a patient in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. was home for a weekend.

LeRoy Davies, S2/C and Charles Kepler, Jr., F1/C, aboard the U.S.S. Montpelier, were stationed at Newport, R. I. The boys were home for several weekends. Even made a trip home for Easter. Their ship went out today for maneuvers.

Ensign Howard Albertson spent a weekend at home before leaving for Bermuda.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Miss Dolores Thomas, Wichita, Kansas to Robert B. Kleinfelder, ARM3/C. Miss Martha Magerl, West Point, Pa. to Mr. Theodore Dailey. Miss Barbara Hamilton, Rydal, (formerly of Springhouse) to Mr. E. Garner Bouse. Miss Doris Ann Knoblauch to Mr. Norman Greggs, Schneider, Ind. Miss Ethel Taylor to Mr. Harvey L. Siegfried, Telford, Pa.

MARRIAGES:

Miss Betty Offener, Norristown, and William Kalb, CM3/C, St. John's Lutheran Church, Amalber.

Miss Dorothy M. Friel and Mr. Earl W. Dinnell, in St. Anthony's Rectory.

Miss Helen LeClare, Berlin, J. J., (formerly Ambler) and <u>Mr. Charles</u> Koehler, Prospectville.

BIRTHS:

Captain and Mrs. Henry G. Bussing, a son, named William Albert.

PACIFIC:

Lt. Howard J. Dager, Jr., Co. A., 13th Engrs. Bn., APO#7, is stationed in Korea. Lt. David K. Hellings, Jr., U.S.S. St. Croix (APA 231) is back on Pacific duty. His ship is to take part in the Atom Bomb Test at Kikini Atol.

T/5 George W. Linde, Jr., is still in Manila - address: Hdqs. AF WES Pac., AG Rec. Pers. Div., APO 707.

ETO:

Michael and Paul Angellilis are both in Europe - Michael with Co. I, 16th Infantry, APO #1 - and Paul with Co. A, 39th Infantry, APO #9.

Pfc. John Gump, Co. A, 390th MP Bn. is stationed in Namur, Belgium. He travels with train loads of mail and supplies as guard. The native train crews have a little habit of stopping anywhere and just walking off and leaving the train. It takes time to complete a trip.

T/5 Kenneth W. Meng was working in the Sgt. Major's Office in

Germanty. Expects to be on his way home this month. Efc. Edgar A. King, 6871 Prov. Q. M. Bn., APO 772, is stationed at the LeHavre Staging Area.

. Pvt. Albert Lepore is on his way to the ETO.

1st/Sgt. George Parry Wiess, left Basel, Switzerland, Apr. 4th, for LeHavre. He is expected home about the first of May.

William (Jimmy) Linde, Hdqs. Btry., 9th FA, APO #3, has been promoted to Pfc. He is stationed at Babenhausen, Germany.

SPORTS:

Pancho Segura, from Ecuador, won the U.S. Indoor singles tennis championship, defeating Don McNeill at N. Y. on March 16th. McNeil and Frank Guernsey downed Segura and Alejo Russell, from Buenos Aires, in the doubles to retain that tile for the United States.

Mar. 17th Jacksonville Open Golf tournament won by Sam Snead with 264 strokes for the 72 holes. Jim Demaret 2nd with 268. Peter Cooper 271, Hogan, Byrd and other stars trailed.

Swedish Athletic Assn. declares Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson are professionals and bars them from amateur competition for life.

Leslie MacMitchell, America's undefeated mile king, wins again. On Mar. 20th at Hamilton, Ont. he loafed to easy victory over Tommy Quinn. Time 4.18.2.

Semmy Snead wins Greensboro, N. C. Open with 270 for the 72 holes. Herman Keiser 2nd with 276.

Phillies buy catcher Holmsley from Yankees. Last year he played for the Navy. He is a veteran big leaguer. He played with both National and American League teams.

Tommy Quinn wins mile race in Chicago on March 30th. Mac-Mitchell second. First defeat for MacMitchell.

Bob Hamilton with 273 wins Charlotte Open Golf Tournament, on March 31st. Jimmy Demaret, Sam Snead, and Pete Cooper all tied for 2nd with 276.

University of Kentucky wins National Invitational Basketball Championship. On March 16th, Kentucky defeats Arizona 77 to 53 and Muhlenberg beats Syracuse 47 to 41. On 19th, Rhode Island eliminates Muhlenberg by score of 59 to 49 and Kentucky beats West Va. 59 to 51. Then on 20th in the finals Kentucky trims R. T. in last 40 seconds of play by 46 to 45. The tournament was held at Madison Sq. Garden.

The multi-millionaire <u>Pasquel</u> brothers, of Mexico, are causing the management of big league baseball more than an ordinary headache. The Pasquels have formed a big league circuit in Mexico. They have signed several big league players, offered fancy salaries to many others and even offered <u>Commissioner Chandler</u> a job to run Mexican baseball. It is conceded Pasquels have unlimited capital and probably will be in the picture for sometime to come. Pasquels offered to post \$2,000,000 in a N. Y. bank as a bet, if anyone will take it, that they will play out the 1946 season.

Herman Keiser, at Augusta, Ga. on April 7th, won the "Masters Golf Title" with a 72 hole score of 282. Hogan second with 283. Many stars trailed several strokes behind. Byron Nelson and Sam Snead finished with 290. Keiser served 3 years in the navy.

