

92 Bethlehem Pike,  
Ambler, Pa.  
July 15, 1943.

Dear

As Mrs. Macomber told you in her June letter, she has gone to Maine for the summer; and from the look in her eye, and the eagerness in her voice, Maine must be a pretty fine place to spend the hot months. We know you boys are going to miss her very special letters until she returns in September, but we are going to carry on for these two months, although we fear our letters are going to be more the local-news-type of letter. Be that as it may, you will appreciate your regular correspondent all the more when she returns.

9 We King's Daughters feel that Mrs. Macomber has done a particularly fine piece of work during the year, and she deserves a rest. Frankly, we think she is going to miss writing the letter. It seems to have become as much a part of her life as eating and sleeping. One can talk with her for only five minutes, and one realizes that she is eager to tell us something about one of you; or that she has her ear cocked for bits of news she can pass on to you. The joy she derives from receiving letters from you boys is so great, that immediately upon receiving one, she picks up the telephone and calls the mother of that particular boy to say "I've just gotten a letter from Bill," or whatever the name might be. You all have been very generous in writing her, and Al Gorton, the mail carrier, claims she certainly has a lot of "boy friends". The way she has come to know you and be so interested in your affairs, one might think you all had lived just around her corner all your lives.

She told you in her last letter that the King's Daughters were planning to give her a party in appreciation of the work she has done. And so we did--we all congregated on the 15th of June, dressed in our Sunday best. She was very much surprised when she was presented with an orchid corsage. It was the first one she had in her life. And she was absolutely speechless when she was given a hand bag - a big leather one, with handles - her special type. The Women's Bible room was beautifully decorated in a party-like manner, and Nancy Walker entertained us with jokes and readings.

All the King's Daughters are going to help compile the letter this summer, just as we have done all year; but reporting on certain subjects is going to be undertaken by definite persons.

Mrs. Ralph Drew is reporting the State and National news and Mr. Hoyt, the Sport news. The Church news is reported by several persons; Mr. Dunmore, Mrs. Bowl, Mrs. Pehr and our girls, Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie. Bertna Scamoder is always very faithful and brings in countless local items. The rest of this July letter is the result of Mrs. Ledeboer's sincere and loving labor.



Dot and Lillian are going to cut the stencils and mimeograph the letter for us. Miss Kulp and the High School students did all that work for us during the school term; but that being impossible for the summer, Lillian and Dot volunteered to do it. We are very grateful to them, for it is a big job.

It is quite a help to have the baseball news reported by someone else, for when it comes to baseball we are not too sure of ourselves. Oh, yes, we have been to games, we have sat in the ball park and seen a player swat a ball way out in the outfield, and seen him racing like mad around the diamond in the boiling hot sun, trying to get to home plate before the ball gets there. We've been a little hazy about the whole procedure, and have asked so many booby questions, our family would just as soon have us stay at home and work in the garden, or go antiquing, than attend a ball game with them. The whole thing is so strange--for instance, when our family returns from an afternoon spent at Shibe Park, and we ask them whether they had a good time, and what was the score; and they tell us it was a good tight game, the score was 1-0;--we can't help thinking "ugh - the whole afternoon spent just to see a fellow run around the bases once." We'd rather see a game where the score is 49 - 50 ----then we'd get plenty of action for our money.

Now, let's see what news we have for you about all your friends in the service and at home:-

There was no program arranged for summer school this year, so some of the teachers have availed themselves of the opportunity to work in local plants. Mr. Baker and Mr. Kunsman are working with Keasbey & Mattison Co., the latter as a carpenter; Mr. Geary is with the American Chemical Paint Co. Mr. Henry is employed at the Ambler Theatre. Miss Kulp is working for the month of July with a doctor in Philadelphia and "just loves her work." Mr. George Meyers is attending the summer sessions at Columbia University, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Kerschner were entertained in Glenside recently in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. About fifty guests were present, most of them being the teachers, the husbands and wives, of the faculty of the Ambler Schools. Miss Edith Garges, who the past two years has worked in the capacity of nurse for the Ambler schools, was married July 10th, in Doylestown. Her husband is a Doylestown contractor. Miss Garges plans to continue her position with the school next term.

Anita Burk was married, at a church wedding, June 20th, to Sr. Jose Solias, of Cuauhtimoc, Chih, Mexico; the bride and groom were married at a civil ceremony on May 29th. Anita was graduated from Ambler High in 1940, and this is her third visit to Mexico. When she went to Mexico three years ago on vacation she met her husband. He recently was made manager of a large Mexican firm. The bride and groom plan to spend a month this summer visiting in Ambler. Ralph Amey has completed his recruit training at the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes. He had a nine day furlough, which he spent with his wife in Circleville, Ohio. Pvt. Bill Weir, with the Army Engineers at Baltimore, spent a week-end with his parents recently. Lt. John Berwind, with the Army Air Corps, at Leemore Field, Cal., was married June 19th to Miss Elaine Baker, of Gallatin, Tenn.



They spent their honeymoon in Yosemite National Park. John expects to be transferred soon to the Air Field at Douglas, Ariz. P.F.C. Joe Janney, who is in Africa, has been promoted to Corporal. Aviation Cadet John Dickinson has completed the course in primary training at Curtis Flying School, Brady, Tex., and has been sent to Good-Fellow Field, San Angelo, Tex., for further training. Lts. George and Frank Haag, stationed with the Army Air Forces at Langley Field., Va., spent a recent week-end at their home.

Pvt. Stanley Neigut has been assigned for training at the Medical Replacement Training Centre at Camp Robinson, Ark. Lillian Springsteel has enlisted as one of the first members of the new Betsy Ross Company of the WACs. This company, which will be composed of 150 girls entirely from Philadelphia and vicinity, is being sponsored by radio station KYW, Philadelphia. Near the end of July, she will leave for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to begin her training period. John Hansell has volunteered to work as a Red Cross Assistant Field Director for the armed forces. He left Ambler June 21st, for a two week's training period in Washington, then will be sent to an Army camp in this country for several more weeks of training before being assigned a permanent post.

Corporal George Chiriano was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart in February, for the part he played when our troops invaded North Africa in November. He was wounded in this action, and sent back to England to recuperate. However, there are several pieces of shrapnel in his leg, which the doctors consider too dangerous to remove. This, he is sorry to say, will probably eliminate him from any further combatant action.

Walter Shaeff, Jr., funeral director, was commissioned Second Lieutenant following his enlistment in the Army Engineers. He left June 28th for Ft. Belvoir, Va. His business at home will be carried on by a well-known undertaker of Glenside, Edwin F. Thies.

Some of the boys who left Ambler July 2nd are William Bryner, Monroe Boyer, John Campion, Robert Parker, Horman Ashton, Anthony Donato. Bob Kleinfelder left June 25th for Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Adolph Lindquist has been transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Before entering the army he was employed as an aircraft instructor by the Rising Sun School of Aeronautics, Philadelphia. Don Betts and George Brumbaugh have been transferred from the Nashville Army Air Centre to Maxwell Field, Ala., to begin the second phase of their pilot-training course. Harry Dickinson has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is with the Army Air Forces at Miami Beach, Fla.

The engagement of Gladys Harris, Whitmarsh, and Irvin Harp has been announced. Miss Harris is employed in the Ambler office of the Bell Telephone Co., and Irvin is with the Navy at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Edward Cope has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Armored Forces. After four weeks with the A. F. R. T. C. Battle Training Detachment, he will be stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., as an instructor in the Armored Force School. Pvt. David Hawkes left June 29th for Camp Barkeley, Tex., after having spent



a fifteen day furlough at his home. During the last weeks of June P. F. C. Harvey Wittman had a ten day furlough. He is at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Gilbert Huber left July 1st to take up his basic training for the Marine Corps, at State College, Pa. Mrs. Sidney Gates, the former Bernice Kalb, left June 30th to be with her husband, who is now in Colorado. He has just recently returned to the states after having been at an unknown destination for some time. P. F. C. Joseph Bender has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade. He is a member of the Seventh Armored Division, at a desert training center in California.

Frank Taylor has been released from the Army on a medical discharge, and is again employed by Keasbey & Mattison. Joe Lapetina has been released by the Army, as over the age limit, and is employed by Kruse Kemper. Mary Dickinson, who is a third class yeoman with the WAVES, has been transferred to a recruiting station in Washington, D. C. Mildred Pierson, attached to the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, is stationed at New River, N. C.

In a letter from 2nd Lt. Vera Haff she tells her parents that she has arrived safely in Cairo, Egypt. She is with an Army hospital unit. "Everyone is very nice, they try to make us contented and happy. The food is good, too -- but how I would like to have a dish of Dad's strawberries! It is an interesting Country, I have already taken a tour to the pyramids and a trip down the Nile," she writes. Harriet Gump and Pvt. Walter Dummeldinger recently announced their engagement, and were planning to be married June 22nd, when Walter expected a furlough. Walter, who had been stationed with the Army Air Force at Chanute Field, Ill., was given a new assignment, however, and his furlough cancelled. Their wedding day, therefore, had to be postponed. He is now at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.

Mr. Woodward received a Father's Day card from "Sonny" on July 6th. "Greetings for Father's Day from....." --but the censor had clipped the name of the country. This is the first Sonny's parents have heard from him since the last of April, when he telephoned them from New York to say that he was just about to leave with a convoy. He has been trained for a gunner on merchant ships. Ted Gresh who is an M. P. stationed at White Plains, N. Y., has assisted in transporting German prisoners of war to Texas and Arizona. On the 27th of May, William Farrington was married to an Ohio girl, at Cincinnati. William is employed with the Wright Aeronautical Co., at Cincinnati. His brother, Charles Farrington is serving as a radioman on a P. T. boat. His mother just recently heard from him - the first time in five weeks. "Sonny" says their "trip was uneventful, it is hot, and I'm getting so fat you'd hardly know me."

W. O. Jim Ronan came home on a fifteen day furlough. This is the first time Jim has been home in two years, and evidently has seen plenty of action meanwhile. He was bombardier and co-pilot of a B-17 which bombed Calcutta, and Rangoon last August. In the latter engagement his plane was shot down and his ankle broken. He returned to camp on July 2nd, expecting to teach aeronautics at Tampa, Fla. His parents have learned since his return to Tampa,



however, that he has been assigned as bombardier in the 85th Bombardment Group, and probably will go to England. Jim enlisted in the Air Corps March, 1937.

P. F. C. Ted Dailey has arrived in the Hawaiian Islands, near Honolulu. His work is with the Motor Mechanics and is stationed in the shop. Corporal George Sandiford is at Officers Training School for Marines at Quantico, Va. P. F. C. "Buck" Johnson, located at Ft. Meyers, Fla., was home over the Fourth. Lester Rose, who has been on maneuvers for eleven weeks near Nashville, Tenn., spent a ten day furlough around the first of July, visiting his parents. This was his first visit home since his induction last October. His sister, Ruby, was graduated at the Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia, winning the ten dollar award for the "best all around nurse in the class." Nick Fanu left June 30th for training in the Marine Corps at Notre Dame. Walter Sobers, Herbert Luxton, Walter McLaughlin were among those boys who left July 2nd for the Army.

Lt. and Mrs. Clifford Martin, who was the former Pauline Haff, arrived in Ambler July 5th for a week's furlough. Cliff graduated from the Craig Army Air Field Flying School in April as second lieutenant. He is now stationed at that field, as instructor in advanced flying. A/S Ralph Davies has been sent to Tempe, Ariz., for further studies. He is studying to be a navigator. We have known for some time that Melvin James has been out of the country but only recently learned that he is stationed at Newfoundland, with a communications unit. Edwin Miller left July 3rd for New Cumberland, after having joined the Army Air Corps. Bill Lindelow is with the Army at Ft. Woren, Wyo. Corporal Garland Childs has been transferred from Indianapolis to Elser Field, Alexandria, La. Pat. Patterson graduated in June as second lieutenant from Craig Field Flying School. He and his wife visited Ambler after his graduation.

William Davis has been commissioned an Ensign in the Navy after having completed his flight training at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla. Pvt. Joseph Friel, who has been in the Pacific for about a year - being first in New Zealand and then in the Fiji Islands - has written home recently that he has been moved again to some undisclosed port. P. F. C. Bob Flury was home over the Fourth from Westover Field, Mass., where he is serving in the Air Corps. Pvt. David Farley, stationed with the Marines at Quantico, Va., spent a three day leave in Ambler recently. Corporal Walter Gouak is on desert maneuvers with the Seventh Armored Division.

"Tuck" Deck has seen a lot of action since he landed with the Army Engineers in Casablanca last November. News of his activities has just come through to his parents. For four months after the landing the Engineers were busy cleaning up the harbor of wrecked ships and unloading equipment from incoming convoys. Tuck saw Roosevelt on his famous surprise visit in January. He fought with the American Army at Kasserine Pass; with the Tenth English Army at Kourdom and Foudouh; then with the French Army at Gafsa and Siberta. After the battle of Siberta the American and French Armies joined forces for various battles which led to the capture of Bizerte.



He wrote his parents that he understood "there is going to be another tea party and we are invited to attend." No doubt since Sicily has been invaded, the "tea party" has begun.

Dudley Deck is proving to be quite a student. He has been sent from Camp Lee, Va., to Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. for training in Mechanical Engineering. Thomas C. Hughes, S 2/c is presently stationed at Memphis, Tennessee, where he is studying aviation radio. Robert Stevens is stationed at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes.

The air in Ambler was charged with the chug-chug of a motorcycle going through the streets around the first of July. This type of vehicle is something we seldom hear anymore, since you motorcycle fans have gone off to war. We learned it was Winnie Stong, home on furlough from New Bedford, Mass., and from the sounds of his Harley-Davidson he was having a good time. Before he returned to camp, he sold the machine to Al Wells.

Kenneth Nice who graduated from Ambler High two years ago, was awarded a four year scholarship at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, by the State Rehabilitation Board. Jimmy Dager has just returned to West Point Military Academy, having spent a few weeks with his parents. Faith Maxon has been appointed librarian for the summer months, to succeed Miss Ann Craft, who resigned July 1st. Faith will continue with her studies at a Southern college in the fall.

At a recent meeting of the Ambler Service Flag Committee, it was decided to remove the service flag from the Wissahickon Fire Company building to the Legion home. At the present time the flag indicates that 453 boys from Ambler are in our Country's service.

On July 1st Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson received service bars for one year's service with the Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen. They have both pledged their time for each Thursday and Saturday evening for the duration. Mr. Simpson is chairman of the Men's Personnel, and Mrs. Simpson acts as an Officer of the Day, seeing that the boys who visit the Canteen are supplied with refreshments, and made contented and comfortable. It was due to Mrs. Simpson's enthusiasm for her work that Ambler Night became a positive affair. The second Thursday of each month is known as Ambler night, and all the refreshments are contributed by Amblerites, - either in the form of cakes, cookies, milk, or money donations to enable the Canteen to purchase such supplies.

Miss Nancy Walker took part in "Claudia" the opening play of the season at the Greenwood Theatre, Peak's Island, near Portland, Me. Nancy, in the spring, was selected as a Senior Apprentice of the Greenwood Theatre. Before being selected by the Greenwood Theatre, she attended the American Academy of Dramatic Art in New York.

The engagement of Miss Margaret McCloskey, of Loch Haven, and Coulter Allen was announced a few weeks ago. Miss McCloskey



graduated from the Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, this spring. Coulter is employed at the Summerill Tubing Co., Bridgeport.

Nancy Brady began her studies at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, majoring in pharmacy. Nancy was salutatorian of this year's graduating class. Rev. Paul R. Wertman was installed as the new pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church on July 4th. He was formerly pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Salem Lutheran Church, both in Lancaster County, before coming to Ambler. Miss Claire Brenneman has started her duties as a medical technician at Temple University Hospital. The former home of Dr. Fine on Butler Ave., has been purchased by Dr. S. B. Smith, dental surgeon.

Most of you remember the robbery of the Ambler National Bank about ten years ago? James Magee, the bandit who participated in the theft of \$34,000, has asked for a parole. He is serving a 17 to 34 year sentence in the Eastern State Penitentiary. A previous request for commutation about six months ago was refused.

"How is your Victory Garden coming along?" is the way we greet one another this summer. All along the Reading Railroad are very flourishing gardens, where once grass and poison ivy grew. In Ambler many people have dug up their back yards, or just taken a few square feet of ground, to plant tomatoes and beans. You remember the lot on Lindenwold Avenue between the Methodist Church and Mr. King's home where many of you boys played baseball not so many years ago? Indeed, it seems like yesterday that we heard the crack of the ball, then the crashing of glass as a church window was broken, then the cry of "no chips, no chips" as the crowd of you ran in all directions and not one of you could be found! Anyway, that particular field has all been ploughed--Mr. King and Mr. Ashton have taken it over, and a big flourishing Victory garden is now in evidence.

We've been having trouble with the bunnies, though, eating all the young bean and tomato plants. We think you boys who were home for the gunning season last year certainly let a lot of rabbits escape your guns! Several suggestions have been forthcoming for preventing the destruction of the plants. One family planted two tomato plants in each hole - hoping the cottontails would eat one plant and let the other alone. Another suggestion is - to put a nice basket of carrots out in the garden, the idea being the rabbits would relish the carrots and overlook the tomatoes and beans.

Mr. Saylor's garden back of the church with its rows of corn, potatoes, carrots, - in fact 'most everything, is coming along very nicely. String beans and cabbage are ready to be used. Nary a weed in the whole place, though!

Pie cherries are nice and ripe now. We made a pie the other day, and couldn't help thinking, as we cut it, the juice running out all nice and red and sweet, how much you boys would give to have a wedge of cherry pie. We heard of one of our boys who would give \$20.00 for a duck dinner; and another who wanted strawberry ice



cream three times a day when he comes home; and another who just wished he could have one ice-cold bottle of coke.