A's win both games in two game series with Phils on April 13 and 14th. A's won first game, 9 to 0 and the 2nd 7 to 4. A's opened regular season with Yankees at Shibe Park on 16th and lost, 5 to 0. Phils on same day opened season in N. Y. and lost to Giants 8 to 4.

The big leagues opened with large attendance at all parks. All the stars that were in the service have returned. Baseball officials and sports writesspredict thrilling performance of many players and large attendance, a great year for baseball. Over 100 sports writers pick St. Louis Cards as cinch to win National League Pennant and N. Y. Yankees as favorite for American League Pennant, with Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox as most likely to step in if Yanks falter. They pick Phils to finish seventh ahead of Cincinnati and the A's to finish last in the American League. On April 20th, the famous Boston Marathon was run. Stylianos Kyriakides was the winner. He came from Greece two weeks ago to enter the race. Distance 26 miles 285 yards. Time 2 hours, 29 min. 27 sec. Champion John Kelley was 2nd, 200 yards behind. After the halfway mark it was a contest between these two. First one would lead then the other, until but 2 miles left to go, then the Greek forged ahead never to be overtaken. Gerard Cote of Montreal, one of the favorites, finished 3rd, seven minutes behind the winner.

STOR IES:

Heathen. A Boston-bred Army officer was transferred to Salt Lake City. The first time he took a stroll around the city proper, he got to talking with a Mormon girl at a soda fountain. "I'm from Boston," he said at one point in the conversation. "Do you know where that is?" "Oh, yes," she said eagerly. "Our Sunday School has a missionary there."

Following the wedding ceremony there was an awkward pause. The bride and groom remained still, the organist waited for a signal, the inexperienced preacher thought the next move was his, so he said: "If anyone in the congregation wishes to view the remains, you may now come forward."

Will Cuppy reports the receipt of a letter from a faithful fan that reads: "Please send me the name of some good book on personal hygiene. I think I've got it."

One glamour gal to another: "We're practically engaged. He's just waiting for his fiancee to return the ring."

The small son of a man who in the course of the war rose from private to second lieutenant was asked how he liked having his father home again. "I like it O.K.", said the boy, "except he was easier to get along with before he was running the Army."

In Elgin, Ill.; a naval officer on terminal leave went into a men's store in search of a suit. There was none in his size. As he was leaving, the owner asked him confidentially, "While you're still in the service would you do me a favor and try to get me a shirt and some underwear?" (Take a tip from this, boys, and buy what you need at the PX before you get out - no foolin').

Advertising Manager - One who starts the day with a molehill on his desk and takes until 5 P.M. to make amountain out of it.

Alimony - a contraction of the phrase, "All of his money." Hula Dancer - a shake in the grass.

Parking Space - a place in which another car is parked. <u>Tobacco</u> - a plant found in many southern states and in some cigarettes.

DISCHARGES:

Edward Wesley Kerns, SM3/C, Navy. Served in Pacific aboard LST 127.

T/5 Margaret Maxwell, Womens Army Corps, 1 yr. Served with 52d WAC Hospital Co., Ashford Gen'l Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W.V.

Robert W. Gerhart, AM3/C, Navy, 32 months. Served overseas with Blimp outfit, stationed in Northern Africa.

Cpl. Donald Rorer, Army, about 2 yrs. Trained with Airborne Engrs. Served overseas in India with 82nd Supply Sqd. Japan and Korea.

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Anthony Urban, PhM3/C, Navy. 31 mns. Served with Hedron Detach-ment in Porto Rico. Last stationed on U.S.S. Charger. Robert J. Broughton, AMMF3/C, Navy. 3 years. 6 mns. Served with

Naval Air Transport from Alameda, Cal. to points in Pacificl

Robert E. Kriebel, PhM3/C, Navy. 2 yrs, 4 mns. Served in Hospitals in Porto Rico, 6 mns. and Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone, 1 yr. 3 mns.

Cpl. Frank F. Fertsch, Army Air Forces, 2 yrs. 3 mns. Served at Walker A.A. F., Victoria, Kansas, Last stationed at Greensboro, N.C.

T/5 Thurman M. Wright, Army, about 3 yrs. Served overseas in ETO with 279th Engrs. After VE Day, served with 333rd Engrs. S.S. Regt., repairing and constructing bridges in Germany.

Sgt. Richard D. Hoyt, Army Air Corps., 33 mns. Served overseas in England and Germany, 32 mns. Was with the U.S. Strategic and Tactical Air Forces in Europe.

T/3 Hugh M. Bullard, Army, 3 yrs. Served overseas with 3198th Signal Service Bn., in India and China, about 12 yrs.

William E. McKinney, Jr., ARM2/C, Navy. 3 yrs. 3 mns. Based at Carry Field, Pensacola, Fla.

William J. Gant, Cox., Navy. Served overseas in Pacific. William R. Landes, S2/C, 1 year. Served as Seaman Guard, U.S. Naval Training Camp, Bainbridge, Md. Lt. J. William Ditter, Jr., Navy. Served in Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Amycus (ARL2) as Supply Corps officer. Now a student at University of Penna. Law School.

Willard Leh, Jr., U.S.M.C. about 3 yrs. Served overseas 21 mns. Harold Irvin Harp, CSKD (AA) Navy, 42 mns. Last stationed on USS New Jersey.

Belmonie R. Mallozzi, SSMB3/C, Navy, 29 mns. Last stationed on the USS Strau.

Earl Kenneth Yoder, S2/C, Navy, 1 yr. 24 days. Served in Pacific aboard USS Dorchester (APB-46).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lt. Donald R. Meng, 1st Opns. Co., 4026th Sig. Photo Det., APO 181, Tokyo, Japan. Regrets his inability to see or communicate with Earnie Smith. Says telephone communications between Tokyo and Sendai are "no good", and at the time Don received the information about Earnie, Don was awaiting orders for a trip to Manila via ar travel. ((See Walt Sobers letter). However, Don says if Earnie leaves Japan by way of the 4th Repple Depple, he could get to see Earnie. A friend of Don's was married in St. Lukes Chapel which at present is the 42nd Gen's Hospital. Don took a series of pictures of the wedding and believes they will be interesting mementoes. He sayd Tokyo is "okay for duty, with all the standard exceptions - no wife and no family." Sounds as if there is quite a variety of entertainment the newly opened Ernie Pyle Theatre, Hibiya Park Hall, GHQ's theatrealso basketball, pool, most indoor sports, and golf. Incidently. Don

was trying to find a pair of roller skates. Like everyone else, he was figuring his chances of coming home - has 3 yrs. of active service in May, but thinks it will be November before he will be eligible. Hoped to see <u>Albert D'Elia</u>, also, when he reached Manila. Also asked for information regarding <u>Lt. Jimmy Dager</u>.

S/Sgt. Albert J. Hurst, Jr., Div. Hq. Finance Sect., APO 25, is now located in Osaka, Japan. Says Osaka is quite a large city and fortunately the portion of the city they occupy, wasn't hit heavily by bombs, as many other parts of the city were. Therefore living conditions in general are even better than they were at Nagoya. Says it is quite an "Enlisted Man's city, as they have two very nice Red Cross Clubs and a Coffee Shoppe, also run by the Red Cross. Each club has the usual game rooms, library, barber shops, lounge rooms, writing rooms, movies, etc. Wishes he was nearer Donald Meng, but they are 450 miles apart, so a meeting seems out of the question. Al is also speculating on his chances of coming home, as he is a "family man" 30 years old, and has 2 daughters.

<u>T/3 Hugh M. Bullard</u>, 3198th Sig. Ser. Vn., wrote from Shanghai, China, Feb.22nd. Said he had been there 5 months as a Teletype Repairman at the Signal Center. Writes, "We have Radio Teletype circuits to Honolulu, Tokyio, New Delhi, Manila and cover a lot of stations in China, besides. Those stations cover others and theoretically we could send a message to ourselves around the world; but that I've got to see." Then he wrote, "nothing definite on going home as yet", and ended his letter. Then added this postscript -"It looks as if I'll be leaving for the States before the end of March on the Marine Phoenix" - Apr. 6th, the Marine Phoenix docked at Seattle, Washington, and Apr. 15th, Hugh arrived in Ambler - a civilian.

<u>S/Sgt. Earnie L. Smith</u>, 408th Q.M.Co., 11th Airborne, APO 468, makes this correction - he is at Camp Schimmelpfenning, and he did not start for home - dated Mar: 17th. Had a wonderful trip to a rest camp in the mountains where Earnie enjoyed skiing and tobogganing. Changed trains in Tokyo and found that he did not have time to see <u>Donald Meng</u>. Some time ago, Earnie went to a Movie at a local theatre and just as he was about to sit down, he heard someone call his name. Turned around and saw <u>Nick Catanzaro</u> waving his arms to attract his attention. Earnie and Nick played football together at good old Ambler High. They had a swell time talking "things over". Nick's address is <u>Pfc. Nick Catanzaro</u>, 33952079 Hdgs. 477 Q.M. Ldy. Co. APO 468. Earnie plans to try for the Division Baseball Team. -Apr. 6th, Earnie <u>left</u> Japan for the U.S.A. We expect to see him any day.

<u>Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr.</u>, left Eniwetok and went back to Saipan. His address now - HAA Gp. Provisional, Saipan, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal. On Enivetok, Jim had charge of the big radar set and says it is quite similar to the set called "Diana", which was used to contact the moon. Before leaving, he spent 2 weeks teaching the Navy Technicians how to handle the set. Incidentally, the Navy is taking over in preparation for the coming Atom Bomb test. Jim has 18 months overseas service and is eligible for discharge on May 1st. Hopes to come home in time for that.

T/4 Carlton L. Myers, 124th Gen'L Hospital, APO 541. Had been stated at Salzburg, Austria, and on Apr. 4th were moving to Linz (halfway between Vienna and Salzburg.) The 62nd Field Hospital Unit was expected to take over, and a few of the 124th would remain until their successors arrived - but, nobody, not even Vienna (Hq. U.S. Forces in Austria), seemed to know where the 62nd was or when it would arrive. They expected that any day, a jeep would drive up and 1 Officer and 1 EM would step out and announce themselves as the 62nd Field Hospital. Carlton was working as a Clerk in EM Personnel in fact, he was The Clerk, as the other 3 men had shipped out. He reported the weather in Salzburg, as quite warm - in the 80's. However, the mountain tops remained completely covered with snow. Everyone - even tiny children - whiz around on skis. Makes a big GI feel sort of foolish to go stumbing along. Carlton says it is the most beautiful scenery he has ever seen. Hitler's home town - Berchtesgaden - is now a rest resort for the U.S. Soldiers. You can even get ice cream and hamburgers there. GI's have almost finished the demolishing of Hitler's home by taking souvenirs. Carlton recently spent a furlough in En land. While there, he spoke at several Salvation Army services, the TCM Church, assisted in evangelistic services in Horncastle and attended a large youth meeting in Royal Albert Hall, London. About 8,000 people were at this meeting and it was a wonderful spiritual inspiration. Carlton is hoping to be "Mister" by July 1st.