We had some business in Lansdale lately. One must always explain, you know, why we use our car these days, otherwise our friends look at us as much as to say "Well!" We arranged our trip to go past Hustle Inn, to see how your old rendezvous looked. Hustle Inn has been closed now, for quite a while, due to gas rationing. Windows are broken, grass and poison ivy grow all along the front of the building and in the parking lot alongside. It looks so forlorn that it is hard to believe that just a short time ago so many of you spent happy hours there, "batting the breeze" over a glass of coke; or jitterbugging to the "Woodchopper's Ball", or "In the Mood."

Our weather in this section this year is spoken of in the superlative degree:-we had the coldest, longest winter; the wettest spring; and now, apparently, the hottest summer. Officially the weatherman informed us the temperature on June 25th was 95. It was the hottest June 25th in twenty years. However, we put a thermometer out in the sun, and within two minutes it had shot up to 120, which was as far as the thermometer registered. We pulled it out of the sun quickly, for we remember having broken an instrument a long time ago by not taking this precaution--in fact it was probably twenty years ago that we made this mistake.

Hot weather makes us think of swimming, so we traveled up to the reservoir to see if anyone was taking advantage of the heat to take a little dip. A number of boys and girls were there. The old signs prohibiting swimming were still posted,--but we think you boys never did believe in those signs anyway, did you? A big snapping turtle is reported to have been sunning himself on the sand bar. Someone claimed it weighed about seventy pounds. We recalled that some of you boys landed a big one out of the "razzie" a number of years ago.

There will be no Flourtown Fair this year. It was decided to discontinue the exposition because of the war program, gasoline, and food rationing.

The Fourth of July was celebrated very quietly. The Community of Ambler sponsored a program, carried out on Lindenwold Field, something like an old-time Sunday School picnic. In the morning a double-header ball game was played between the Auxiliary Police and the Air Wardens. Rev. Dunsmore demonstrated that he could play ball as well as preach, when he played short-stop for the Air Wardens. The Air Wardens lost the first game, though! but laid the Auxiliary Police low in the second. The afternoon was spent in races for the children, such as bag race, potato race, 50-yard dash, etc., with War Savings Stamps for prizes. In the evening community singing, amateur acts and professional entertainment made up the program.

The Volunteer Medical Service Corps was present, to give a demonstration of First Aid work. But before the day was over they had some real, though minor, jobs on their hands. Albert Newman



was struck on the head with a baseball bat; Jack Kleinfelder bruised his eye; Milton Clark cut his hand and suffered abrasions of the arm and leg; and Joe Noble had a wound bandaged.

Don't you remember the Fourths when you were small? When you exploded giant fire crackers under tin cans to see how high you could blow them into the air? The good old days! When patriotism consisted merely of making a loud noise!

Now for some Sport News:

Gunder Haegg defeated Greg Rice by 35 yds. in the Swede's first race in this country on June 20th. Haegg, world's greatest distant runner, won the 5,000 meter race in 14 min. 48.5 sec. His world record for the distance is 13 min. 58.2 sec. This race was run in New York on Rondalls Island. On July 2 at Soldiers Field, Chicago, Haegg won a special 2 mile race from Gil Dodds, Boston University divinity student by 20 yards. Time 9:02.8. Haegg in his third race in this country on July 10th lowered the two mile mark. Time 8:53.9 clipping 2 seconds off the world record. This race was run at Los Angeles Coliseum. Gil Dodds was again his main opponent.

Arne Anderson another Swede, a 27 year old school teacher, on July 1st, at Stockholm ran the fastest mile on record 4 min. 2.6 sec. under Haegg held the title. He ran the mile last year breaking the previous record with 4 min 4.6 sec.

Cornelius Warmerdam vaults 15 ft. to hold title. He has cleared the bar at the 15 ft. height 37 times in his career. No one else in pole vaulting history has ever soared 15 ft.

Neal Iuimby resigns at Overbrook School for Blind to become superintendent at the New Mexico School for the Blind at Alamogordo. While at Overbrook he was Ass't. Supt. and wrestling coach. He developed numerous outstanding wrestling teams. His Squad went through eight seasons undefeated including 1943. Iuimby developed many outstanding wrestlers including Bob Allmon, former Penn University captain.

The great race horse "Whirlaway" has been retired. He was a favorite of the track fans, the greatest money winner of all running horses. His earnings as they are termed exceeded \$500,000.00. The Australian crawl, the stroke our swimmers use in free style races, is not nearly so effective on the high seas as the breast stroke, dog-paddle and side stroke. So says C. L. Swain, Indiana swimming coach, whose teams have won 30 national championships. Swain has mapped out a course for Merchant Marine recruits.

Seymour Cohen at a meet in Pheonixville, Pa., made a javelin toss of 228 feet 10 in. The heave cracked both resident and district records for the Middle Atlantic Ass'n. of A. A. W. It was the best heave of the year in U. S. A.

Izzy Bellis, Philmont tennis star, holder of many tennis titles, defeated Hugh Quinn of the Rifle Club in the finals of the Annual Public Parks event.



Great speculation as to what colleges will play football this year. Some that will play have as yet to definitely arrange schedules. Villanova say they will surely play. Temple & Army have arranged to meet at West Point Oct. 9th. Carl Snively, Cornell football coach says the University authorities have approved Sunday games for the big Red team. West Point will play Navy at West Point on Nov. 27th. The Army will play 9 games, their longest jaunt to Philadelphia on Oct. 30th for the game with Penn. Unniversity. The West Pointers will also play Colgate, Temple, Yale, Notre Dame, Virginia and Brown.

Sergeant Joe Louis, heavy-weight title holder, is going back to boxing. Exhibitions at Army posts around the world. He will also give lessons in physical conditioning.

Big league baseball furnished some excitement for Phila. fans for the first couple months of the season. Both Phils and A's were up in the race several times. On July 14th the Phillies were sixth, 15½ games behind St. Louis who lead the league. Athletics are last 11½ games behind N. Y. Yankees who lead the American league. Both Philadelphia teams still have a chance, a little more so this year than in previous races. This is because many players have gone into the armed services and all teams are weakened by the loss of stars. Oldsters and youngsters help to fill the line-ups of all major league teams.

Brooklyn, in second place in the National League is 5 games behind St. Louis. Detroit in second place in the American is ½ games behind the N. Y. Yankees.

The 1943 All Star Game (Dream game) was played at night, July 13th, at Shibe Park. The American League stars won 5 to 3. The National League stars made one run in the first inning, but in the second, Doerr, 2nd baseman of the Boston Americans, popped a homer with two men on. The Americans made single runs in the 3rd and 5th innings for their total of 5. The Nationals, besides the first inning run, made single counters in the 7th and 9th.

Don DiMaggio, centerfielder of the Pittsburg team, made a homer in the ninth. He also had a triple and a single, 3 hits for 3 times at bat. Van der Meer of Cincinnati was the outstanding pitcher, six strike outs in the two and two-thirds innings he pitched. He allowed 2 hits. Mort Cooper, St. Louis star was the starting and losing pitcher. Sewell of the Pirates and Javery of the Braves also pitched part of the game for the Nationals. Leonard of the Senators was the winning pitcher. Newhouse of the Tigers and Hughson of the Red Sox also pitched for the Americans. Attendance, 31,938. Admission collected, \$65,174.00. This, plus \$25,000 for radio rights, together with some \$25,000 from the high commissioners of baseball, all goes to the Bat and Ball fund for the men in the Armed Forces.

Lefty George at 57 pitches for York, Pa., in the Inter-State league. Now a grandfather, he first pitched professionally in 1906. He was up in the National league a couple of times. Long with his home town team in York, Pa, he made many pitching records. Because of the man shortage he came from retirement to pitcher's box to help



his old team, saved a couple of games and won four in a row for himself this season.

Any of you baseball fans remember Pepper Martin of the St. Louis Cards about 10 years back? He was fast, stole bases in the World Series games as well as on ordinary wash days. Well, they use to say he was so fast he use to hunt rabbits without dog or gun, just run 'em, Pepper did. When he got up long side of the rabbit he would reach down, feel the rabbit's ribs; if he wasn't fat enough to suit, Pepper would let him go and take off after a better looking one.

#### State and National News:

For some time I have been well aware of shortages in various commodities but it was not until I received this assignment on the news-letter that there arose a shortage of news. I have not been informed that it is rationed so I hope my sources of information will yield a number of items of interest to you. If they do not I shall be forced to call upon the King's Daughters' members to create news in order that the News Letter may continue to roll off the mimeograph with its full quota of news.

During the first week of June the St. Stephen's Service Club, now in its second month of operation by the Episcopal Diocesan War Fund, entertained its 5000th service man. This club is the only canteen in Philadelphia which allows service men to bring their wives and sweethearts to club activities. This is permitted for the Saturday night dances and all day on Sunday. Another popular feature of the club is its apartment-hunting committee, which attempts to secure living quarters for the families of service men stationed here.

In Elizabeth, New Jersey, recently, six lions, led by two tawny acrobats named Cicero and Caesar, made a short-lived break for freedom in which they demonstrated the effects of civilization on the king of beasts. In their wanderings about a horrified residential neighborhood, Caesar leap-frogged over the back stoop of a nearby house. Cicero, meanwhile, was gnawing contentedly on a full can of anti-freeze which he found in a garage. He never got the contents. The six lions were the property of the Gilbert Brothers' Circus and escaped while being transferred from cage wagons to a training ring. Trainers and workmen quickly rounded up four of the animals but Cicero and Caesar evaded the workers and spent more than an hour terrorizing householders and women shoppers in nearby Super-markets, but delighting children whom police had difficulty in keeping at a distance. Cicero was captured when he strolled into a garage and neighbors slammed the doors. Caesar, likewise, was returned to captivity when he climbed to a porch and his trainer backed up a cage wagon for him.

On June 14th, the new Presbytery of Philadelphia was constituted with services at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. This new unit merges the Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia North, and Chester. It comprises a total of 176 churches with an



aggregate membership of 86,500 and 54,000 Sunday School pupils. The first business meeting of the New Presbytery was held on June 15th and the Rev. Howard Moody Morgan, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, was elected Moderator.

A recent edict from the War Department assures proud fathers in the armed forces serving over seas that they may now get via V-mail, photographs of their off-spring under one year old or born since dad left for overseas. The War Department says such pictures now may be transmitted via V-mail under certain conditions and may include the mother or other persons holding the child. The photograph is limited in size to not more than one-third of the correspondence space on the V-mail form. The photographer transposition must appear on the upper left portion of the correspondence space in order to prevent creasing, with the remainder of the form reserved for the usual personal message.

On June 16th the Flying Fortress Memphis Belle, which the Army says has been "hit by every type of anti-aircraft missile the Nazi had to offer" came home from the war with her original ten-man crew. The ship, first combat bomber to fly back from Europe, and its crew were welcomed by ranking Army and Royal Air Force officials at the National Airport. The Belle, veteran of 25 combat missions, was retired in England.

A cartoon by Lichty in the Evening Bulletin showed an enemy spy with the usual spectacles and many teeth, reporting to his superior officers. This is his report: "Hon. Spy report food shortage in U. S. so severe, people eating pickled cats--many housewives complain husband come home to dinner with sour puss!"

A news item from Moscow dated June 23rd announced that Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker had arrived there on a mission for Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson. The announcement of his arrival gave no indication as to Rickenbackers activities but it was assumed that he was to see high-ranking military leaders and public officials.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands spent a Sunday in June as the guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at their home at Hyde Park, N. Y. It was the fifth meeting between the President and Wilhelmina, the senior monarch of the world, who continues from exile in England her more than half-century rule of the peoples of her invaded low-land country and its tropical empire. After her visit with the Roosevelts the Queen returned to Canada where she visited her daughter and grandchildren at Ottawa.

An appeal from the County Agricultural Agent at Salisbury, Maryland, for volunteers to help pick the bean crop met with strong response and was the means of saving a large part of the crop. The emergency arose because a spell of hot, dry weather forced the crops so that the beans set out for cannery use and the crop intended for the produce markets matured simultaneously. It is also reported from State College, Pa. that more than 3,000 persons, both men and women were placed in jobs on Pennsylvania farms in June.



Talk has doubled! According to a statement from an official of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company long distance calls have nearly doubled in the past two years. In that period the Bell system has added 150,000 operators to handle increased traffic and for replacements.

On Sunday, July 4th, the stars disappeared from the planetarium sky at Franklin Institute. They will shine again on Saturday night, July 17. The reason for this non-appearance of the stars is so that the sky dome may be cleaned for the first time since the planetarium was opened ten years ago. This job will require the building of scaffolding that would be large enough to enclose an ordinary three-story house.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned by plane to China early in July after an extended tour of the United States and Canada. The trip which required less than a week was made in a transport plane piloted by an American crew and ended her 15,000 mile journey which began last November. While in the United States, Mme. Chiang underwent weeks of medical treatment for an old injury, then toured this country and part of Canada to champion the cause of China.

The State of Delaware is now in Brazil! The State of Delaware in this instance is the former Wilson line steamer which for most of its twenty years plied the placid waters of the Delaware River on excursions and moonlight rides. She now flies the flag of Brazil and is operating on the Amazon River after completing a 4,000 mile voyage through submarine infested seas. The trip was disclosed after the safe return by airplane of her picked crew of 36 men, representing more than twenty nationalities. The liner made the long dangerous trip under the Honduras flag and in convoy. For the transfer to South America she was loaded with 200 tons of welding machinery, motor cars, paints, etc. During the voyage she was attacked by submarines but as her captain remarked, "It is obvious the attacks did not succeed."

The University of Pennsylvania's Palestia, one of the largest indoor sports arenas on any college campus in the east, has become a mess hall for Army and Navy men; scene of many an intercollegiate basketball game since its construction 16 years ago, the entire playing floor of the building and part of the space formerly used by spectators has been converted into a huge cafeteria for the use of service men now studying at the University. Thus far, 184 tables with seats for 1612 men have been installed in the center and under the north and south balconies. Space remains under the North balcony for the installation of an additional 400 seats if required. Under the east balcony are refrigerator units and the kitchens, while under the west balcony is a dishwashing room. More than 100 civilian employees have charge of the food serving and dishwashing. The cafeteria is being operated for the university by the Horn and Hardart Baking Co.

The Big Inch, oil pipeline from the west, is expected to be completed to Philadelphia in a short time. The completion date has been set for July 15. Dredging of the Schuylkill River and Darby Creek, under which the line will run, is under way. The pipeline will branch off from the main pipe at Pheonixville. One arm will continue



toward New York. The other, of 20 inches, will be directed toward the refineries in the Philadelphia area.

Word comes from New York that the one-time French superliner Normandie may yet get into the war--as a troop carrier for the United Nations. Construction of an observation platform and the tearing down of work shacks on the side of the partially submerged hull give indication that the job of righting her--one of the greatest marine salvage operations in history--is nearing completion. The Manhattan president's office gave the Navy permission to construct an observation deck on the southbound roadway of the west side elevated highway between 48th and 50th Sts. The salvage workers have been removing the shacks and catwalks which they had named "Normandieville."

Pennsylvania in 1944 will observe Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November. Gov. Martin fixed the date in response to numerous inquiries, especially from calendar manufacturers.

On July 9th the 78th Congress left Washington to talk things over with the voters back home. This is the first long recess Congress has taken since the beginning of the war and they will not return to Washington until September 14 unless an emergency develops.

The story is told of a Florida banker who always wore a hat at work because he was bald and the hat protected his head from the flies. Every week this banker used to cash a pay check for a workman who would carry the money off in a torn wallet. Pushing his hat back from his forehead, the banker said to him one day, "Brown, why don't you deposit some of that money with us and build up a nice little bank account?" Brown shook his head and smiled. "I might," he said, "only you look like you was always ready to start somewheres."

Now, we come to news of our Church and the Church family:

There is a brand new organization in your church called The Couples Club. It is just what the name implies; a group of young married couples who have organized to get the younger people interested in the church and to make the many strangers who have moved to town and are coming to church, feel at home.

We hear so much today about post-war planning and this group is one of your church's post-war plans. Many of you boys have recently been married and more of you will be before and after this war is over and when you come back the Couples Club will be waiting to welcome you as members. So far the group has had two meetings, one an organizational one, and the second one a picnic. About thirteen couples attended each meeting and by fall we hope to have a larger attendance.

Let us all work together to end this war. I say us, because we at home are doing all we can to help bring it to a hasty finish, and then we can all meet together and have fun.

The Men's Association under the leadership of its new President, Mr. Chas. Bergman, held a very enjoyable picnic, Monday evening, June 28th, on the Heckler property, Fairview Ave. About 80 people



attended. This included the members and their wives and children. They partook of a delicious supper prepared by a Committee. Mr. Bergman stayed up all night baking a most generous supply of home-baked beans, which were surely worth the effort. Everyone had a fine time after the meal, playing baseball, pitching quoits, etc. Norman Dunsmore, aged 2, won a reputation for himself for sociability. He played baseball with the men, rode bicycles with the children and ate with everybody.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society has discontinued its regular Sunday Worship meetings for the summer, but plans to meet the last Sunday in July and August for a hymn sing, resuming the regular schedule in September. The young people enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic on July 10th at Dager's Woods with softball, badminton, and quoits on the sports menu and potato salad, deviled eggs, pickles, olives, watermelon, etc. on the food menu. On July 17th they plan to go on a moonlight cruise on the Wilson Line down the Delaware River.

Father: Well, Willie, what did you learn at school today?

Willie (proudly): I learned to say Yes, sir and No, ma'am.

Father: You did?

Willie: Yeah!