Pvt. Robert Gump, Med. Det. 1802 S C U, Borden Gen's Hospital, Chickasha, Okla. Worked the first week in the Psychiatric Ward; the second week in a General Medical Ward; and had two more weeks to spend out there. Then a "delay enroute" to Ambler. Robert expects to be home for Easter. In his letter, he wrote, "Helped. unload a hospital train just a few minutes ago - the patients came from New York, just back from overseas."

Received a clever card from Bob Broughton saying, -- "Hey! It's Mr. now! at 4035 Chestnut St., Phila., 4, Penna." There was a picture of a sailor crossed out, and one of a civilian in all his glory. Bob and his wife, Doris, recently came back from California and came to call one day. They both look very well and are glad to be home. They had a nice visit with Andy and Marion Dressler at their home in Long Beach, Cal., before they left.

Lt. Walter C. Sobers hopes to be back in Ambler very soon. On Mar. 27th, he wrote from Manila. Was on special duty at the Provost Marshal's Office. Had charge of the MP's guarding government property used by civilians who were on strike. Don Meng flew to Manila and they had a wonderful time together. Don is the only person from Ambler that Walter has met overseas and he said, "It certainly felt good." Walt is living at the brewery on the edge of town. A year ago when the Americans approached Manila, the Japs pulled the strategic trick of machine gunning the beer storage vats. You may have seen movies of Americans with helmets full of beer. That came from the "beer shower" in Walt's battalion headquarters. Walt says, "Rumor has it that the advance on Manila was held up 24 hours while the men supped their first beer in a month. No, we MP's are not in the beer business - the Japs took a few too many of the vital parts." Pvt. Walter S. King, 98th Qm. Trng. Co., 18th Bn., Camp Lee, Va. Walter gives a brief outline of his "army career." Went to Fort Meade Reception Center - 1 week. While there had elementary marching commands; saw a few information films; were issued uniforms; received first few "shots." Shipped to Camp Lee, Va., and put in a holding company. 4 days of continuous duty - mostly KP. Then sent to his present address for 8 weeks of basic training. After two weeks of this, developed an ear infection which hospitalized him for 9 days. Walter will now have to enter another company and start his basic over again. This means leaving all the fellows he knows - especially Tiger Decembrino, who had been with him from the start.

<u>Cpl.William D. Fugliese</u>, 691st AAF Band, APO 66. At Erlangen, Germany, with the 9th Air Force Service Command. Was promoted to Corporal on Apr. 1st. Congratulations. Bill is leading a dance band. They play for the Officers' Club and Red Cross. Later on, they hope to travel to rest camps to entertain the boys. Bill and his buddies have been to Nurnberg to look the place over. Bill says they pratice 5 hours a day and "that's work" and he's sure Mr. Geary will agree with him.

Helen Paula Flower, ETM 3/C, U. S. Coast Guard, Hotel Embassy, 154 W. 70th St., New York City. Expects to get her points on May 2 and be discharged by the 6th. Says she will "probably take that longed for vacation."

Wm. R. (Dick) Landes, S2/C, U.S.N.T.C., Bainbridge, Md., wrote to tell us he expected his discharge papers, Wednesday morning, Apr. 17th and would be back in Ambler soon thereafter, "but not in Navy Blues." Said it had been a lot of fun at Bainbridge and had met a lot of good fellows he would not have met. Six of his boot camp buddies had just come in from Camp Peary and it was a treat to see them.

Robert H. Davies, AMM1/C, Casu #5, Box 26, Naval Air Station, San Diego, 35, Calif. Bob is regular Navy and has until Sept. '47 to serve. He and <u>Mary</u> are living at 3620 Herbert St., San Diego, c/o Mrs. Heilman. On Bob's days off, they do some sight-seeing and take pictures. Have been out to the Zoo in Balboa Park twice, and still haven't covered the place. Took a trip out to Ramona's home which is typical old Californian and now a museum. They had received a letter from Andy and Marian Dressler, who live in Long Beach, and were planning to go up for a visit;

Ensign George H. Mullahy, Jr., wrote from Yokosuka, Japan. He is now aboard U.S.S. LSM 146. He had to strip his LCT at Kobe and turn it over to a Japanese crew who will operate it for, and under, the supervision of the Army. He says the LSM (Landing Ship Mechanized) is a nice ship, although it does pitch and roll quite a bit. George said he had met Earl Yoder in Kobe several weeks ago, - the ir first meeting in 2 or 3 years. Said he would not have recognized Earl on the street, as Earl had put on a few pounds since he has been in the Navy. George met Earl though Newsletter information. Read that Earl was on the Dorchester (APB 46) and found that the Dorchester had moved on to Kobe. So when George's LCT Flotilla moved up to Kobe he looked for Earl and found him. George had come up to the Tokyo Bay Area aboard his new ship; had been ashore and looked the city over. Says there are some beautiful spots in Japan but believes he could see Ambler and say it was just as beautiful. (Earl Yoder arrived in Ambler on Saturday - a civilian - quick work.)

REV. DUNSMORE'S MESSAGE:

Our minds and hearts center this month on the greatest of all. days. Easter is a tale of light after darkness. If you grasp the meaning of Easter and keep it always before you then you will have found the answer to the world's despair. You will have eaten the bread of life.