#### Handout

George: When it comes to eating, you have to hand it to Venus de Milo.

Mary: Why?

George: How else could she eat?

On Monday morning, June 21st, six of our young people started for Blairstown, New Jersey, to attend the Blair I Conference. And therein lies a tale!

It seems that the Ration Board would not grant gas for the 70 mile trip, so travel was by train--the one leaving Ambler at 6:58 A. M. John Keator got on it at Gwynedd; Nancy Wilson and Don Reed were to meet Gloria Simpson, Bernice Orne, and Bob Kriebel at the station--the last three named to be driven there by your minister. But Bernice's alarm clock was slow--and the result was that as we approached the station the train pulled out! So--we drove to Fort Washington, and there too the train was just leaving as we arrived! We headed for Glenside, and as we went through Oreland the train was in that station. I am afraid we exceeded the 35 mile an hour war speed limit, but we did reach Glenside first. We felt we had an answer to prayer when Nancy and Don were found to be on the train, because we were afraid that when we did not meet them at Ambler they might not get on--and they very nearly did not.



Try to imagine our feelings as we watched the train--the only one that could make connections that day--pulling out ahead of us twice. That was one conference experience which began with some excitement!"

As we told you last month, Norman Kriebel has been training to be a "smoke jumper", that is, a parachutist who will fight forest fires in remote areas of our Northwest mountains. At this date, he has made his seven practice jumps from an Airplane at an elevation of 2000 feet. He has made excellent landings, without physical mishaps, landing within 85 to 250 ft. of the target. He has had plenty of thrills. He made two landings in tree tops and once made a beautiful roll-over on his face. Norman writes, "May I heartily recommend parachute jumping to anyone suffering from boredom and routine, also from handicapped transportation. You can't beat it for getting somewhere in a hurry!" Now, that Norman's training period is completed, he is ready for active duty and has been sent to Big Praries Ranger Station, which can be reached only by airplane.

Miss Caroline Shelly is studying at Columbia University, New York, this summer. Her morning hours will be devoted to study, while the afternoons will be occupied with volunteer work in the Roosevelt Hospital.

Miss Zell Albertson and Mr. Willard Cassel have recently announced their engagement. Miss Albertson is one of the King's Daughters, Julia Ann Eckfeldt, who recently graduated from Wilson College, has accepted a position with Leeds and Northrup, Philadelphia. Donald Reed, who attended the Presbyterian Conference at Blairstown, N. J. has been elected to the student council there. A presentation dinner was given by the John T. Lewis & Bros. Co., Philadelphia, in honor of Mr. Fred W. Eckfeldt's forty years of continuous service with the firm. The employees presented Mr. Eckfeldt with a calfskin traveling bag.

Harold King has sent word to his parents of his safe arrival in Africa. He has been promoted to Corporal. Congratulations, Harold! Lt. Bob Davis is attending the Anti-aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C. Harvey Eisenhard is now stationed at the Navy Training School, Sampson, N. Y. Bruce Singer left to be a flying cadet in the Army Air Corps, July 6th; his brother, Bill, enlisted in the Navy Air Corps and left the 7th of July. P. F. C. William Little has been transferred from the Army Air Force at St. Petersburg, Fla., to Scott Field, Ill., where he will study radio and gunnery.

Capt. John Stewart, son of Dr. John Stewart, has received his third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for Valor. He was one of a large number of the Eighth Air Force decorated for their heroic assaults on Nazi Germany during the last several months. Capt. Stewart's original Medal for Valor was awarded for his exploits in the Middle East. Last October he was cited for his participation in an air raid on Lille, and was given an Oak Leaf Cluster. He was credited with three direct hits on Wilhelmshaven, Germany; another time accredited with shooting down five German planes and possibly two others during a heavy raid on France. About fifteen German fighter planes swooped in an attack on his plane, badly damaging it, but he shot a



number of them down and got his plane safely back to the airfield.

Bob Simpson has been sent to the Civil Aeronautics Authority Pilot Training School at the Loch Haven State Teachers' College, for elementary flight training, in order to become a Navy flier. More than 5,000 persons gathered at Premier Mountain, W. Va., on Memorial Day, to commemorate the lives of twenty-one men, including Corporal Bill Haywood, who met a tragic death last July 1st, when an Army transport plane crashed into the side of the mountain. A handsome memorial was erected to honor the young men, by the employees and management of the Premier Pocahontas Collieries Co., of Premier, W. Va. The memorial bears an inscription: "in humble tribute to all who gave all that we be free."

John Shoemaker left Ambler July 2nd, to go into the Marine Corps. He is training at Parris Island, S. C. Charles Jost who finished his freshman year at Valley Forge Military School this June, left July 10th for New Cumberland, with a group of boys from the college. George Miller, valedictorian of the class of 1943, received word of his appointment by the Hon. J. W. Ditter, to West Point. He left Ambler July 1st to enter the academy. P. F. C. George Cramer has been transferred from Parris Island to the Fleet Marine School, Norfolk, Va. Just before he was transferred he wrote home that the temperature at Parris Island had been averaging about 125 degrees for a long time--and the mosquitoes were as big as sparrows. To get some relief and enable him to rest, he had been sleeping out on the porch of his barracks at night. But the little buzzing insects were so bad he'd wake up in the morning with a whole new set of muscles!

The engagement of Miss Helen Nightingale to Staff Sergeant Harry Hutchinson has just been announced. Miss Nightingale is a member of the faculty at Mathias Sheeleigh School. Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Robert Jervis are being congratulated upon the birth of a son, June 29th. Lt. Jervis is stationed at the Navy Section Base, Southport, N. C.

Just as we were writing up some of this news one day, we saw a Marine going down the street. Anyone in uniform always arouses a lot of curiosity in our minds as we are eager to know which of you boys is home on furlough. We called to this particular boy and discovered it was Carl Meyers, home on a ten day "boot" leave from Parris Island. He looks especially fine and thinks there is no service like the Marine Corps. (Now just keep calm, all you Navy men!) When his furlough is up, Carl is going to Norfolk, Va., to train for the Fleet Marines.

Dick Hoyt joined the Army Air Force, and left Ambler July 15th. He volunteered for immediate overseas service. After going through the preliminaries at New Cumberland, he will report at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., on July 28th, as a gyro instrument overhaul specialist. Oakley Hoyt was sworn in as ensign with the Navy on June 24th, and is now waiting in Washington, where he resides, for his orders. P. F. C. Robert Compton who was wounded in one of the North African engagements, is convalescing. In his last letter he told his



mother he had gone for a swim, so we hope Bob is well on the way to recovery. Charles King, stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., has been promoted to Corporal. Congratulations to you, Charles! Bob Kerns who was training in the Walter Reed Hospital, has been sent to Ft. Bragg, N. C. 2nd Lt. Ida Berry has sent word that she has been receiving our letters. We have just recently found out that Ida's overseas station has been Iceland. Bob Broughton was just home on a furlough. He has been transferred to La Guardia Field, L. I., N. Y. for further training. Bob was recently promoted to Seaman, second class. Congratulations, Bob! P. F. C. George Camburn was transferred from the Salt Lake City Air Base to Gulfport, Miss. He is with the 310th Airdrome Squadron. We hear through Marie Camburn that Vernon Harp has been receiving his newsletters in North Africa.

Congratulations to George Fertsch, Gordon Jervis, Norman Kriebel, Charles Meyers and Garwood Howard, who all celebrated their birthdays in July.

Sgt. John Zeigler a member of the Eighth Fighter Squadron, stationed in New Guinea, was surprised recently while attending a camp moving picture show, to find Ralph Slutter sitting directly in front of him.

Dr. Henderson wrote a letter to the Rotarians which was read at a recent meeting of that group of men. You will remember, perhaps; that he is in North Africa. He said that the trip over was fine, accommodations couldn't have been better. He was sea-sick most of the way, had no interest in food, much less in submarines. He understood later the food was of the best. The twilight and sunrises are most beautiful; the lovely groves of olive and nut trees a picture one could appreciate more were there no war. He had also been swimming in the Mediterranean. His French was more amusing to others than of any use to himself, although after drinking some of the native wine he began to do somewhat better. One of the native soldiers said, "Monsieur, your French, it sounds like Abbott and Costello." When Dr. Henderson returns, the Rotarians are planning to have him give a demonstration of French "as she is spoke." Also we have good reason to believe that Dr. Henderson and Bill Sabold are in the same section.

More congratulations!- We had just learned that Gerry Davis is now Staff Sgt. We hear that Hampton Moore is somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

We've heard a few more moron stories, which you might like to add to the list Mrs. Macomber gave you last month:

Did you hear about the moron who--

"Put hay in his shoes to feed his nightmare, and his charley horse ate it up?

"Stuck his nose out of the window because he thought the wind would blow it?"

"Took a yardstick to bed with him to see how long he'd slept?



"Wound his watch on the top of a hill, because he knew it would run down?

"Took sugar and cream to the movies because he'd heard there was going to be a new serial?

"Went down to the ship yard to see his blood vessels?

"Wouldn't pay his trolley fare, because his name was Crime, and he'd heard that crime doesn't pay?

"Put up the window and threw out his chest?

"Got off the trolley backward because someone wanted his seat?

"Cut off his arms, because his girl was making him a sleeveless sweater?"

Perhaps you boys know some which we haven't heard yet. Tell us about them, if you have time. These moron jokes seem to be sweeping the country like the game of "knock-knock" some time back; or the "double talk" of a year or so ago.

Here's a joke Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie were eager to pass on to you:-

Draftee: "I always kiss the stamps on your letters because I know that your lips have touched them."

Sally: "You're wrong. I moisten the stamps on Fido's nose. It's always wet."

Here are two Becky Robinson thought you'd enjoy:

First K.P.'er: "These blankety-blankety potatoes to peel."

Second " " : "Stop your griping. Be glad you're not in the Jap Army and have to peel rice."

Captain, walking through mess hall, noticed a private on K. P. neglected to salute.

"Don't you know you should salute an officer?" he roared.

"Yes, sir," said the private, "but at this point in the recipe it says, 'don't stir.'"

A King's Daughter gave us this:

"A chaplain preached a forceful sermon on the Ten Commandments leaving one private in a serious mood. But eventually he brightened up. "Anyway," he consoled himself, "I never made a graven image."

We have had nine letters during the past month, from boys who have received our newsletter. You may like to hear about them:

Sam Dailey informed us that he had been promoted to Corporal. (Congratulations, Sam!) He has been transferred to Farmington, L. I.,



N. Y. He is Armament Crew Chief, hopes we don't think he is boasting but is pretty proud of his achievement.

Albert Volpe is Staff Sergeant at the school of Applied Tactics, Alachua Army Air Field, Gainesville, Fla. Leroy Davies is Apprentice Seaman, at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. He enjoys his work very much, but seems to be impressed with the idea of "standing watch all hours of the night, and washing his own clothes." Harry Wolf has been in the station hospital at Camp McCoy, but hopes to be home soon for a visit. John Dailey has been promoted to P.F.C. (Congratulations, John!) He was home in June for a short furlough. In his letter he described interesting and amusing incidents of his trip back to Barksdale Field, La. He expressed a hope of running across Gerry Davis. Gerry is stationed at Barksdale, too.

Oscar Stillwagon has been promoted to S/lc. (Congratulations, Oscar!) He is in a submarine division in a Southwest Pacific base. Reports the country is beautiful, and he has had a number of opportunities to go horse-back riding. He tells us his newsletters have not been censored, which information we are glad to know for we want our letters to be strictly correct. He also tells us he knows some moron jokes. Hope he will have time to send them to us, --we will pass them along to the rest of you. James Claville has been sent to Camp Campbell, Ky. He has met Sgt. Hyman Barbacow. Sam Worthington reports he has been transferred to the Post Office building in Baltimore. Sam was home for a visit just before the Fourth. Russell Huckle has been sent to Camp Custer, Mich.

In closing we give you---

THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM - REV. NORMAN DUNSMORE

"On July 1, 1643--just 300 years ago--the Westminster Assembly met for its first session, and took the Bible as the final authority in faith and practice. The seal of the Assembly showed an open Bible bearing the phrase, "The Word of God."

Besides emphasizing the supremacy of the Bible, the Assembly also held up the sovereignty of God. These beliefs have brought religious freedom to those accepting them, and a high sense of the worth and dignity of the individual that has resulted in political freedom in many countries. It has been said of the first American settlers that "they came holding the Bible in one hand, and the Westminster Confession of Faith in the other." American democracy and freedom began with those who found freedom in worship.

The doctrine of divine sovereignty may be said to have created the nations which have been Christian democracies, and those nations have driven back the frontiers of ignorance, unbelief, and tyranny. It is from this Christian belief in God as the ruler of the universe, and in the worth of every single individual whom He has created in His likeness, that there will come freedom in all the world.

The four freedoms we point to now can be seen in a moment to have come from Christian ideals of life. So when the greatest war the world has ever seen is being fought in the hope that it might



-21-

bring freedom to all the earth, should we not remember that the truths for which many are now giving their lives come from Christianity?

This being so, then here is our challenge: 'Rise up, O men of God--His Kingdom tarries long; Bring in the day of brotherhood, and end the night of wrong!'

We begin to understand now why Mrs. Macomber gets so much pleasure in writing her newsletter--we've really had a lot of fun compiling this one for you, boys.

Sincerely,

*The King's Daughters*



LETTER NO. 11

92 Bethlehem Pike,  
Ambler, Pa.  
August 14, 1943.

Dear

Before you start our newsletter this month, be assured that you will not find it as long as the last one. After all, we cannot expect you boys to ask for a furlough in order to find time enough to read it through, so we will watch our "wordage." We seemed to have so much to tell you, - and you know how some women are - when they once get started, they don't know when to stop. We wonder if you find females the same the world over, - in Alaska, in the South Sea Isles, in other parts of our own country. Possibly the only exception would be Africa, where, we understand, you can't talk with them at all!

Mrs. Macomber is still in Maine, and we King's Daughters will continue this month, just as we did the last time -- with Mrs. Ralph Drew reporting State and National news; Mr. Hoyt the sports; Rev. Dunsmore contributing "Thoughts from Your Pastor," and the general news about all your friends at home and in the service reported by all of us. Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie help us when our letter "goes to press" - and we don't know what we would do without them.

We hesitate calling Mrs. Macomber's visit to Maine a "vacation," for she has had a bit of excitement in her family which will interest each of you greatly. Mr. Macomber has received a Naval commission as Lieutenant! He reported for duty at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., July 28th, for an eight week's basic training course. For the past nineteen years "Mac" - as you probably know him - has been director of physical education and athletics at Cheltenham High School. Now he will serve as a director in the Recreation Program of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Mrs. Macomber asked him one time - when had he gotten this desire to enlist. "Last summer, when we were up at the camp in Maine, I felt uneasy. It didn't seem right for me to be able to enjoy the peace and quiet and beauty all around me; to have those boys out there doing the fighting and putting up with all sorts of inconveniences, while I didn't do a thing to help." And that, fellows, sums up Mr. Macomber's attitude about the matter. So, now, he is one of you.

When the list of those who helped compile the newsletter was given last month, one very important name did not appear, and that was Mrs. Hoyt's. You know, this project of ours was her own creation. We send letters to about one hundred twenty boys now, and that means a lot of detail work and supervision to be taken care of - things we never dreamed were necessary until we started helping her last month. She scorns any credit for her part in making the letter a success, she's just honestly happy that it fills a need in your lives, and that we are able to do it. An efficient, dynamic person is Mrs. Hoyt, but withal full of fun. If you were around her for any length of time, you'd soon be calling her, as we do - Hoytie.



Which makes us think that this might be as good a time as any to make a date with you boys. Let's have a big party some night down at the Presbyterian Church "when the lights go on again all over the world." Bring your wives, or your sweethearts -- we want to meet you all as a group, to hear the stories you have to tell, to see how matured you have become since you've been away, to tell you how proud we are of you. Perhaps you would also want to know what the King's Daughters are like. We are not a formidable group of women - in fact, most of us are mothers of sons in the service; two of us have husbands serving their country; and there's not one of us who is not interested in each of you.

The dry weather we've been having is very hard on the Victory Gardens. We're beginning to think we have two seasons in this vicinity - the rainy and the dry. It's been so long since we've had rain we begin to wonder what it would be like. The other night during a telephone conversation we heard a strange sound. We whispered to our family "What's that noise?" We were assured that everything was "snafu" -- twenty-two drops of rain had fallen, and the strange noise we had heard was the sizzling of said drops when they bounced on the parched earth!

We're preserving the results of our Victory Gardens and the kitchens are filled with the fragrance of apple sauce, jellies and vegetables being canned for winter's use. "Canning" is one of our chief topics of conversation. The other day we were sitting at the pool of a local Club watching the swimming. A group of women amused us. They paddled around for a few moments, then got together, in the water, and discussed the merits of one type of canning over another. They'd get that subject all thrashed out, then start paddling again. Until someone started questioning the types of jars to use. Then they'd all get together and discuss that question. That's the way they spent the afternoon. It amused us because they looked like the type of women who had never done anything harder than trump their partner's ace. It's not only women who gloat over the products of their labor. Recently a man (not a sissy, either) delightedly informed us of the number of jars he had helped his wife put up. How times have changed!

Another change of the times was brought to our minds lately when we decided to clear our attic of a lot of old magazines. We glanced through them to see if there was anything we wanted to save. One pile of magazines was dated 1940 - just three years ago. The advertisements warned us that our present refrigerator couldn't possibly be any good and we'd better buy a new one. Another enfolded for us the beauties of the Great Northwest, and we'd better take a vacation there to rest our weary nerves. Now -- the refrigerator people tell us "Sure, we can make swell ones, but hang on to what you have for dear life, and after the war we'll design you something wonderful." And the railroad companies say - "Yes, indeed, we have the most efficient lines in the country - but don't travel, stay at home." The height of irony was reached, we think, when we learned that Queen Wilhelmina had to buy a pair of wooden shoes for her grandchildren, in Holland, Michigan!