All the great events of history pale into nothingness along side of what happened in Joseph's garden. It was because they could not find Jesus there that the disciples understood the question: "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" That was what He was - alive - One who would be with them always, just as He had promised. Fear left them - vanished so completely that we find no more of it in their brave story, because they knew that He who had come from the tomb was the Vietor.

Thus Easter again brings not only a challenge to dispel fear, but also a summons to follow Christ. We are immortal - why then should any mortal thing bring fear into our hearts? We are immortal - why then should the things of earth control us? We need the awareness of eternity which Easter brings - the spaciousness of heaven should be all about our life. "Now is Christ risen from the dead. Let us be glad and rejoice!"

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

354 Lindenwold Ave., Ambler, Pa. May 22, 1946.

Dear

It's now May, 1946, and we have reached our 44th issue of the Newsletter. We began this project in September 1942 with 34 names of boys and girls in the Armed Services. As the months rolled by, more and more either enlisted or were drafted; the interest in the Newsletter spread, and we added names to our mailing list almost daily, until June 1945, we had 310 names. Since then, the boys and girls have come home and received their discharges, so that now we have come down to about 50 names. And after this month, there will be about half of that number left in Service. So, after a lot of thinking and considering the project from all angles, we regretfully come to this conclusion--this May issue will be our last. It has been very interesting and we have enjoyed doing the Newsletter for you. We are giving you all the news we have on hand and in the future will be very glad to send you any news or information you may wish. Just write and ask us.

The K & M strike, which began on Jan. 2nd is still in effect. The Union officials and the Keasbey and Mattison Company have finally reached an agreement and a contract is being prepared and will be presented to the membership for ratification.

Ambler has a new Christmas Tree. An Austrian Pine, 35 feet high and weighing 7 tons has been planted on the lawn of the Presbyterian Church. It was purchased with the money subscribed to the Community Christmas Decorating Fund collected this past season through the efforts of Mr. August Post. You may remember that the tree on the Wyndham plot used in the past, was taken down to make way for a parking lot.

Rev. Lloyd P. Stevens, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church for the past 4 years, will retire from active ministry. Toby Wright received an award for "outstanding merit" from the

Toby Wright received an award for "outstanding merit" from the University of Pennsylvania Cultural Olympics on the stage of the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. This was given for his fine performance on a radio program sponsored by the organization.

Miss Elaine Stong recently graduated from the Jefferson Medical College School of Nursing in Philadelphia.

A new 12-unit hangar is being erected at Wings Field, and plans are being made for 3 hard surface runways.

The Montgomery County Fair Grounds at Hatfield will open on Memorial Day, May 30th, with Motorcycle Races. More than 50 racers of national fame will compete.

The Inter-Church Softball League opened its season with the following games:

Mt. Pleasant Baptist - 8 Kenneth Haldeman, pitched a no-hit, no-run game for the Baptists. Ralph Bishop, Baptist third baser, had a perfect average by nipping 3 hits out of 3 trips to plate.

United Lutherans - 10 Presbyterians - 3

Pitchers - Lutheran - Walter Dummeldinger

Presbyterian - Frank King

Center Square - 7 St. Paul's - 5

Pitchers - Center Square - Bob McCracken

St. Paul's - Harold Gearingen

St. John's Lutheran - 7 Cal. Methodist Class XV - 5 The annual Spring Concert was presented at the High School the evening of April 25th. The Senior Band played several selections -Martin Troster being the cornet soloist. The Junior and Senior High School Choir opened the program - Mary Jane Thompson, soloist. Also choruses from Forrest and Mattison Ave. Schools sang. A rythm band from the second grade was an added attraction.

Mr. Geary will be guest conductor of the 70 piece Palmerton High School Band at their annual Spring Concert.

The High School sponsored a drive for funds to purchase new uniforms for the Band, Color Bearers and Drum Majors. The old uniforms have been used since 1935. The goal was \$4,000.00 and to date, we hear something like \$6,000.00 has been contributed. We are all eagerly waiting to see the new uniforms which will be the same color as the old ones and similar in appearance. A knee length wool-lined cape has been added. Pretty snappy looking.

Results of Track Meets: Ambler Trojans - 91 Upper Moreland - 17 Mundell and Dean led Ambler in winning points. Ambler - $73\frac{1}{2}$ Lansdale - $43\frac{1}{2}$ Mundell - first in 100 yd. dash and 220 yd. dash. Ambler - 86 Jenkintown - 31 Mundell and Dean, the stars again. Springfield played Lansdale at this time and won, 84-33. Then Ambler and Springfield competed-Springfield - 62 Ambler - 55

Joe Moore made a double win - the 1-mile run and the 1/2 mile run.

Results of the Bux-Mont Track Meet:

Springfield		54	
Quakertown	-	39	
Lansdale		19불	
Sellersville	-	175	
Ambler	-	151	
Hatboro	-	61	
Upper Moreland	-	3	
Doylestown	-	1	
Souderton	-	1	
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Springfield has won for 3 straight years.

A few items from the ETO : <u>Pfc. Michael Angellilis, Jr.</u> and his brother, <u>Pfc. Paul</u> <u>Angellilis</u> are in Germany. <u>Michael</u> with Co. K, 16th Inf., APO #1

and Paul with Co. A 39th Inf. APO #9.