Now, we shall give you the Town news:- -

Ambler's Blood is in the War! Four hundred eighty-three persons donated a pint of blood each to the American Red Cross Aug. 2, 3, 4. The goal had been placed at 450 persons, so we went over the top by 33. Two hundred thirty-three of these were employees of Keasbey & Mattison Co.

The Service Flag Committee have compromised on a Roll of Honor, to temporarily take the place of a permanent Honor Roll. Upon this is placed the names of all the boys from Ambler who are in the service, and the case is exhibited in different stores, each store having it a week before passing it on. Plans are still under way for a permanent Roll of Honor later.

An amusing incident occurred recently, which we can't resist relating. A great number of boys left July 15th for Allentown to be inducted. After induction, many of them came home again to take their two week's furlough before going into the Army. A lot of swimming is being done this summer, at the Oak Terrace Country Club. The Club has been very generous and announced that all service men were permitted to use the pool free of charge. Those boys who had just been inducted, naturally, took advantage of the offer. But Oak Terrace is a very difficult place to get to without a car, and we are not permitted to use cars for anything but business. Some of them, however, managed to scare up a little gas, and a lot of courage, and Saturday, July 17th, being an exceedingly warm day, they hied themselves Club-ward for a little dip. The O.P.A. came quietly around and took their numbers, and about a week later these same boys had to appear before the authorities and explain the whys and wherefores. The authorities were lenient, though, and dismissed the cases. For the benefit of those who have been in service for a long time and don't understand what O.P.A. means - it's, -- well, it means Office of Price Administration, the organization which says you can or you can't.

We have learned that the Shellys, who operate the ice cream and candy store on Butler Ave., have bought the building where the Christine Beauty Parlor and Harton & Hildman are now located. They plan, after the war, to turn it into a large refreshment rendezvous, with dancing for those who desire -- a kind of a de luxe Hustle Inn affair. Won't this be a grand place for all you boys to congregate to "hash over" the war you were in; and discuss, (or argue) the merits of the Army versus the Navy; or the Navy versus the Marines? There'll be some hilarious gatherings, we think. To start the ball rolling for you we have gleaned some statistics. Out of 114 newsletters sent to service men and women in July, - 76 are in the Army; 25 in the Navy; 6 in the Marines; 1 Coast Guard; 2 Merchant Marine; 1, C.O.; and 2 are nurses.

Mrs. Harry Thomas, of Bethlehem Pike and Lindenwold Ave., has sold her house to Mr. Charles Gerhart. Mr. John Irvine has closed his grocery store on Spring Garden St., and taken a position with the Standard Pressed Steel Co. The death of Mr. Robert Comly occurred July 25th. For more than 30 years Mr. Comly served as driver for the American Express Co.



Miss Carolyn Thompson's engagement to Lt. Herbert Moyer of Lansdale has been announced.

Bill Ditter was sworn in on July 20th as a midshipman at Columbia University's U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School. The wedding of Miss Olga Auch and Louis Zerbenski took place on July 17th in the rectory of St. Anthony's church. The couple left on a honeymoon at Beach Arlington for ten days. Cadet Stew Davis has been classified as a navigator and is now stationed at Ellington Field, Houston, Tex. Pvt. Bill Weir, stationed at Western Maryland University, Westminster, Md., spent a recent week-end at home. Thomas Miller has been promoted to Corporal at Pendleton Field, Ore., and his brother, Edwin, has been transferred to Camp Haan, Cal. Lt. Charles Deuchar spent a recent forty-eight hour leave with his parents - which turned out to be his honeymoon, for he married a Wilkes-Barre girl just before his departure for home. He is tactical Officer and teaches the military end of pre-flight training at Wilkes Barre; last April he graduated from the officer's training school at Miami, Fla.

Cpl. Garland Childs, stationed at Elser Field, Alexandria, La., spent a ten day furlough at home about the middle of July. Arthur Rau is studying at Penn for the Navy Air Corps. Peggy McFadden is nearing completion of her training in the WACs at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Heeb Meyers, Chief Specialist in the Navy, stationed at Training Center, Sampson, N. Y., was home recently on a seven day furlough. Pvt. Dudley Deck, was home for the week-end of July 17th. Dudley is stationed at Princeton University.

Ben Towne has been transferred to the Navy Pre-Flight School at Athens, Ga., in preparation to his joining a combat unit. N.A.C. William Leary has completed his training at the same school, and has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Olathe, Kan. S/2c Albert Friel was home the week-end of July 17th from Norfolk, Va. William Cressman has been honorably discharged from the Army due to physical disability. Harold Jensen has been promoted to Corporal. He is with the Army at Miami Beach, Fla. S/2c Frank Worthington, stationed at the Navy Training School, Sampson, N.Y., spent a 7 day furlough at home. Cpl. Radcliff Allen has been transferred from Camp Dix to Indiana.

Pvt. Ralph Bishop has arrived safely at an overseas base. Sidney Cohen has been promoted from private to technician, fifth grade. He is taking a radio operator course at Central Signal Corps School. Ed Sage has been transferred from Nashville to the Army Air Base at Santa Ana, Calif., for bombardier training.

One hundred and two men were inducted into the armed forces on July 16th, among whom were the following boys from Ambler: Joe Kemmerer, Navy; Willing Holroyd, Navy; William Black, Marines; Joseph Gear, Navy; Donald Angeny, Edmund Plumley, Norman Lord, John Heywood, Daniel Stevens, Louis Hahn.

Nick Barry has been promoted to Captain. He is attached to the Headquarters Co. at Camp White, Medford, Ore. as a liaison officer. He has just returned from a 15 day furlough. Henry Barry is playing



his trombone with the Army Band in Australia. An interesting letter has been received from 2nd Lt. Vera Haff, stationed on an Army Hospital Ship in Cairo. She and several friends had a seven day furlough. They set out in a station wagon across the desert, to see the Holy Land. A Franciscan Monk escorted them to places of interest in Bethlehem. Some of the places they visited were Rachael's Tomb, the Church of the Nativity, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of all Nations. The churches are most beautiful, but have been remodeled to such an extent that one must constantly use the imagination to figure how they must have looked in Biblical times. There are seven gates to the city - one, the Golden Gate, as the Bible says, is locked and will not be opened until "our Lord comes again." After seeing all they could, they stopped at a little town along the sea, where everything is closed Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. All the townspeople head for the beach, where the little children run about nude, and adults dress and undress right there on the beach. In flying back to the hospital, they were able to see Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and other interesting places.

Pfc. Jack Tressler, with the Army Air Force, has been transferred from San Bernardino, Calif. to Blythe. Lts. Frank and George Hagg, stationed at Langley Field, Va., were home for several days in July. It must be a great deal of pleasure to their parents to have both boys come home on furloughs at the same time. Pvt. Thomas Tressler has completed his basic training with the Army at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Eagle Erhardt is continuing with his interest in motorcycles in the Army. With his knowledge of cycles he was assigned to the Army Engineers Motorcycle Division, stationed in Calif. An Ambler man, Capt. J. L. Francine, took part in the recent American raid on Paramuschiro. They started early in the morning, intending to bomb the Japs before breakfast. After dropping tons of bombs, photographing important military installations, they arrived back at their base in the Aleutians unscratched. He has since been promoted to Major.

Lt. Lorenz is at Dutch Harbor, Ala. He writes that it is a very beautiful city, that he has everything he needs for comfort and pleasure. He hopes that someday he will be able to take his family back for a visit, to show them the lovely country. Jimmy McKinnan is a drummer with the Army Band at a replacement center in Texas. His engagement to Miss Jean Reaver was recently announced. 2nd Lt. Walter Bowdich visited in Ambler for a few days. He is in Chemical Warfare Division in Aberdeen, Md. Some time in the spring he had the misfortune to have the ends of two of his fingers blown off during an experiment. Lt. Al Acuff is located at the Harborcraft Hdq. in Charleston, S.C. Bill Geddes graduated from the Army Air Corps, and received his coveted wings July 22nd as a bombardier pilot at George Field, Ill. He is now 2nd Lieutenant. After his week's furlough, he returned to Lockborn Field, Columbus, Ohio. His wife, the former Norma Black, accompanied him, and is planning to remain for a while.

The engagement of Miss June Carter, of Sunbury, Pa., and Pfc. "Buck" Johnson has been announced. "Buck" is stationed at Ft. Meyers, Fla. Robert Davies, A.M.M.3/c, has been transferred from Sand Point, Wash., to Astoria, Ore. Thomas Benzenhafer has been promoted to A.M.M.3/c. He is with the Navy at Norman, Okla. Paul Jones left July 22nd to join the Seabees, at Camp Peary, Va.



A farewell party was given by the employees of Keasbey & Mattison Co. on Friday, July 23rd, at the home of Marion Maxwell, in Gwynedd, to Hugh Seville, who was leaving for the Seabees; John Heywood, the Army; and Mary Elizabeth Hanning and Marion Maxwell, who joined the WAVEs. The party was met at the Ambler station by Mr. Queenan, who drove them to Gwynedd in his hay wagon. There were so many, and the hill by the School House Inn on Bethlehem Pike was so steep, the men were obliged to get out and walk. A hilarious evening was spent playing soft-ball, quoits, cards and other games; and it was only recently we inadvertently discovered what time it broke up, when we inquired of Mr. Queenan about renting the hay-wagon for ourselves.

Dick Slayton's parents travelled out to see him at Cleveland, Ohio., July 11th, where he was studying for the Air Corps at Fenn College. Dick was only able to be with them for the one day, but they had a grand time together. Mrs. Slayton had been imploring him to have his picture taken for her, but he had replied that there were no studios in Cleveland. However, in sauntering around the town together, there seemed to be a photographer's studio in every block. "What do you mean," said his mother, "by telling me there was no place to have a picture taken?" "Well, Mom," replied Dick, "you know how it is." (We think all the rest of you understand "how it is.") Mrs. Slayton had taken her camera along so was able to get some fine snaps of him. He has since been transferred to the Air Field at San Antonio, Tex., for more intensive training. Dick has already had ten hours of flying.

Bob Coran graduated July 28th at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., as a pursuit pilot; received his prized wings, and rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He was given a 5 day furlough after his graduation, then will return for 3 more months of intensive training in his line. Don Betz is studying to be a pilot at Maxwell Field, Ga. The engagement of Carl Randall and May Wisler was announced some time ago. May expects to join Carl, who is stationed at Savannah, with the Coast Artillery, in the very near future for their wedding. Harriet Gump and Walter Dummeldinger, stationed at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., had a hard time trying to carry out their plans for a wedding. Twice they had to postpone their wedding because anticipated furloughs, which Walter counted upon, never materialized. The first of August, Harriet travelled to Wisconsin, expecting to be married the following Saturday; again their plans were held up because the blood tests were delayed. Upon engaging a minister, Harriet discovered he was an old friend of her family some years back. S/c Seaman Walter Dickinson has been traveling around the South Pacific area on a submarine tender. T/Sgt. Tom Gibbs, who has been in the Army 3½ years, recently returned to Ambler on a short furlough. He has lately been in the Panama area. Walter Sobers and Claude Rawlins surprised each other by accidentally meeting each other at Camp Hood, neither knowing the other was stationed at the same camp. They are in a tank outfit. Capt. George Lutz returned to Ambler for a very short furlough, after having spent a year with the Army in the South West Pacific. George received his captaincy after his course of training in Camp Davis, N.C. Pfc. Sydney Gates, husband of the former Bernice Kalb, has been escorting prisoners from foreign lands to the U.S.



John Dickinson received his silver wings upon graduating from the Army Air Forces Gulf Training Center at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, in July. He is now ranked 2nd Lieutenant. Pfc. William Sabold was injured during the invasion of Sicily, when a jeep he was riding in went over a cliff. His injuries were not very serious, however, and he seems to be getting along nicely. Pfc. Ed Steer, Marine, stationed in Philadelphia, has been hospitalized in the Phila. Naval Hospital. He is much improved - was even able to be home for a recent weekend. Pfc. Thomas Miller, stationed at Pendleton Field, Oregon, has been promoted to Corporal. Pvt. Edwin Miller, his brother, is at Camp Haan, Calif. Pfc. John Jones is receiving his basic training at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Cpl. Harold Jensen, with the Army Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla., spent a 15 day furlough at home around the first of the month. George Brumbaugh has been transferred to Carlson Field, Arcadia, Fla.

Johnny Donaldson is with the Army Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla. John Hansell is with the American Red Cross, 48th Coast Artillery, Norfolk, Va. LeRoy Davies, of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station arrived home Aug. 11th for a week's leave. Lt. Bob Buck has been transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. Pfc. Stewart Rorer has returned to Camp Gordon, Ga. after a recent furlough at home. A/S Ralph J. Davies has left Tempe, Arizona and is now stationed at the Classification Center at Santa Ana, Calif.

#### Now for some Sport News:

Our neighbor, R. B. Macomber, of 92 Bethlehem Pike, mentioned elsewhere in this letter as commissioned a full lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, has a wonderful record of interest to sports fans. After his days as a football player of more than usual ability, he coached and officiated in important football games, was chief of umpires in the New England baseball league, umpired in the Pacific Coast League, and is a licensed guide of the State of Maine. Mac is an outstanding character and fortunate indeed will be the outfit to which he is attached.

Gunder (the Wonder) Haegg has completed his visit to this country and will return to his home in Sweden soon. While in America he ran eight races. He won them all, except in a two mile race when he gave Bob Berger, an eighteen year old high school graduate of Bay Village, Ohio, a 440 yard handicap as a pacemaker and failed to overtake him. Berger won by 5 yards. Haegg said Berger was the best young runner he had ever seen. In this race on Aug. 7th, Haegg set a new outdoor American two mile record. It was run at Cincinnati. Haegg's time 8 min. 51.3 sec. Haegg has won a 5000 meter race, two 2 mile races reported in our last letter. On July 17th, at San Francisco, he won a one mile race. Time 4 min. 12.3 sec., much slower than his record of 4 min. 4.6 sec. July 24th he ran the mile in 4 min. 5.3 sec. -- the fastest mile in American outdoor track history. Dodds and Hulse were again his opponents. Dodds' time also beat the American outdoor record, finishing in 4 min. 6.5 sec. Hulse, of



New York University was third, 4 min. 7.8 sec. On July 31st, at Cleveland, Ohio, Haegg wins again, does the mile in 4 min. 5.4 sec. Hulse second with 4 min. 6 sec., and Dodds third with 4 min. 6.1 sec. Glenn Cunningham, formerly held the outdoor American record for one mile with 4 min. 6.7 sec. Hulse's time of 4 min. 6 sec. is now the best for one mile, outdoor track, made by an American. On Aug. 11th at Randall's Island, N. Y., Haegg again wins the one mile race. Time 4 min. 6.9 sec. This was a close race. Dodds was second with 4 min. 7.2 sec., and Hulse third with 4 min. 8.2 sec. Haegg says before he leaves this wonderful country, he wants to thank all Americans for their kind treatment and all opponents for their good sportsmanship. During the races, from gate receipts, advertising, etc. about \$25,000.00 was raised for the Army Air Forces Relief Society.

Warmerdam, in a meet on July 17th, at San Francisco, pole vaults 15 feet for the 42nd time.

The All American Open Golf Tournament held in Chicago at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course was very exciting. In an 18 hole play-off because of a tie, at the end of the regular match, Jug McSpaden of the Phila. Country Club defeated Buck White of Greenwood, Miss. White's par of 72 wasn't good enough when McSpaden finished with 71. In this play-off, they were all even at the 18th hold. White was leading at the ninth but then missed a couple of easy putts. Coming to the eighteenth, McSpaden's drive hit a tree, glanced off and rolled on the green 20 feet from the cup. With a beautiful putt, herolled it in.

Football schedules and decisions of all kinds are still to be settled. The War Department, it seems, doesn't want the Army-Navy game to be played. Powerful interests are trying to have it played in New York City or Philadelphia where large crowds can be accommodated. Then the large admission funds would be donated for the benefit of the boys in the services. College teams manned largely by men in the services, studying at the various schools, will play quite a schedule. Some of the boys in the Army, Navy, and Marines were, before entering the services, on the team of the college of their choice, now find themselves playing for a rival. Two of Penn's players are at Cornell. They will be playing for Cornell against Penn in their famous Thanksgiving Day game this year.

The Phillies have won their last 7 games as this is written on Aug. 14th and are now fifth in League standing. The A's have lost their last 7 games and are last in their League. Schoolboy Rowe has won ten games this season for the Phillies and received \$1,000.00 bonus. His contract calls for an extra bonus for each games he wins hereafter. Rowe has made a wonderful comeback this year. Many trades in Baseball, the Phillies in many of them, trying to build a winner. Brooklyn losing steadily, only 5 games ahead of Phillies. Brooklyn has traded Buck Newsome, their star pitcher of this year to St. Louis Browns, Medwick, star outfielder for many years to Giants, and many more trades by various teams too numerous to mention. The Phila. National League Club, owned & r



many years by Gerry Nugent was sold last Spring to a syndicate headed by Wm. D. Cox. Bucky Harris was engaged as the new manager. Good trades for players were made, more players were bought, the team was in first division for some time early in the season. Fans were pleased and felt that at last a good team was being built. Then the team began to lose steadily and went to seventh place. Then a sudden announcement that Manager Harris had been fired. This was July 28th and Freddy Fitzsimmons was made manager. He was on the Dodgers' pitching staff the last few seasons, previously with the Giants. The team is winning again.

# THE LEAGUES STANDING August 13th

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	67	33	.670	New York	63	39	.618
Pittsburgh	54	49	.524	Cleveland	53	48	.525
Cincinnati	54	49	.524	Washington	56	51	.523
Brooklyn	54	50	.519	Detroit	52	49	.515
<u>PHILLIES</u>	50	56	.472	Chicago	53	50	.515
Boston	46	53	.465	Boston	50	54	.481
Chicago	47	56	.456	St. Louis	45	56	.446
New York	38	64	.373	<u>Athletics</u>	40	65	.381

The hard hitting league's leading batsman was a favorite because of his contribution to the success of his team and his daring base running and ability to hit won the applause of even the rival fans. Popularity went to his head and on the least irritation he would rush up to a rival player and his bluff and bluster usually resulted in the other fellow letting it go at that. One day a new catcher, shy and retiring, tagged him out for the second time during the game. The cocky old-timer jumped up to the quiet recruit and yelled "What do ya want?" and quietly the youngster said "What you got?"

## State and National News:

Searching for news for the News Letter reminds me of the story about the country editor who always insisted on using the word "news" as a plural noun. Once, while he was away on a trip, he wired back to the reporter whom he had left in charge, asking "Are there any news?" To which the reporter briefly replied, "Not a New!" As our news files are not completely bare, we shall assemble a few items we think will be of interest to you.

On July 16, President Vargas, of Brazil, donated 400,000 sacks of coffee for the use of American armed forces on the battlefronts. Dr. Salgado, Brazilian Air Minister, brought a letter to President Roosevelt conveying Brazil's best wishes and friendship and offering the coffee for our soldiers.

The inhabitants of Lexington, Virginia, were startled recently when they passed the local jail and saw a white flag fluttering in



front of it. This did not mean that the jail was surrendering. Nor was it a prank. The white flag meant that there were no prisoners in the jail. Officials reported that it was an old custom in Lexington to hang out the white flag when the jail was empty but said this was the first time in 20 years that they have had a chance to use the signal.

The OPA has eased the regulations concerning rations for service men on furlough. They now may apply for food ration stamps at the most convenient ration board office. Formerly, they had to apply in the particular locality where they were to spend their leave.

As if we did not have enough to worry about, the U. S. Treasury comes along with the announcement that \$10,000.00 bills are getting scarce. Nearly 4,000 of the longest of this country's long green have found their way back to the Treasury in the past two and one-half years. There are fewer than 2200 at large. When there is a demand for the big bills, officials attribute some of it to a desire on the part of some foreign nationals to convert their assets into the most compact form of cash.

On July 30, David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America, announced the signing of an agreement for the sale of the Blue Network Co., Inc., for \$8,000,000.00 in cash to Edward J. Noble, former Undersecretary of Commerce, chairman of the Life Savers Corporation, and owner of Station WMCA, New York. Mr. Noble announced that his interests in WMCA would be sold as soon as a buyer could be found.

Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, recently returned from a three week inspection of American troops in North Africa, Great Britain and Iceland and declared that "there are no finer soldiers". However, he said that his lack of resemblance to Hedy Lamarr provided a major disappointment to at least some of the troops on his recent tour. He said that when he left his airplane in Newfoundland he saw a number of young second lieutenants on the field, whose faces fell at the sight of him. He learned that there had been a rumor that Hedy Lamarr was coming on that plane.

Lin Sen, 81 year old American-educated President of the Chinese Republic, died August 1, after a long illness. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was immediately designated by the Koumintang Central Committee, the nation's highest executive body, as acting President.

On August 4, Governor Martin, exercising broad war powers granted by the General Assembly for the first time, decreed that automobiles licensed in Pennsylvania next year need carry only one metal tag containing the license number, instead of the customary two plates. The single tag is to be displayed on the rear of the car.



Farmers near Bellarthur, a small railroad stop near Greenville, N. C., will not have to worry about their gasoline ration coupons for a while. On August 3, 14 cars of a Norfolk and Southern freight train were derailed near Bellarthur. Four cars contained gasoline which began leaking out when the cars overturned. Farmers soon gathered with buckets, washtubs and other containers. Railroad officials said they did not know how much gasoline remained in the cars when employees were posted around the scene as guards. One farmer admitted he had salvaged 600 gallons.

United Nations fliers are now using an automatic "lung" being produced in Philadelphia, which enables them to stay in the stratosphere twice as long. The new breathing device, according to Raymond P. Lansing, vice-president of the Bendix Aviation Corp., which originated and developed the mechanism, requires the use of only half as much oxygen as automatic lungs formerly used. The saving of oxygen is effected by cutting off the flow when the flyer exhales.

On August 5, fire and explosion struck the Beverly Hills home of Harold Lloyd destroying the original film of his silent-day comedies that he valued at \$2,000,000. and almost caused his death. His wife, Mildred Davis Lloyd, reached his side just as he collapsed at the door of the film vault. She dragged him to safety outdoors. The cause of the explosion was not determined.

On Friday, August 6, Pennsylvania underwent its first noon-hour air raid rehearsal in a 47-minute state-wide test, accompanied in Philadelphia by the roar of Army planes overhead and the passage of anti-aircraft guns through the central city streets. Judge Vincent A. Carroll, who toured the city during the test, said that it was very successful.

The rationing of coffee which began in November has now ended because the shipping situation has improved to such an extent. President Roosevelt, in announcing the end of coffee rationing, also said he expected within a short time to be able to announce greatly increased rations of sugar.

Another report from the enemy spy of Lichty's cartoon in the Evening Bulletin is as follows: "Honorable Spy report wave of defeatism sweep U. S. factories - workers plead with soldiers to 'give works' to Honorable Nippon Soldier."

Now we come to news of our Church and the Church family:

Nancy Wilson, Gloria Simpson, Catherine Rishel, John Keator, and Robert Kriebel, former delegates to the Presbyterian Young People's Conference at Blairstown, on July 17th attended a reunion of Blair delegates in New York City, where they gathered for a boat trip up the Hudson River.

On July 17, the Senior Christian Endeavor Society boarded the



"Bay Belle" of the Wilson Line for a trip down the Delaware River to Riverview Beach. Rev. Dunsmore and 16 members of the group enjoyed the many varied amusements in the park. The boat/11:50 P. M. in Philadelphia and they made a merry chase to the Reading Terminal to catch the last train to Ambler. Howard Johnson's was stormed upon at 1:15 A. M. by starved, happy-go-lucky customers. This same group has given several outdoor hymn sings. To add to the enjoyment of the music, recordings were played of Nelson Eddy singing the Lord's Prayer and other selections by the All-Girl Orchestra. The records were graciously loaned by Gertrude Vandegrift and the recording machine by Dorothy and Irma Umstead.

Rev. and Mrs. Dunsmore, and their little two year old son, Norman, are spending the month of August at "The Cockpit" their summer home in Maine. Supply ministers have been obtained to take Rev. Dunsmore's place during his absence, two of whom are former classmates of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Alfred Gorton, who broke his ankle last spring, and has been walking around on crutches most of the summer, is back at work again. We, who are mothers of boys in the service, think Al is a very special kind of mail carrier. When he finds in his pack that he has a letter from one of our sons, he bangs on the door, rings the bell and shouts "Come a-running". "Something good for you this morning." We missed this extra attention during his absence.

Dr. J. A. Shelly now has an assistant practicing with him, Dr. E. M. Watts, of Chestnut Hill. Dr. Watts is a member of the fair sex. Roscoe Brady has been selected to play in the Penna. State College's 80 piece band.

Mrs. Simpson is always bringing boys home whom she meets at the Stage Door Canteen. On Sunday, July 25th, she entertained one French soldier from Camp Dix; and four sailors - two of whom were on a submarine, one on a carrier and one who had seen active service on a troop ship. The soldier's home is in Breste, France, but it seems that the government is training a group of Frenchmen in this country. Gloria invited some of her friends - Betty Rothenberger, Jean Rile and Mary Evans - to help entertain the boys, but they had a hard time conversing with the Frenchmen. They found that the French they had learned in high school didn't work! During a stroll to show them the sights of Ambler, they passed the manse. Rev. Dunsmore heard their plight and helped them out by talking with the boys himself. It really pays to know one's French, in fact, in this war, one should know a lot of languages!

Richard Tompkins, with the Merchant Marine, walked into his mother's kitchen July 21st, and gave her a great surprise. He had received a thirty day furlough. His ship had docked in Calif. from a trip to New Caledonia. This is the first he has been home since February, when he had just a few hours leave from his ship, then docked in New York. The Tompkins family have just received a postcard from Kelsey, who is a prisoner in Germany. This is the first direct word they have gotten since he became a prisoner, and it was dated March 26th. He said - "Just sent a card to my



wife and now to you. If you get in touch with Red Cross, will get more information. Looking for letters."

Bill Singer, with the Navy Air Corps, is studying at Penn; and Bruce, with the Army Air Corps, is stationed at Ft. Bragg, S.C. Ensign Oakley Hoyt left July 28th to take up his duties at a naval base which is now under construction in Patuxant, Md. 2nd Lt. William Hayward spent a week's furlough at home about the end of July. He will return to Mobile, Ala., where he is stationed with the Army Air Force and continue with his radio work. Bobby Gerhart left July 29th for his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., signing up for ground work in the Naval Air Corps. Bobby had one more year to finish at the McDonagh School in Maryland, but evidently Uncle Sam had other plans for him. Donald Gerhart, is still at Camp Wheeler and expects to be home on a furlough in Sept., when his basic training will be finished.

Evidently August is a popular month for birthdays; 11 of you observed them. Bill Singer; Bob Davis, Raymond Aures; Walter Dotts; Harold King; William Little; Frank King; Roscoe Smith; Wilson MacIntire; Charles McPhail; Sam Worthington; Buddy Zeigler; Bob Simpson and Bob Compton. Our hearty congratulations to each one of you.

Pvt. Dick King spent a furlough at home from Camp Butner, NC. Roscoe Smith, Pharmacist, 2/c, is at sea on the S.S. New Jersey. Pvt. Valdo Dragani is in Australia. Jack Schoenberg, who was an aviation student at Lafayette College, has been transferred to Nashville, Tenn. The engagement of Bob Simpson, aviation cadet, and Miss Mary Rosalind McKinney, of Wyncote, was announced at Christmas. Bob was home Sunday, Aug. 8th. Hugh Seville left July 12th for training with the Seabees at Camp Peary, Va. Harold Moore left Aug. 4th for training with the Engineering Training Battalion at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Warren Fleck is training with the Engineering Regiment at Camp Claiborne, La. Bill Hamilton is with the Army Air Corps, Greensboro, N. C. He informs his parents that he has the laundry situation well in hand - instead of doing it himself, he gives a few sharp whistles over the fence and from somewhere a native will appear, take his bundle of laundry, return it in a day or so, all washed, ironed and mended. Bill says "it takes a lazy man to figure how to get out of work!"

Pfc. Roy Cramer, in the South West Pacific writes that "there was the most beautiful moon I ever saw last night - so bright! The stuff you read in books about the tropical moon in the South Seas is not bunk! I never saw such a bright, beautiful moon in the States. Certainly is romantic! Tsk. Tsk." Staff Sgt. Gerry Davis, one of a bomber crew who flew across the Atlantic, has arrived in England. Bill McKinney's parents visited him recently at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn. Capt. John Stewart is certainly making a name for himself. He has received another decoration for his "heroism in aerial assaults on Germany and German-occupied territory in Europe." His latest decoration is the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying



Cross. The Oak Leaf Cluster is given when a man is twice cited for heroic performance, taking the place of the actual award of another medal for the same distinguished decoration previously awarded. The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded for heroism in the air and is identical in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Frank Ferla, stationed with the Navy at Bainbridge, Md. spent a weekend leave at home. Pfc. Geo. Camburn has been home on furlough and has returned to the Army Air Base at Gulfport, Miss. This morning Edgar King was taken to the Chestnut Hill Hospital for an appendix operation. The operation was performed at 9:30 A. M. and we believe he will soon be on the job again. This being Saturday, Edgar was greatly missed as he was head man for his Dad while his 4 older brothers are away in the Service.

Something new has been added! For want of a better name, we will call it the Correspondence Column. We receive quite a few letters from you boys, and we thought it would be fun to pass the gist of them on to the rest of you.

Sgt. Tom Weaver from the Hawaiian Islands sends greetings to all of you.

Norman Kriebel, who has just finished his training as a smoke-jumper at Seeley Lake, Mont., likewise sends greetings to you all.

Pfc. Frank Ferla, somewhere in England, has received the 9th newsletter and says that "life in England is interesting."

Cpl. Johnny Ware, with the Army Band in North Africa, says that the heat isn't too bad right now, once it was 112 and another time 122 degrees! - just like sitting in front of a bonfire at a football rally. The sun camouflages them somewhat, and they need only white sheets thrown over them to pass for Arabs. Africa produces the same fruits, exactly the same flavor, as we do here. Only the people won't take money in exchange - they'd rather have soap, cigarettes, or candy. A cousin of his is located only a few miles from his camp - in fact he sees more of him now than when they were in the states. Has also located an uncle, and had telephone chats with him. Has seen Tuck Deck a number of times. He was one of the members of the band who played for the President at the famous surprise conference in Casablanca in January. The band also performs for civilians and church services. They have an A Capella Choir with about 20 voices - none of whom can sing much, but they all have a lot of fun.

Mrs. Andy Dressler, writes that Andy has been promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) (Congratulations, Andy!) She expects to move to the coast sometime in October with Andy III, while her husband is still with the Pacific Fleet.

Pfc. Bob Compton, who is convalescing from his wounds, in North Africa, writes that he is "getting better all the time", and has sent pictures of himself to his folks to prove it.



S/2C Thomas Hughes, in the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., says that he enjoys our newsletters and would like to have one every week. (We wish we could send you one weekly, Tom, but one a month seems to be all we can manage!) Says he enjoys our moron jokes, knows a few himself and will send them to us. (Indeed, we'd like to have more, for we've run out of them.) Says he "has joined the best outfit." (No comment - that's one of the questions you can settle among yourselves after the war.)

Pvt. Herman Ashton, Ft. Belvoir, Va. said that he helped Miss Kulp last winter at the high school with the newsletter, never realized that he'd receive one himself so soon.

Pfc. George Cramer, Norfolk Navy Yard, said that the July letter made him think of "old times." (We'll admit we were in a bit of a remnescent mood.)

Pfc. Ted Dailey from the Hawaii Island, writes us on some swanky stationery all decorated with palm trees that he is having "a pretty good time here, swimming and dancing with girls on the island. Aloha 'till later." (we can imagine he is having a pretty good time. He probably never, even in his wildest dreams, imagined that he would some day be dancing on the Hawaii Islands!)

LeRoy Davies, a/s, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, writes that Bob Kleinfelder and Grant Buchanan are with him at the same station. Bob Stevens is at the same camp, but quite a distance away.

Pfc. John Dailey writes that he has been on a rather rugged training schedule; - result: face full of whiskers, which has dwindled to a mustache. This, along with a G.I. haircut, makes a striking combination!

Cpl. Harold King, from North Africa, cut out the paragraph from our July letter telling about the King and Ashton garden and sent it home to his parents. Harold also sent a picture of himself and he looks wonderful

Bob Davies, A. M. M. 3/c, one of our "Wasp" veterans, writes he has been assigned to a new aircraft carrier.

Pfc. Vernon Harp, writes from Sicily, dated Aug. 4, that he has just received some mail and our June newsletter. We are particularly glad to hear from Vernon and appreciate his letter, as we always like to know our letters are reaching the boys "in the theat of operation."

We said above we had run out of moron jokes. Then we heard one over the radio today: There was a little country moron who moved to the city as soon as she heard the country was at war.

The following boys have received promotions during the past month: Walter Dotts now located in Australia, has been promoted to Sergeant; Newton Howard is now Staff Sergeant; Charles King, Sergeant; and Bob Gates, Technical Sergeant. Heartiest congratu-



lations to all of you.

And now, we give you Rev. Dunsmore's message:

### V I C T O R Y!

Today on car windows, on the doors of homes, on billboards, everywhere you turn you see V's, the symbol of Victory for the Allied Nations in the great world conflict. But there is one thing we must remember - one Victory is greater even than this, and that is the Victory of Christ. A Church expressed this thought on one of its bulletins when the cover had a large V, and within the V was the head of Christ.

You are fighting for freedom, to preserve a democratic and a Christian way of life, but remember in it all that you are at the same time waging an even greater battle. You are American soldiers, but you are also Christian soldiers. We at home are praying that you will be given strength to be true to yourselves, and your Lord, as well as to your nation.

It has been said that it does not matter so much what happens to a person, as how the person takes what happens to him. This is where personal Victory over self comes in, and there is One who is always ready to help you win that battle. "He who controls himself is greater than he who takes a city."

As Christians we know that the Victory that overcomes the world is our faith, and each one of us by being true soldiers of Christ, can do our part in bringing His Kingdom upon the earth. Remember Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." With His help we can win personal Victory over temptation, and we can bring the day of the greatest of all Victories nearer - the day "when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess Jesus Christ as Savior and as Lord."

- - - - -

We saw a statement from Lt. Col. P. G. Cochran of the Army Air Corps, made when he came back from the fighting in North Africa:

"Our American boys are just kind of automatically wonderful. Just through our own way of life they got something that makes them superior fighters. They don't have to be indoctrinated and have it hammered in for months or years, the way the Germans or the Japs do. The fighter pilot flies with his heart. The thing that makes him superior in combat is inside him all the time. Our boys have it, and I think it is something they get naturally, something they get just by growing up in this country. I think that the thing that makes them better fighters is an individual sense of responsibility to what they are doing and a capacity to think for themselves."

Then another statement by Chaplain C. E. Brown, with the



North African forces:

"Soldierslike to sing. If they know the tune, they'll sing the hymn. Songs like "Old Rugged Cross", "Faith of Our Fathers", "What a Friend", "Rock of Ages", "Lead Kindly Light", "Blessed Assurance", "Safely Thro ugh Another Week" -- all are favorites."

We are inclined to think there is a relationship between the two statements!

So - now we are "shoving right off" and Mrs. Macomber will resume writing the newsletter next month, just as she had been doing before her vacation. Good luck to each one of you.

The King's Daughters.



LETTER NO. 12

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
September 15, 1943

Dear

Greetings to you all. After being away for two months it is a pleasure to say Hello once again. As always I had a delightful vacation with friends and relatives in Maine. Each year the people there seem more hospitable and friendly. One never grows tired of the Maine scenery which has an irresistible appeal; the climate is ideal and the natural beauty of the entire state whether along the coast, in the lake and mountain regions or in the farming districts has a charm which is unforgettable.

However, in spite of all that, it is good to be back in Ambler where, as in Maine, there prevails a friendly atmosphere to which it is always a pleasure to return.

Your letters were forwarded to me during the summer. I enjoyed them immensely and appreciated hearing from you. The King's Daughters are happy to know that you derive so much pleasure from their News Letters. Since I wrote the June letter I find that many new names have been added to our mailing list. Let us hear from you - we are very much interested in each and every one of you.

Those who "took over" in my absence did a grand job at writing the News Letter. I enjoyed reading it as much as you folks - it is difficult for me to understand why they would want to turn the Letter back to me; however, I know they will continue to help me in every way possible. It is uncanny the way the King's Daughters can find news - they are really expert in that line.

As you learned in the August letter Mr. Macomber is now a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. Having a member of my immediate family in the service will make the associations and ties between you and me even closer. He will complete his indoctrination at Ft. Schuyler on September 24th after which he will go to the Naval Base at Charleston, S. C. as director of Recreation and Welfare. He is looking forward with much enthusiasm to his work in the Navy.

I wrote the June News Letter just before the King's Daughters party which was given in my honor. I promised you the details but since the King's Daughters told you about it in July, I'll simply add that it was a grand party marked by friendliness, appreciation and kindness and an occasion which I shall treasure in memory always.

We are glad to be able to resume the High School News which of course had to be omitted during the summer months:

The Ambler Schools re-opened on September 8th. Several new teachers have been appointed to the High School Faculty. Mrs. Dorothy Meyers, wife of Coach John Meyers, will succeed Mrs. Norman Jones, librarian, who has resigned to join her husband, an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Wendell E. Mook, Latin and Social Science teacher, has resigned from the faculty to take up the study of Osteopathy.



Mr. Charles Shearer has been granted a leave of absence to enter the armed forces. Coach John Meyers and Mr. Angelo F. Menna are serving in the American Red Cross Foreign Service. Mr. Menna is now in Central Africa. On August 14 Miss Evelyn Marple was married to Mr. Robert Levin of New York City. Mr. Levin is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. They will reside in New York City. Miss Evelyn Kulp will replace Mrs. Levin as secretary to Mr. Kerschner. She will also remain in her capacity as head of the Commercial department.

Mr. Mervin L. Henry has been appointed director of athletics and the new football coach. Up to date only three veterans from last year's squad have reported for practice. Coach Henry has a nucleus of 24 men to groom into a fighting squad this year. I understand that the opening game will be at Springfield on Sept. 25th.

Six new teachers have been appointed to the Faculty: - Miss Mary Madden (Mathematics), Miss Daisy McCartney (Commercial Subjects), Miss Mabel Worthington, a graduate of Ambler High (History - Civics - Latin) Miss Isabelle Craegmile (English) Miss Bernice Buck (Home Economics) Miss Ann MacConagie (Physical Education).

Mrs. Dewey Behringer and Mrs. Clifford Geary are teaching in the elementary schools.

Mr. Charles Shearer, U. S. N. located at Sampson, N. Y. sends best wishes to you all. Bob Gerhart, Harry Hendery and "Hebe" Meyers are also at Sampson and have met on several occasions.

Some of you have asked for more of the Moron stories. Right now my supply is rather low but I will send along a few that I remember:

Did you hear about the Moron who:

"Jumped from the Empire State Building because he wanted to try out his new Spring Suit."

"Took off his left side so he would be all right."

"Thought a chocolate sundae was a negro holiday".

"Kept running along the lid of the cracker box because it read, "Tear along the side".

"Tried to sharpen his shoulder blade."

"Tried to cook on a Mountain Range".

Do you know why the little ink drop was so blue? His father was in the "Pen" finishing out a sentence.

Here is one of Dot Umstead's - "Did you hear about the moron who took his girl friend to the pawn shop to get her a loan?"



Here is some Local News for you:

Plans for the erection in Ambler of a Modern Frozen Food Locker plant are now underway. The new building will be erected on South Main St. and will contain 450 - 550 lockers. Complete facilities for quick freezing of meats, fruits and vegetables will be provided.

Garland Childs has been visiting his family; he married Miss Evelyn Kulp of Lansdale a few weeks ago. He is a Flight chief on a bomber and will receive his silver wings in the very near future. Frank Wolfe and Bill Lunn are among those who have been visiting their families. "Chic" Caputo who is in the Marines has returned to Quantico, Va. after spending a few days at his home. Eddie Halligan is now located in the Mojave Desert, Cal. In a previous letter I mentioned his visiting in Ambler after spending a year in the Southwest Pacific.

The engagement of Miss Jacqueline Haines to P.F.C. John H. Hoffman of Broad Axe has been announced.

Lt. John S. Berwind, Jr. was recently awarded his silver wings after graduating from the U. S. Army Air Forces' Advanced Flying School in Arizona. Immediately afterwards he and his bride left for Ambler to spend a short furlough with his family and friends. Miss Eleanor Morgan has been awarded a four year Senatorial Scholarship at Temple University. Mr. Alfred Dursley has gone to San Diego, California for an indefinite stay with his brother, Ernest Dursley. Several bugle cadets surprised some of their friends at a Legion meeting in Ft. Washington on August 30th. Those attending were 2nd Lt. Emma Kerman, W.A.C., 2nd Lts. George and Frank Haag, Air Corps Pilots, Pvt. Thomas Tressler, Jr., Infantry, Fred Hofman, Radio 2/c U.S.N., Grant Buchanan, Sl/c U.S.N., 1st Sgt. John Magill, Ordnance, and Capt. Thomas Tressler, Engineer Corps. Dixon Bugle Corps has 75 of its former cadets in every branch of the service. Captain Tressler had the pleasure of a ride over the eastern part of the county visiting Ambler, Ft. Hill and the Legion Home from the air with Lieutenants George and Frank Haag as pilots.

Miss Mary Walker recently appeared in the play "Brief Moments" given by the Bucks County Playhouse at the Bellevue Stratford. She has been with the group the entire summer and is assistant production manager. She will soon resume her studies at Chestnut Hill College.

Pvt. Henry Wybranski, stationed at Lambert Field, Missouri, has been promoted to Corporal. Nick Famu has enlisted as a private in the V-12 program of the Navy and is now training at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. At the completion of the course he will continue on to another base for boot training as a Marine Corps Private and there become a member of the Marine Corps Officer Candidate class. John Ambers Sl/c, who has been in the Navy since November, 1942 has been promoted to captain of the gunners of his crew. Pvt. James Rainey of the Army Air Corps recently spent a few hours with his family. W.O. Jack Rainey and wife have also been visiting their relatives in this vicinity.

P.F.C. Henry Scholz, is now located at Cherry Point, North Carolina where he is doing telephone work at the Marine base there.



For the first time in 54 years, Niblock's Restaurant is now closed to its patrons on Sundays. The rationing of food has made the step necessary. Sgt. Donald Locch of the Army Air Forces at Pendleton, Oregon, recently spent a 6 day furlough at his home before going to his new base in Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pierson have been visiting their daughter, Pvt. Mildred Pierson who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. with the U. S. Marine Corps. Miss Bertha Brosz has returned to California to make her permanent home.

Jack Davis of Mattison Ave., who for sometime has been at the Frankford Arsenal, left there on July 15th to do research work for the government at the University of Pennsylvania. When he went to Allentown a short time ago for his physical exam he was classified 2 B and sent back to the University to continue his work there. Jack is an electrical engineer. LeRoy Davies is now at the Naval Base in Pleasanton, Cal. awaiting classification. Ralph Davies is now classified as a Navigator and will continue his studies at the Santa Ana Army Air Base, California. We wish him the best of luck. Eddie Sage is at the same base studying to be a bombardier - he and Ralph have met on several occasions.

There was big excitement around town a few days ago when 6 good sized Army tanks went through Ambler - in no time the streets were filled with children running from all directions to see what was causing the unusual rumbling; the tanks went up Bethlehem Pike to Rose Valley Corner, turned down Butler Ave., parked in front of Dr. "Jim's" office for a while and then left town; the children had a big treat as a result of the tanks being routed through Ambler.

We extend congratulations to George Sandiford who has completed his course at Quantico, Va. and is now a lieutenant in the Marines. He is taking an advanced course at the same base.

Wilbert Landes is still in Alaska - our News Letter seems to be widely read up that way - Wilbert shares it with many of his buddies. Corporal Sam Dailey has been transferred back to Westover Field, Chicopee Falls from Farmingdale, L. I. "Ted" Dailey is in Hawaii. A/C Jimmy Corson is now attending the pre-flight school at Chapel Hill, N. C. Miss Ann Gear's friends are greatly admiring the exquisite birthday gift sent her by her brother, Raymond, who is now located in the South West Pacific. Her birthday was in June - the gift arrived in late August - it had been opened and closed so many times it is a wonder she ever received it at all. She is very proud of the necklace and bracelet which are made up of round flat disks of polished tortoise shell with silver inlay - it is a most unusual set.

Jimmy Dager has been spending some time at Pine Camp, N. Y. being engaged in U. S. Military Academy summer maneuvers. Robert Kleinfelder S 2/c and Robert Stevens S 2/c have been enjoying a week's leave from their duties at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. On his return Robert Stevens was sent to Hastings, Nebraska. Bill Sabold is in a convalescent hospital in Africa; he has been in several hospitals and writes that he is swimming in the Mediterranean, getting plenty of sunshine and recovering very nicely. Miss Emma Lafferty of Frankford and Corporal Walter Gouak were married a short time ago. He is



stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. Pvt. Herman Ashton of Ft. Belvoir Va. recently spent a week with his parents. Newton Howard, located at Camp Edwards, Mass. has been promoted to Technical Sergeant. Lt. Charles Deuchar has reported for duty at the Bainbridge Army Air Field, Ga. where he has been assigned as an assistant squadron engineering officer.

The Ambler Branch of the Needlework Guild is observing its 50th Anniversary this year. Dick Slayton, who has been classified as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Forces, is now stationed at the San Antonio Cadet Aviation Center, Texas. Dick got his basic training at Miami, Fla. and was then sent to Penn College, Ohio, for further instruction.

A short time ago PFC John Wabescz, now stationed in England, was sent on an errand to another camp 150 miles away. While there he unexpectedly met Joseph Melograma of Ambler who was on guard duty that night. When first drafted, they were stationed together at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Both were shipped overseas at different times. Lt. John Dickinson, a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Forces, is one of 12 Pennsylvanians who has begun training at Liberal Army Air Field, Kansas, as future pilots of massive B-24 bombers. Staff Sergeant Paul F. Raser of the U.S. Army Air Forces has received his silver wings and has been transferred to duty on a large four-motor bomber - at the present time he is at Dyersburg, Tenn.

Miss Betty Hagginbotham has received an open scholarship to Temple University. She will enroll in the Music Education Course of the Teachers' College. "Bob" Gates has been promoted to Master Sergeant. William Gant, who is at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, is one of six selected for advanced special training. The engagement of Miss Betty Heath and Walter Stephens Jones has been announced. Both graduated from Ambler High in June. Lt. Henry Bussing has been spending a furlough with his parents. He will soon complete his training at the army air base, Sioux City, Iowa, and will be ready for overseas duty. Second Class Petty Officer Arthur Hansen, stationed with the U.S. Navy at Solomon's Branch, Washington, D. C., has been spending 10 days with his wife. Ralph Amey S2/C U.S.N., stationed at Fisher's Island, N. Y., recently spent a weekend with his parents. Pvt. David McKinnon, who is now in China, has had the pleasure of meeting there a close friend with whom he first became acquainted while training in Texas.

Among the recent draftees inducted for Army Service are: Grant Reimer, Jacob Kraut, and Robert Rainey. The following will serve in the Navy: Lester Dubois, Anthony Urban, and Charles Pennington.

Corp. Thomas Miller of the Army Air Forces has returned to Pendleton, Oregon, after spending a 10 day furlough at his home. Robert Buck of Fort Washington has been promoted to captain. He graduated recently from the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.



Corp. Harry Gibbs has arrived in Iceland. Grant Buchanan S 1/c has been home on a week's furlough from the Great Lakes Naval Training School.

I thought some of you boys in the Army might get a laugh out of a story I recently heard on Diagnosis.

"I have a pain in my abdomen," said the recruit to the Army doctor.

"Young man," replied the medico, "officers have abdomens, sergeants have stomachs, you have bellyache."

Here's another:

The story goes that Hitler was inspecting troops when he asked a soldier, "What would be your last wish if a Russian bomb fell near you?"

The soldier replied, "I would wish that my beloved Fuehrer could be at my side."

Mr. Hoyt surely did an excellent piece of work in keeping you posted on the Sports News during the summer. I am sure you must have enjoyed getting a man's slant on the subject. Since I have not followed the baseball news the past two months, he has kindly consented to write the Sport Highlights for this Letter. They are as follows:

Gunder Haegg completed an all-victorious tour of eight races in this country. Ready to leave for home he learns his 1500 meter mark has been lowered. At a Stockholm meet his countryman and friend Arne Anderson set a New World's record of 3.45 for the distance. This lowered Haegg's mark by eight tenths of a second.

Bill Hulse in a Princeton meet runs the mile in the fast time of 4 min. 8.7 seconds. He made a mark of 4 min. 6 sec. when running second to Gunder Haegg this summer.

Pauline Betz of Los Angeles retained her National Women's Tennis Championship by defeating Louise Brough in the Forest Hills tournament.

Lieut. Joe Hunt, U.S.N. defeated Seaman Jack Kramer of the Coast Guard to win the National singles championship at the same tournament.

Pa. Girl Prepares at Penn State as Football Coach. Takes up duties at Bell Township, Pa. high school. Loses 1st game to Derry, Pa. She's reported to have the stuff including good looks.

Penn football captain elect Cleos Calcagni wins Cornell Varsity letter. Sent there by Marine Corp he won shotput for Cornell in two meets recently. Will probably play football for Cornell. Other of Penn's football stars are at Princeton and Columbia.

Latest reports say Army & Navy football classic will be played. Where, still a question. Either at West Point to a small crowd or in a big city, Phila. or N. Y. talked of most, to a big crowd,



proceeds to go to benefits for service men. Few early football scores shows Ursinus beaten by Swarthmore 12-0. Yale beats Muhlenberg 13-6.

Newspapers report a billion dollars bet on the ponies this season. Over a hundred million of this goes to taxes, the track owners, and bookies before the boys and gals that put down the coin get a chance at any winnings.

Craig Wood, Mamoroneck, N. Y. and Jimmy Demaret of Detroit won the Golden Valley Invitational Golf Championship on Sept. 6th. Ex-ballplayer, Sammy Byrd, won the Victory National Open at Chicago, 72 hole total of 277. Beat Craig Wood by 5 strokes. Byrd also paired with Bob Cochran to win Pro-American, forerunner of main event.

When Yale and Columbia met, six foot four inch Dick Ames, star pitcher for Yale in 40 and 41, now a V-12 Navy Trainer at Columbia, pitched for Columbia while 200 pound Jimmy O'Brien, twirler for Columbia in '42, now V-12 Marine Trainer at Yale, pitched for Yale.

Billy Sarni, 15 yrs. old, catches for Los Angeles in Coast League. Clouts homer first time up. Youngest ever to play in double A or higher leagues. He has nipped every try for stolen base. In attempt to unnerve the kid, two were tagged out trying to steal home.

Sixteen year old Rogers Hornby McKee on Phillies pitching staff did pretty good in his first big league game as relief pitcher against champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Sam Hyman, a pitcher in the Eastern league 20 years ago, now a druggist in Hartford, Conn. was a spectator at a game between Hartford and Wilkesbarre, Eastern League on Aug. 22nd. Hartford's depleted pitching staff had no pitcher available. Sam signed a contract and won the game 8 to 2.

New York Yanks lead American League by 12 games. St. Louis Cards lead National by 16½ games. There are less than 20 games still to play to finish the season. Because of transportation shortages, one trip between the two cities for the series. Three games at Yankee Stadium, then four or as many as necessary at St. Louis. First game Oct. 5th. Two days for travel after the third game. If no postponements, because of weather, fourth game in St. Louis, Oct. 10th. Red Cross and War Relief will get big share of proceeds. About half million dollars estimated for these benefits. Professional bettors rate the Yankees an almost 2 to 1 favorite. Many good baseball men think it will be a pretty even contest.

Musial, outfielder of Cards, with average of .355 is outstanding batter of both leagues.

St. Louis blub has batting average of .279, Yanks .255. Fielding averages of the clubs: St. Louis .975, Yanks .974.