Pfc. Wm. James Linde, in Babenhausen, Germany. Baker with Hdgs. Btry, 9th F.A., APO #3.

Cpl. Dawson W. Deck is in Frankfurt, Germany, with Hdqs. Co., Hdgs. Command USFET (Pers.)

Pacific News

S/Sgt. Robert O. P. Stuart, is now at Hickham Field, Oahu. Address: 953-1 Branch Exchange, APO 953.

T/5 George W. Linde, Jr., in Manila with Hdqs. AF WES PAC, AG Rec. Pers. Div. APO 707.

Pompeo Dragani, Bkr. 3/c, is still with the 23rd NCB Hdqs. Co.

Sports News:

Ed. Head of Dodgers pitches no-hit game, beating Braves, 5 to 0 on Apr. 23rd. He's an Ex-G.I. who hadn't pitched a big league game since July '44. He started at an early age as a southpaw but broke his left arm and became a great right-hander.

Bob Feller hurls no-hitter defeating Yanks 1 to 0 on April 30th. Fans eleven walks 5. Catcher Hayes' home run in ninth is only score. Feller forced Joe DiMaggio and Charley Keller to roll out to the infield in the ninth. Feller served in the Navy. He pitched a no-hitter against White-Sox on opening day in 1940.

Boston Red Sox win 15 straight games. Lose to Yanks on May 11th ending winning streak.

Assault wins Kentucky Derby on May 4th by 8 lengths. Spy Song 2nd. Hampden, 3rd. 100,000 crowd sees race. \$1,202,000 bet on the Derby. Assualt on May 11th wins Preakness.Lord Boswell second by neck. Hampden, 3rd.

St. Louis leads National League by one game. Brooklyn, 2nd. Chgo and Boston $2\frac{1}{2}$ games behind St. Louis, tied for 3rd. Cincinnati, 3 games back of leaders, is 4th. Then N.Y. & Ptgh. with Phillies last, $10\frac{1}{2}$ games to the bad. The Phillies will do better. They have the makings. Boston leads American League by 5 games. Yankees 2nd. Detroit $6\frac{1}{2}$ back of N.Y., is 3rd. Washington 4th, $7\frac{1}{2}$ games back of Boston. Then St. Louis, Clev. & Chgo. with A's in last place, $15\frac{1}{2}$ games behind as of May 20th.

Short Story Dept .:

We wonder, too---"Daddy, may I ask you a question?" "Yes, son, but it must be a short one." "If a doctor is doctoring a doctor does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doctoring the doctor, doctor the doctor the way he usually doctors?"

Kiss and find out. "My wife", said Mr. Henpeck, "Kisses me everytime I come into the house." "Ah", said his friend, "That's affection." "No," sighed Henpeck, "that's investigation."

Daffynitions

A sailor is a man who makes his living on water but never touches it ashore.

A wrestler is a guy who keeps his ear to the ground most of the time.

A fur coat is often something to keep a wife both warm and quiet.

Formula

Try to be like a good watch--busy hands, open face, well-regulated, pure gold and full of good works.

Tough

It's getting tougher all the time to keep on supporting both the government and the wife on only one salary.

Tastes Change

Little girls like painted dolls -- little boys like soldiers. Ten years later the girls like the soldiers and the boys like the painted dolls.

Stateside News:

Pvt. John Earl Seiple telephoned home recently from Dawson Creek, British Colombia, Canada. He is with Co. A., 8434d Signal Service Bn., and hopes to leave in a month or two.

Samuel Gilbert Rayne, Jr., AMM2/c, is at Brown Field, Chula Vista, Calif., CASU #6, NAAS. Robert B. Stevens, MoMM3/c has 1 year to serve. Now at Portland,

Oregon, Main Post Office - U.S.S. L.S.T. 853.

Pvt. Robert H. Gump, stationed at Fort McClellan; Ala., with Det. Medical Department, Regional Hospital. Hoping for a furlough at home.

Cpl. Douglas E. Brooks has been in Service 1 year. Out in Utah 50 miles from nearest town, which is Tooele. At the Dugway Proving Grounds, Hdqs. Co., CWS.

Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr. has returned to the States. Was at Treasure Island, Calif. Hopes to be home soon with his discharge. Jimmy was with the Marine Corps. Was stationed on Guam, Eniwetok and Saipan. Worked with the Radar Stations.

Leroy W. Zettlemoyer, Jr., finished his boot training at Norfolk and was home on leave. Returned to Norfolk for further assignment. We believe Vincent Ferla, S2/c is at Norfolk, Va.

Pvt. Walter S. King is at Camp Lee, Va., with 90th Qm. Trng. Co.,

Bks T-919, 16th Qm. Trng. Bn. Pvt. Thomas J. Elder, at West Point. With an Engineers Detachment at the Military Academy.

Cpl. Donald F. Reed, at Separation Center, Fort Dix, N.J.

Charles R. Weir, Jr., S2/c U.S.S. Juneau, a Light Destroyer, on shakedown cruise. At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Pvt. John E. Heath finished his basic training at Fort McClellan,

Ala., was home on furlough, and reported to Camp Kilmer, N.J. for

shipment overseas. Wants to be a Paratrooper and will train overseas. T/5 Lester D. Myers recently transferred from 326th Glider Infantry, 13th Airborne Div., to the famous 2nd Airborne Division now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pvt. Tony Glaser, stationed at a camp "somewhere" in Texas, recently visited in Ambler.

Henry G. Bussing of the Army Air Forces has been promoted to the rank of Major. He has been in service five years. Was a German prisoner of war for sixteen months.

Robert H. Davies, AMM1/c and his wife, Mary, came east from San Diego, as Bob was sent to Quonset Point, R.D., for duty. However, Bob expects to be sent to Memphis, Tenn., a little later. Bob has about a year and a half to serve.

The U.S.S. Montpelier is to be docked at the Phila. Navy Yard for 3 months, after her Bermuda trip, so LeRoy Davies, S2/c and Charles E. Kepler, Jr., F1/c will be getting home for a good time.

Wm. J. H. Hough, QM3/c with the U.S.S. Akutan at Houston, Texas, expects his discharge sometime in July.

Pfc. James A. Shelly, Jr., now at Fort George G. Mead, Md., has been picked for a Guard of Honor and will go to Fortress Monroe, Va. Earl J. Stone, ACM is aboard the USS Tarawa.

Ensign Franklin P. Wright returned to his ship the USS PGM-30, in port on our Pacific Coast.

T/Sgt. Walter J.Wyrostek is at Tilton Gen'l. Hospital, Ward 23. Fort Dix, N.J.

Discharges:

Helen Paula Flower, ETM 3/c, Coast Guard - SPAR, 17 mns. Stationed in New York City.

S/Sgt. Albert J. Hurst, Jr., Army, 15 mns. Overseas 9 mns. in Japan with Finance Section Hdqs. Division, 25th Division.

Harvey H. Eisenhard, Jr., EM2/c Navy, almost 3 yrs. Overseas 20 mns. Pacific duty aboard the U.S.S. Y.D.G.#7.

Pfc. Arnold Dragani, Army, 2 years. Overseas in ETO about 8 months. Served with 385th Infantry, 76th Division.

John F. Keator, CM3/c, Navy, 12 yrs. Overseas, 15 mns. Pacific duty with 14th N.C.B.

T/5 Kenneth W. Meng, Army, over 2 yrs. Served overseas with Co. F., 3rd Infantry in Germany.

Sgt. John C. Smith, Army, about 2 yrs. Served in Pacific with Btry "C", 743rd AAA Gun Bn.

Pfc. Allan H. Burroughs, Marine Corps, 31 mns. Served in Pacific with Fleet Marine Force - based at Sasebo, Japan.

Pfc. Edgar King, Army, 2 yrs. Served in ETO 1 yr. 9 mns. Wounded in action in Battle of the Bulge".

Theodore Williams, S1/c, Navy, Served in Pacific with RV#1,

Navy 717. 1st/Sgt. George Parry Wiess, Army, 3 years. Served overseas in

Sgt. Alvin J. Neigut, Army, 27 mns. Served in States at Camp Mackall, N. C., Fort Knox, Ky., and with Hdqs. Co. AGF Replacement Depot No. 2, Fort Ard, Calif.

Robert B. Kleinfelder, ARM 3/c, Navy, 2 yrs. Served Pacific duty

with VB 20. Stationed at Hutchinson, Kansas, when discharged. Grant Buchanan, 3rd, AMM3/c Navy, about 3 years. Served at Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

S/Sgt. Calvin P. Ashton, Army, 2 yrs. 4 mns. Overseas, Pacific, about 2 yrs. Last based at Palowan Air Base.

Pfc. Albert C. Fluck, Army, 2 yrs. Served in Pacific - Manila, P.I.

Cpl. Wm. L. Kilson, Army, 2 yrs. Served in States with Air Force Base Units at Keesler Field, La., and Salina, Kansas. William H. Mahoney, Sl/c, Navy 28 mns.

Also Harold Harp and Kenneth Amey have been discharged.

Engagements:

Miss Sonya Marie Glinsky, Glenside, to Stewart L. Davis, Jr. Miss Claire White Niblock, to Willard Raleigh, Elkton, Md. Miss Dorothy Elaine Stoler, Gwynedd Valley, to Cpl. Robert James

Noble, U.S.M.C.R., Chestnut Hill.

Miss Pauline Nice, Souderton, to Albert W. Walters, Jr. Miss Lillian Moskowitz, Woodford Heights, to Stanley Neigut. Miss Nancy Walker to Richard D. Hoyt.

Miss Elizabeth Arcade, Doylestown, to Joseph J. Monaco.

Miss Margaret Partridge, Germantown, to John S. Hughes, Gwynedd Valley.

Miss Kay Partridge, Germantown, to Pfc. Richard Hance, Springhouse, now serving in Germany with 924th Engineer Aviation Regt.

Miss Jenny Fedele to Carl Mastromatto.

Miss Flora F. Selner to John Charles Hedler, Jenkintown.

Marriages

Miss Nancy Camasso and Mr. Joseph Molivari, Pittston, Pa., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church;

Miss Catherine Thornton, and Cpl. William Ball, at Emmanuel A.U.M.P. Church.

Miss Margaret Billger, and Mr. Robert A. Huber, Scranton, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Miss Rebecca Queenan, Fort Washington, and Mr. Melvin Thornton at Rectory of St. Anthony's Church.

Miss Mary Dickinson and Mr. Merrill B. Myers, Souderton.

Miss Anna Mann and Mr. Harry Dickinson, Germantown, formerly of Ambler.

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dager, a son.

We had a few calls this month.