# Standing of Teams

9-16-43

National League				American League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.		Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	91	44	674	New York	88	49	642
Brooklyn	75	61	551	Washington	77	62	554
Cincinnati	74	61	548	Cleveland	73	63	537
Pittsburgh	73	68	518	Detroit	71	66	518
Chicago	61	72	459	Chicago	67	69	493
Boston	59	75	440	St. Louis	65	71	478
Phillies	60	77	438	Boston	62	76	449
New York	50	85	370	Athletics	44	91	326

The A's tied the record for straight games lost. 20. They have won but 3 games in the last several weeks.

A colored soldier boy from Virginia landed in England and got into a poker game with the Tommies. He drew four aces. An English soldier says H'im bettin' a pound. The colored boy says "Ah" done know how you all count money over here but "Ah" raise you a ton.

## State and National News

Many Hollywood stars came to Philadelphia to assist in the formal opening of the Third War Loan Drive which opened September 9th - they included Mickey Rooney, Greer Garson, Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Betty Hutton, Harpo Marx, Dick Powell and Kay Kyser and his band. The National objective for the 21 day drive is \$15,000,000,000 and Pennsylvania's quota is \$1,071,000,000.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has suffered two major calamities recently. Eighty persons were killed and more than 120 injured Monday, September 7 when the Congressional Limited, bound from Washington to New York, left the rails near Frankford Junction in one of the nation's worst rail disasters of recent years. The Flyer, traveling at high speed was derailed at 6:08 P.M. by a burned out journal box. On Sunday, September 12 fire swept the Broad Street Station. The blaze swept through storage and baggage rooms in the "Chinese Wall" between 15th and 16th Sts. and reduced 16 tracks running overhead to a mass of twisted steel. The damage was placed at \$250,000. Nearly 300 persons were treated for injuries and smoke. The fire started in a boiler and engine room beneath the tracks.

No doubt some of you have seen Mrs. Roosevelt while making her 11 day tour of American troop hospitals and Red Cross centers in the South Pacific. She has visited in Australia and New Zealand very recently.

Richard C. DuPont, 32, special assistant to General Henry H. Arnold and one of the country's foremost glider experts was killed in a glider crash at March Field, Cal., September 13th.



Primary voting on September 14 was the lightest in 12 years. In Philadelphia, Acting Mayor Bernard Samuel was top man on the Republican ticket while William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Russia and France led the Democratic slate. Those of you who are movie fans may be interested to know that Orson Welles and Kita Hayworth were married a short time ago. William Lyon Phelps, Yale English professor, died a few weeks ago. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been elected president of China, to succeed the late Dr. Lin Sen. As president he is commander-in-chief of China's land, air and naval forces.

Philadelphia schools have initiated an "odd-hours" educational program for the benefit of approximately 15,000 boys and girls 16 and 17 years old engaged in wartime employment. Defense work and service in the armed forces has cut enrollment at least 10% in the high schools of Philadelphia.

Have you heard this one?

"Who can describe a caterpillar?" asked the teacher.

"I can," shouted Tommy.

"Well, Tommy, what is it?"

"An upholstered worm."

Here's another -

Neighbor: "I hear your son is on the football team. What position does he play?"

Proud Mother: "I think he's one of the drawbacks."

My son came home from school recently complaining about the difficult words they had had in 6th grade spelling. One word was perspiration - he said he simply spelled the word sweat and called it quits.

#### CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

W.O. George Deens, located at New Georgia in the Southwest Pacific, continues to receive the News Letter and tells us "it is the best thing that comes down that way."

Elmer Spence writes from Midland, Texas that he is at the largest bombardier school in the world. He enjoys hearing about his many friends and acquaintances mentioned in the News Letter. According to Elmer, Texas is a grand state and its people are very friendly. (Since receiving his letter he has been transferred to Barkley Field, Mobile, Alabama.) He is a private first class.

"Bud" Dailey, who has left Barksdale Field, La. for an unknown destination, sends greetings to his friends. He greatly appreciates receiving the home town News.

"Andy" Dressler, who is now a Lieutenant Junior Grade, tells us that he received his promotion the day he arrived in the States after nearly nine months at sea. We extend congratulations. The last of July he was fortunate in spending 12 days with his wife and six



months old son, the happiest days of his life. Through information obtained in one of the News Letters Andy met Wilson MacIntire on the coast in June. "Bob" Davies enjoys hearing the latest news. He is now settled aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea, a new aircraft carrier attached to the Pacific Fleet, and Bob tells us "it's a good ship too." We wish him the best of luck.

Charles Vera writes that he greatly appreciates hearing the home town news. His mail is sent c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington so we can well imagine that news would be welcome to one that far away. Tom Weaver continues to enjoy life in Hawaii - he is playing lot of tennis and improving his bridge game. He hopes to see some of the Ambler boys in his travels. "Bob" Kern at Ft. Bragg, N. C. is happy to read the home town news each month. "Cliff" and "Polly" Martin send greetings from Selma, Alabama. Cliff is an instructor at Craig Field. They look forward to each copy of the News Letter. Roscoe L. Smith, Jr. Phm 2/c who is stationed aboard the U.S.S. New Jersey finds the home town news very interesting. He was stationed at the Philadelphia Navy yard a year and a half so his new type of life has given him quite a thrill - it is a big change for him, however, he enjoys being at sea. Bruce Singer has moved from Greensboro, N. C. to Syracuse University, N. Y. He is amazed to find that he knows so many of the people mentioned in the News Letter. You should hear about the delicious meals they serve at Syracuse. The boys are kept busy with five hours of lessons every day in addition to physical training and drill. After hearing how expert some of the boys have become as a result of their rugged G.I. training on Friday evenings, I only wish I might ask for volunteers to assist with my fall house cleaning. Bruce's description of some of his army experiences is very realistic and humorous. Sonny Woodward writes from Brooklyn, N. Y. that he enjoys the News Letter immensely and is hoping that it will be Continued.

"Pete" Gironde enjoys hearing about his friends in Ambler. After completing a course in radio training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Pete was sent to Camp Breckinridge, Ky. at which place he did clerical work during the month of August. He is now in Tennessee where he is to start maneuvers. He expects to operate a radio while on maneuvers. He finds Tennessee to be the typical "hillbilly" country that he has always pictured. Corporal "Johnny" Ware has finally said goodbye to Africa after touring a good part of it for eight months. When he wrote on August 9th he was in Sicily enjoying the great improvement over the Dark Continent. He found the Italians friendly and overjoyed to see the American boys. John spoke of the abundance of fresh fruits. He has lost track of "Tuck" Deck whom he met at Casablanca. In addition to playing for President Roosevelt he has also played for Generals Eisenhower, Clark, Alexander, Patton, Tedder, Giraud, DeGaulle and Louis Montbatten. I know that all of his Ambler firends are very proud of him. Tommy Hughes is one of three Ambler boys stationed at Memphis, Tenn. He has met Billy Ward several times and hopes to meet Bill McKinney soon. Tom sent some stories which I want to share with you. They were taken from the "Now You Tell One " Column of their Navy paper.



Ensign: "What's the idea of those rolled up sleeves?  
I'll have to report you. What is your name?"

Sailor: "Seaman Stanislaus Kajahsjallajshowski, Sir."

Ensign (flipping notebook shut): "I'll let it go this time but  
hereafter see that you keep those sleeves rolled down."

"And it was almost certain that someone would coin the term  
"Apprentice Shemen" for enlisted Waves."

Mess sergeant, to private complaining about the stale bread:  
"A soldier shouldn't complain about such things. If Napoleon had  
had that bread, when he was crossing the Alps, he'd have eaten it  
with delight.

Private: I know that, Sarge, but it was fresh then.

Now for the News of the Church and the Church Family -

Rev. and Mrs. Dunsmore and son Norman have returned to Ambler  
after spending six weeks in Maine. From all appearances the Maine  
climate agreed with them 100%. Mr. Dunsmore resumed his preaching  
Sunday morning September 12th. He is looking forward to the coming  
year with great anticipation and with the hope that our church  
will continue in its effort to meet the spiritual needs of a world  
at war. By the way I have recently read that a new record of  
membership has been set by the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A.  
It lists a communicant membership of 2,051,861 largest in the 237  
years of its history. The total membership is 5,000,000.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held the first of its  
Sunday evening meetings on September 12th. The service was devoted  
to the singing of hymns. The meetings are held at 8:15 P.M. in the  
Men's Bible Class Room of the church every Sunday through September  
to June.

George Fertsch is now stationed in England. Frank Ferla who is  
also in England has been promoted to Corporal. Jack Meyers, U.S.N.  
recently spent a few days at his home. He has seen a great deal of  
action in Sicily. Lt. (J.g.) Bob Jervis is located at the Brooklyn  
Navy Yard. A/S Jack Schoenberg has been transferred to Scott Field,  
Ill. Roscoe Smith, Jr. Phm 2/c has been spending a few days with  
his family. Wilson MacIntire has graduated from the gunnery school  
at San Diego; he is flying now and expects to be assigned to active  
duty within a few weeks. His wife is returning to Germantown the  
last of this month. Bill Hamilton, an aviation student, has been  
transferred from Greensboro, N. C. to Duquesne University, Pitts-  
burgh to continue his studies. Bill McKinney A.R.M. 3/c is doing  
some instructing at the Naval Air Technical Training Center,  
Memphis, Tenn. Oscar Stillwagon R.M. 3/c is very happy to have been  
assigned to the U.S.S. Bonafish. Several of his buddies with whom  
he attended Radio School at Indianapolis are on the same boat.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sturts are being congratulated on the birth of  
a son, Gary Delmar. Mrs. Sturts is the former Miss Frances Landis.



Mr. Norman F. Kriebel, who for the past year has had charge of the Philadelphia office of the Bituminous Coal Division for the Department of the Interior has gone to Altoona, Pa. where he has been transferred to the Coal Mines Administration Branch of the same department of the Government. Captain Alfred Martin has been transferred from Miami, Fla. to Ft. Belvoir, Va. where he will devote several weeks to Field Officers' Training. We wish to extend Congratulations to Warren Fleck who has been promoted to Corporal. He has only been in the service since the last of July - he is in an engineering regiment at Camp Sutton, N. C. Dick Hoyt has made another record in that he arrived overseas approximately four weeks after he entered the service on July 22nd. His parents received a letter August 27th in which he said he had found the people of England very friendly. He also reported having excellent food. Dick is serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In a more recent letter he commended the Red Cross on the wonderful piece of work it was doing - he stated that it was a Godsend to them. "Bob" Gerhart has been home on leave from Sampson, New York.

The engagement of Miss Claire Brenneman to Mr. William Kleinfelder has been announced. Hugh Bullard has returned to Brookings, S.D. after spending six days with his mother. Private Gilda Dragani is at the W.A.C. Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Her brother Valdo who is in the Quartermaster Corps is now serving overseas. Ensign Oakley Hoyt is stationed indefinitely at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Patuxet River, Md. He is with the Flight Test Section. Army Lieutenant Bill Hayward is studying Radar under the Navy at Brookley Field, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rudolph recently visited their son "Bob" who is stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala. Allan Taylor is our one and only member serving in the Coast Guard. At the present time he is located at Curtis Bay, Baltimore. Some of you may recall that in the early fall of 1942 I wrote you about Harvey Heath meeting with a very painful accident while working on a bullet making machine at Standard Pressed Steel, Jenkintown. His right hand was very badly crushed. In June he was rejected for military service because of the injury. He has now accepted a position with the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society. He expects to attend night school. We are wishing him the best of luck. Captain John Elkin Stewart arrived at Mitchell Field by plane Friday, August 20th. He was fortunate enough to arrive in time to spend his first wedding anniversary with his wife whom he married 12 days before going overseas. He spent 20 days with his family and was then sent to a camp in Texas for a month. On August 27th P.F.C. Frank King arrived back at the Camp Forrest base, Tenn. after being on desert maneuvers in California for several months. On the 29th he surprised his family by arriving home for a 10 day furlough. Army life surely agrees with Frank. We congratulate him on being in the Regimental Band.

Charles King of Camp Van Dorn, Miss. has been promoted to Technical Sergeant. He is doing clerical work. "Bob" Cassel S 2/c of the U.S.S. Robert E. Peary made a surprise visit in town on September 7th. He was able to spend but 72 hours with his family. Harvey Eisenhard F 3/c has been transferred from Sampson, N.Y. to Purdue University to receive instruction in electrical engineering. Lt. Arthur Nichols has been transferred from Camp Robinson, Arkansas to Camp Fannin, Texas. He is under a new commanding officer, Major General Hatle, formerly in charge of European operations.



Lt. Bob Davis, located at Camp Davis, N. C., in the Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division, spent the weekend of August 29<sup>th</sup> with his family. We want to congratulate "Chic" Willox on being promoted to corporal. He will celebrate his twenty-first birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>. He is located at Camp Walters, Texas. P.F.C. Harry Landis has been transferred from Camp Maxey, Texas to Shreveport, La. John Shoemaker, who is in the Marines stationed at Parris Island, has been home on a 10 day furlough; it is very apparent that he can compete with the younger fellows when it comes to boot training - he looks in the best of health. Sgt. "Bud" Ziegler has been spending 10 days at a resting base for soldiers in Australia where he has enjoyed his first furlough since he enlisted 20 months ago. He speaks in highest terms of the base which is operated by the American Red Cross. For the past 10 months he has been stationed in the jungles of New Guinea. "Bob" Broughton recently spent a week end with his parents. It was nice to see him in church on September 12. Donald Reed and James Shelly have returned home after working on a victory program at the George School Farm Project.

Two weeks ago young people from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey met in Ambler for a reunion of delegates who attended the Summer Conference at Blairstown, N. J. Robert Kriebel, John Keator of Ambler and Harold Greer of Glenside were on the committee in charge of arrangements. The delegates stayed at the homes of the young people in this vicinity. The reunion opened September 2 with a canoeing party on the Perkiomen Creek. Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> the guests were taken on a sight seeing tour of Philadelphia after which a Blair Reunion Dinner was held at the Cathay Tea Garden, Philadelphia. In the evening the young people went for a boat trip down the Delaware River. Saturday morning a fishing party near Lansdale was arranged. In the afternoon the group went swimming at Oak Terrace Country Club. Saturday evening a special dance was given in their honor by the Second Presbyterian Church of Germantown. Sunday the young people attended the morning service at the Ambler Presbyterian Church. The afternoon and evening were spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Keator where a chicken dinner was served. After a few hours of fun and frolic a vesper service was held on the lawn, in charge of Rev. Norman Mould, a faculty member at the Blair conference. A farewell gathering was held at the Keators on Monday.

To Mrs. F. O. Hoyt, President of the King's Daughters Circle we give credit for the idea of the Monthly News Letter which has been in circulation a year this month. We little realized when we started the project last September that our mailing list would increase so extensively. The first Letter was mailed to 34 - this, our twelfth Letter will go to 130 men and women in the service. We hope that you folks have derived as much pleasure from reading it as the King's Daughters have derived from sending it.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message to you:

The theme chosen for this year by the General Assembly is "Our High Calling in Christ." It has done so with the realization that what the world needs is a great upsurge of Christian life and faith. The emphasis is on the upward calling. We never reach



the top - there are always spiritual heights ahead for us to climb. We can never feel as did the young Mohammedan who after a careful study of the Koran, and of the Life of Mohammed, said that he was convinced he was a better man than "the prophet." We can never feel that way about Christ !

The world now locked in a titanic struggle needs something which will rise above all else - which will conquer all lesser things, and bring men everywhere into one brotherhood. We feel that we must win the war, but we know full well that is not the final answer. The world must be bound together in unbroken fellowship, and nothing can do this except the power of Christ. There is no way we can help except by obeying His high call to us.

Sidney Lanier wrote in his poem, "The Marshes of Glynn-"

"I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh hen flies  
In the freedom that fills all the space 'twixt the marsh  
and the skies;  
By so many roots as the marsh grass sends in the sod  
I will heartily lay me ahold on the greatness of God."

Can not that be your decision, too - that you "will fly in the greatness of God;" trust Him, seek His guidance, follow Him, and obey the high calling in Christ. Two practical suggestions that will help are these - and I put them in the form of a challenge - read your Bible every day, and have a time of prayer every day. Resolve "to press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Before too many months have passed let us hope that there will no longer be a need for the News Letter. Each day your task is drawing nearer to a close. While we realize the war is far from being won yet we know that each month the news is more encouraging. You may be assured of our constant faith in you. We are proud of you and already are planning for your return. Because of the sacrifices which you are making, we know that the world will be a better place in which to live and we shall not forget that "Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men to win them."

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*

P.S. We have learned that Bill Sabold is with Company B and Robert Compton is with Company E at the Second Convalescent Hospital in North Africa.



LETTER NO. 13

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
October 19, 1943

Dear

After our September News Letter was in the mail, I decided to play hooky and take a trip to Charleston, South Carolina. Those of you who have visited there know how its quaintness and old world atmosphere make it quite different from the Northern cities. It is amazing to see what changes a few hundred miles make in scenery, customs and traditions. The live oaks, palmettos, oleanders and mocking birds were but a few of the things which added to its picturesqueness and charm. I was simply fascinated by the high walled gardens, delicate wrought iron gateways, quaint narrow streets, old mansions, old churches and the beautiful promenade of the famous Battery seawall drive.

Speaking of churches reminds me that I attended a Sunday morning service at the First Scotch Presbyterian Church where I was greatly impressed to see so many service men and women. The church members seemed eager to have them share and participate in all their activities, a significant illustration being that of the choir which was made up of a soldier, two women and a sailor. On Sunday evenings the men-in-service are invited to a light supper and vesper service. On Friday evenings the Recreation Room is open to welcome those in the armed forces. I hope that wherever you may be the churches are extending to you that same cordial welcome.

As I stepped off the train in Ambler very much engrossed in my recent travels, I was accosted by several enthusiastic King's Daughters who were more than anxious to remind me that it was time I was on the job preparing the October News Letter. They made me feel like an old country editor with a dead line to meet. During my absence your good friends scurried about town in their usual Winchell manner so we are ready again to send you the latest news.

Activities at the High School are now in full swing:

The Press Club with Miss Anne Gear, sponsor, has officially opened for the season. The High School Band made its first appearance at the Springfield-Ambler football game. The Seniors have posed for the yearbook pictures -- I believe there were 92 in all.

Henry L. Deens, Jr. and Donald Fernandez have begun their studies at the Valley Forge Military Academy. On September 22nd the High School Faculty gave a dinner in honor of Mr. Henry Schleegeer, who left September 24th to join the Army. He was presented with a pen and pencil set. For the past three years he has given instruction in the metal shop. A guest at the same dinner was Mrs. William Lodge, the former Miss Bernice Boyles.

The R-Ambler year book staff heads have been selected and are as follows: Editor-in-chief, Dorothy Marple; Assistant Editor, Robert Virkler; Sports Editor, Ruth Towne; Art Editor, Bill Edmondson; Business Manager, Catherine DeSando; Typing Chairman, Mafalda D'Amore.



The Girls played their first hockey game on their own field with Springfield and tied the visitors 3-3. The Ambler-Jenkintown game on October 8th resulted in a 1-0 victory for Jenkintown.

Two truck loads of tin cans and other metals were contributed by the High School in the recent salvage drive. The grade schools also aided in this activity.

Mr. Angelo Menna, now serving in North Africa as a field director with the American Red Cross, has written home telling of some of his activities. He finds his work most interesting; he has helped countless soldiers contact their families thus bringing happiness to many. He is kept very busy - at present he is helping to establish a recreation room for the patients in the hospital. He recently visited the American Legation located in a beautiful spot overlooking the ocean. He has made many new friends and reports that some boys visit him nearly every day to talk about their families. They have every comfort and after reading the details of his letter one feels that the American Red Cross is doing a marvelous piece of work in helping to win the war. The Army officers as well as the boys are generous in their praise of what the Red Cross is doing.

A number of students from the High School have been assisting on nearby farms with tomato and apple picking.

In the recent Third War Loan Drive the High School turned in an excellent record selling \$5950.55 worth of war bonds and stamps. Miss Gear's grade home room led the sales with a total of \$1012.50.

The Wissahickon Fire Company has given to the High School a grandstand seating 400 persons. It is the stand now located at Lindenwold Field and will be moved to the Athletic Field in the near future. The firemen are no longer active in baseball, therefore, they feel that the high school pupils should be given an opportunity to use the stand.

Ambler High opened its football season with Springfield on September 25th and was defeated 50-0. The second game was played at home with Hatboro on October 2nd. Hatboro was victorious by a score of 13-0. Twenty-five hundred spectators saw Ambler suffer another loss when they played Jenkintown on the latter's field Friday evening October 8th. The score was 20-0. The Lansdale-Ambler game played in Ambler on October 16th resulted in a 39-6 victory for Lansdale.

We are very grateful to Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie for their assistance in cutting the stencils and typing the News Letter. It requires much of their valuable time each month. I know that you folks as well as the King's Daughters appreciate what they are doing.



Now for some Local News:

Miss Mary Jane Niblock was one of sixteen nurses to graduate from the Montgomery Hospital, Norristown on October 5th. The Keasbey and Mattison Co. has received the Army-Navy "E" Award which was conferred on its men and women because of their outstanding contribution in the production of war materials. The community feels that it is an honor to have received such an award. Captain Harold Trenchard is home after 14 months of fighting against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific theater of war. He is wearing service stars denoting participation in two of the bloodiest battles against the Japs. He destroyed four "zeros" and one Jap destroyer. Captain Trenchard, a Marine aviator, is recuperating from malaria. He expects to join his squadron within the next month.

The Trinity Memorial Church observed its forty-fifth anniversary on October 3rd. Corporal Harry Wood, who has been promoted to corporal technician and is doing radio work at Camp Hood, Texas, recently spent the weekend in Gatesville, Texas where he met P.F.C. James McKinnon, Pvt. Claude Rawlins and Pvt. Walter Sobers all of whom are stationed in North Camp Hood. They had a grand time talking about their Ambler friends. Cadet Howard J. Dager, Jr. has been appointed a cadet corporal at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. Lt. George Sandiford has been home for a few days before leaving for the Marine Base at San Diego, Cal. "Bill" Lunn has transferred from the Navy Air Forces to the Army Air Forces. "Bill" Sabold and "Bob" Compton have entirely recovered from their injuries and are both back in the service. Pvt. J. Robert ("Bob") Lutz is on maneuvers at Shreveport, La.

Pvt. George Parry Wiess has been transferred from Ft. McClellan, Ala. to The Citadel, Charleston, S. C. Pvt. David McKinnon will receive his first copy of the News Letter this month. He is in China and probably the farthest away of anyone on our list. We are glad to welcome him to our group. Adolph Lindquist better known as "Lindy" of the local music store, has been transferred to Chanute Field, Ill. He is in the Army Air Forces and was previously at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. After two more months of school he expects to become an instructor in aircraft.

Second Lt. Vera Haff has been home on a week's furlough. She has just returned on a hospital ship from Cairo where she spent five months. She reports that the injured get wonderful care at the overseas hospitals. A/C Ralph J. Davies is studying to be an army navigator at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. "Bill" Dummeldinger, who has seen a great deal of active service, has been home recently.

Harley Smith has been sent to the classification center at San Antonio, Texas. A/C Eddie Sage has been transferred from the Santa Ana, California station to Las Vegas, Nevada to the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School.

Seaman Anne E. Burton, has been promoted to the rank of Seaman second class and assigned to the Yeoman's Training School for Women's Reserves, Stillwater, Oklahoma for 12 week's advanced study. Thomas



McCabe, Jr. has received his treasured silver wings of the Army Air Forces and the commission of second lieutenant. The exercises took place at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Pace of Providence, R. I. and Lt. Jules Bell, son of Mrs. Harold G. Knight took place October 17th at the Knight's summer home, Pennsburg. Corporal John Fluck has been transferred from Fort Dix, New Jersey to an Amphibian Base at Camp Gordon Johnson, Florida. Charles Wright, Jr. who enlisted in the Signal Corps last December is now stationed at Ft. Crowder, Missouri. Pvts. Norman Mortimer, Samuel Jago and Frank Bruno stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. have been visiting at their homes. The engagement of Miss Doris Paul of Wyncote and Aviation Student John Jones has been announced. Paul James, U. S. N. has been spending a few days in this vicinity. P.F.C. Joseph Friel has been promoted to Corporal. He was in the Battle of Munda. Pvt. Ralph Bishop, chief crew engineer in the Army Air Forces, is now stationed in India.

Among the recent draftees who left Ambler were: Howard Amey, Drayton Robb, Angelo Pulli, David Robinson, Thomas Morrison, Neil Dulin, Charles McDaniel, Jr., Garland Hackett and Donald Lapetina. Fred Martin will be sworn into the Navy and Earl Robinson into the United States Marine Corps.

This reminds me of the following story:

Sergeant: "Why didn't you obey orders when I said company halt?"

Rookie: "I've been here three weeks and didn't think I was company any more."

Corp. James Rainey of the U. S. Air Corps has recently spent 10 days with his family. Tech. Sgt. Thomas Gibbs recently arrived home from Salt Lake City, Utah for a week's furlough. He has been in this country for several months after having been stationed in Panama for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs. At present he is being trained as an aerial gunner. Pvt. Francis A. Erhardt is improving after being confined to the base hospital at Camp Claiborne, La. Naval Aviation Cadet James Corson has completed his 11 week course at the Pre-Flight school, Chapel Hill, N. C. and is now taking his primary flight training at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill. Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson Deck have been visiting his parents. He is stationed at Fort Monroe, Va. Francis Gray, who is in the U. S. Marine Corps at Parris Island, S. C., has been promoted to private first class.

A recent issue of The Evening Bulletin had a write up about Lt. William Daly of Lansdale. He is called "Cowboy" Bill and is now somewhere in England where he has just completed his regular tour as a pilot with 70 days of Flying Fortress bombing. He wears the Air Medal and three clusters and has twice been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a graduate of Lansdale High and no doubt many of you remember him back in the days he was a member of the football team. For several years he was named on the Bux-Mont all Scholastic Team. Naval Aviation Cadet Benjamin Towne has completed a three months' course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight school at



Athens, Ga. and is now beginning his progressive flight training at the Naval Air Station, St. Louis, Mo. Thomas Friel S 2/c is now stationed on the U. S. S. Emery. Pvt. Winfield Stong located at Bedford, Mass., has been home recently on a furlough.

Heber T. Meyers C/Sp U. S. N. stationed at Sampson, N. Y. recently spent a week end at his home. A/C Arthur Rau has completed his first course in pre-flight training at the University of Pennsylvania and is now taking advanced training at Franklin and Marshall College. Stewart Davis is one of thirty Pennsylvanians who has arrived at the Army Air Forces Navigation School, San Marcos, Texas to begin training as a navigation cadet. John Hansell, an assistant field director with the American Red Cross, recently spent a week end in Ambler. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va. On September 23rd he broadcast over a Southern radio station for ten minutes on behalf of the Tidewater Camp and Hospital Council of the Red Cross asking for donations of furniture for the soldiers. George Charlton has returned to Newport News, Va. after spending 12 days with his parents. He returned to the United States on August 25th after 8 months' duty in the North Atlantic. After six more weeks of intensive training he expects to be sent to California for further schooling. Before he went overseas he received training in Radar at Camp Murphy, Fla. Friends of Grant Reimer, 23, were greatly shocked to hear that he was fatally injured in a swimming accident at Miami Beach a few days ago - and only a month after he had been inducted into the U. S. Army Air Forces. He suffered a fractured cervical vertebra after diving into shallow water. He was engaged to Miss Jean Weltin, a high school classmate. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, October 14th.

Lt. Charles Deucher has been transferred from Georgia to Denver, Colorado for advanced training. Paul Jones S2/c, who is in the Seabees stationed at Camp Peary, Va. spent the week end of September 26th with his family. Hugh Seville, Joseph Gear and Lester DuBois are also at Camp Peary.

Herbert Amey, stationed in the Southwest Pacific was promoted to Lt. Colonel in June. Corp. Ed Amey has been in the Hawaiian Islands since June 1st. He is assigned to clerical work in the Army Air Forces. F. O. M. Ralph Amey, in harbor defense, has been transferred from Fisher's Island, N. Y. to San Bruno, Cal. While in New York he was able to get home for several week ends. He married a girl from Ohio and since his graduation three years ago has been living there.

Dr. Carl Lorenz is now located at Kiska, Alaska. Pvt. Dudley Deck, who is located at Princeton University, has been spending a short furlough with his parents. Pvt. William Weir has been home from Western Maryland University on a seven day furlough. Pvt. Samuel Kraut, stationed at New Cumberland, Pa. was home for the week end of October 1st. Pvt. and Mrs. William Lindelow are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Pvt. Lindelow is serving overseas.



Tech. Sgt. Joseph J. Chiriano has been chosen to attend a specialists' school at Peoria, Ill. Tech. Sgt. Newton Howard and friend Pvt. Bernard Rutledge of Camp Edwards recently spent a week end in Ambler. The latter's home is in So. Carolina. Staff Sgt. Harry Dickinson has returned to Miami Beach after enjoying a 12 day furlough at his home. While home he celebrated his twenty-second birthday. Henry Barry, who is a member of the U. S. Army Band stationed in Australia wrote home that he was among those who had the honor of playing for Mrs. Roosevelt when on her recent trip to Australia. He said the boys were very enthusiastic in their praise of her. Henry has been in Australia since May. His brother Captain Nicholas Barry is located at Camp White, Medford, Oregon. Lt. Walter Shaeff recently spent a week end with his family. Pvt. Henry Scholtz is now stationed at the Marine Barracks, New River, N. C.

Ambler has made quite a name for itself at The Stage Door Canteen. Ambler Night comes once a month and on that day home made cakes, pies, milk, ice-cream and money are donated by the residents of Ambler in sufficient amounts to take care of the thousand and more boys who visit the Canteen each night. The home cooked food makes a big hit with them. Miss Martha Hoffer has been selected a member of the Juniata College choir. The choir will make its first appearance when Dr. Calvert Ellis is inaugurated as President of the college. Mr. and Mrs. David Hellings have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Mabel Hellings to Colin Marshall Gorman of Philadelphia. The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 30. Miss Hellings holds a secretarial position in the law office of Thomas Foulke.

Pvt. George Roney is confined to the base hospital at Camp Butner, N. C. suffering from injuries sustained when a 37 - millimeter gun ran over him. Both legs are broken at the knee and several tendons are torn. A/C George E. Brumbaugh and Mrs. Brumbaugh are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. On October 2nd in the St. John's Lutheran church, Miss Mela Petrov became the bride of George Knott.

Three automobiles were burned when flames destroyed the garage of Alexander Jervis, Skippack Pike, Blue Bell on October 6th. Due to the excellent work of firemen from both Center Square and Ambler, no damage was done to the old Blue Bell Inn which adjoined the garage.

On October 15th in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Philadelphia Miss Elizabeth Kruger of Philadelphia became the bride of Russell Hogeland. For the past year he has been working in a factory which manufactures air plane instruments. Another wedding of interest to many of you was that of Miss Floy Hoffer and Willis H. Ware. The ceremony took place on October 10th at 4 P.M. in the church of the Brethren. The bride's sister, Miss Martha Hoffer acted as maid of honor. Miss Julia Ann Eckfeldt was one of the bridesmaids. Jack Davis was best man. Douglas Brooks and Hugh Gohman were ushers.

Clarence Budington Kelland, popular author will speak at the tenth annual meeting of the Board of the Ambler Public Library on October 25th. Ambler residents are looking forward to the evening with much enthusiasm.



Mrs. Hellings received a letter from "Dave" on October 15th, the first since he left five months ago. He is in the Merchant Marine and of course couldnot give his exact location. He is not in one place long as his boat has to be ready to enter or leave port at a moment's notice. He spoke of the exceedingly hot days and cool nights. At last he is receiving mail from home including the News Letter. He looks forward to the latter with a great deal of pleasure.

Ambler exceeded its Quota in the Third War Loan Drive by \$25,000. Second Lieutenants George and Frank Haag have been transferred from Langley Field, Va. to Blythe Field, Cal. where they are completing their training in the air corps. Pvt. Walter Dummeldinger stationed at Ripon College, Wisconsin has been home on a 10 day furlough. Pvt. Howard Dinnell is now located at Camp Grant, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hough have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Elizabeth Hough to Lt. William E. McLaughlin of Germantown. Miss Hough is attending the School of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. Lt. McLaughlin graduated from Cornell University, class of 1943. He is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Mary Dickinson, Y 3/c has been transferred from Great Lakes to Hastings, Nebraska. Grant Buchanan and Robert Kleinfelder are now located at Memphis, Tenn.

The other day I ran across the following immediately deciding that I must pass it on to you:

Captain: "The man who sneaked out of camp last night to meet that girl at the corner store step forward--

COMPANY HALT!!!!!"

You will find my Sport News rather sketchy after the details Mr. Hoyt sent, however, I'll do my best to send a few high lights.

The World Series opened with both teams confident of winning the classic. There was a sell out for the opening game in New York on October 5th. I read that tickets were as scarce as soda shops on the Sahara. The Yanks won the first game 4-2 in a comedy of errors opening that produced some of the weirdest fielding ever seen in any kind of baseball. 68,676 witnessed the game. Not since the first game of the 1927 World Series between the Pirates and the Yankees has an opening game produced such shoddy baseball. The second game was won by the Cards 4-3. Grief stricken by word of the sudden death of his father, Mort Cooper first mastered his own emotions and then conquered the New York Yankees with his arm and his heart in a great competitive exhibition. With the encouragement and understanding of his brother Walker, behind the bat, Mort Cooper held the American Leaguers to six hits.

Breaking loose with a five run blast in the 8th inning the New York Yankees downed the Cardinals 6-2 in the third tilt of the series before an all time record crowd of 69,990. On Sunday October 10th the series was resumed in St. Louis. The Yankees again won 2-1. The fifth and last game was a 2-0 victory for the Yankees giving them the title and their 10th world championship -- 277,312 fans witnessed the



five game series. Joe Gordon, the Yankee veteran second baseman was the top individual in the matter of records. He accepted 43 chances without an error--made the most putouts (20) and handled 23 assists without a mistake. Bill Dickey, veteran catcher hiked his number of World Series games while wearing Yankee livery to 38, wiping out the previous record of 36 games for one player with one club held by Babe Ruth, also of the Yankees.

The Army-Navy football game will be played at West Point Saturday, November 27th. Because of war-time restrictions on travel, attendance will be restricted to Military Academy personnel and bona fide residents within a ten mile radius.

Here are a few Football Scores which may interest some of you:

Sept.	18	Villanova	35	Muhlenberg	12
"	18	Rochester	14	Yale	12
"	25	Penn	47	Princeton	9
"	25	Army	27	Villanova	0
"	25	Notre Dame	41	Pittsburgh	0
"	25	Navy	31	N.Carolina Pre-F	0
"	25	Penn State	14	Bucknell	0
"	25	So. California	20	U.C.L.A.	0
"	25	Iowa Pre-F	28	Ohio State	13
"	24	Temple	27	V. M. I.	0
"	25	Penn	47	Princeton	9
Oct.	2	Penn	41	Yale	7
"	2	Princeton	26	Columbia	7
"	2	Army	42	Colgate	0
"	2	Minnesota	54	Nebraska	0
"	9	Notre Dame	35	Michigan	12
"	9	Penn	7	Dartmouth	6
"	9