Robert Milburn Jones, S1/c, was home on a 20 day leave. Bobby has been in the Navy for 13 mns., but in the Pacific since Aug., 1945. He served aboard the U.S.S. Pinkney, APH-2. Went to Pearl Harbor, Okinawa and Japan. The Pinkney was de-commissioned in Seattle before Bob come home on leave. He reported to the Phila. Naval Base for re-assignment and was sent to the Redistribution Center at Shoemaker, Calif.

Helen Paula Flower was visiting around. Mas an ETM3/c with the Spars. Did Radio work and was living at the Embassy Hotel in New York City.

Alvin Neigut called by telephone to tell us he was home and out. We appreciated this.

Calvin Ashton is home and dropped in one norning just as we were leaving. Asked him to come back, as we would enjoy talking with him.

Hugh Bullard came back from Shanghai, China, and picked Thursday for his call. Did this twice. We are never home on Thursday as that is our Hospital Hospitality Canteen Day. So, please do not call on Thursday. Saw Hugh at Nancy Walker and Dick Hoyt's announcement party and asked him to call again.

Also, on another Thursday another unidentified GI called. The family permitted him to get away without getting his name. From description, we believe it was <u>Earnie Smith</u>. Hope he tries again, as we have a lot of things to ask Earnie.

We received 3 letters and 1 post card this month.

Lt. Donald R. Meng, Hqs. 71st Sig. Ser. Bn., APO 500, based in Tokyo, Japan. This is a new address for Don. He is running a Dispatch Pool. Has about 200 vehicles and it is much like a taxi service and rental place. Early in April Don flew to Manila. While there, he looked up Walt Sobers. They hadn't met in so long they didn't recognize each other. Don was there about two weeks and the boys had a wonderful time together. Don doesn't know when he will be coming home. Walt Sobers believes he will be coming Stateside sometime in July. He is still in Manila. Address: Lt. Walter C. Sobers, Co. A, 738th MP Bn., APO 75. Pfc. John W. Gump, Co. A, 390th MP Bn., APO 228, sent a Post card

Pfc. John W. Gump, Co. A, 390th MP Bn., APO 228, sent a Post card from Namur, Belgium. John is riding freight trains out of Namur as an MP guard. Says "the weather is wonderful and the scenery is beautiful". Expects to be moved to Germany some time in June.

S/Sgt. Carlton L. Myers was leaving Salzburg, Austria on May 24th. Hoped to be home in June.

<u>Cpl. William D. Fugliese, 691st A.A.F. Band, APO 66</u>, based at Erlangen, Germany. On Easter Sunday, Bill went to Nurnberg to send a Cablegram to his Mom. As he was walking toward the "Club Americano," he saw a Sergeant across the street. Yelled out loud, "Deens" and sure enough it was <u>Henry Deens</u>. Bill and Henry had their pictures taken on the spot. Bill says his dance band is coming along swell. Every other Sunday morning, they fly down to Salzburg, Austria; then by truck to Berchtesgaden, Germany, to play there Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, they fly back to Erlangen to play for the Officers. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, they play at the "Top Hat Night Club" in Erlangen. Bill's enlistment expires on Dec.4th, 1946. <u>Henry Deens</u> is now a Sgt. and may return to States before long. He is stationed in Nurnberg.

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, April 28, the Senior Christian Endeavor Society had a Progressive Dinner. The entree was served at the home of Ruth Towne, soup at Ruth Nice's home, a spaghetti and meat ball dinner at the Church and dessert at the Leslie home. A grand time was enjoyed by all. On Mednesday, May 15, the Society went on a straw ride around Hatfield. Fifteen young people were present. After the straw ride refreshments were served at the home of William Mears in Hatfield.

The past Sunday evening worships have been led by Irma Mears on May 5, Dot Umstead on Mother's Day, May 12, and Bob Kriebel on May 19.

We had a special worship on Mother's Day, inviting all our mothers. We presented them each with a carnation corsage. Lewis Sloan from Lansdale, rendered two piano solos and a quartet composed of: Ruth Towne, Lillian Leslie, Dick Schuler and Bill Little favored us with a selection. Refreshments were served following the worship.

The new officers of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society for the coming year are: President, Dick Schuler; Vice President, Irma Mears; Secretary, Ruth Towne; Treasurer, Ruth Nice. On May 26 the Crusaders, Intermediate Christian Endeavor and

On May 26 the Crusaders, Intermediate Christian Endeavor and Senior Endeavor Societies are planning to go up to Montgomery County Park for a picnic supper and worship.

We, Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie, would like to say that we have sincerely enjoyed typing these Newsletters to you each month and would like to thank the King's Daughters for giving us the privilege of being of service to you in the Armed Forces.

Rev. Dunsmore's message:

In my closing message for this last issue of the newsletter may I pay tribute to the efforts of the members of the King's Daughters who have given unsparingly of time and effort to make this letter possible all through the war years. I know they would not have me mention their names, but you know who they are - or you can find out, and give them your personal thanks. They will appreciate it.

It has been a harder task than many realize, and has been a link between home, community, and Church that has helped many of you carry on when the going was mighty hard. I know of no finer thing done by any Church for you men in service.

Now we are thankful the war has ended, but we know the warfare of the spirit goes on. "We fight not against flesh and blood, but against rulers of darkness, against the hosts of wickedness." May I urge you to take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and to fight the good fight of faith.

We close with the benediction:

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace in your going out and your coming in, in your lying down and your rising up, in your labor and your leisure, in your laughter and your tears, until you come to stand before Him in that day to which there is no sunset and no dawn. Amen.

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS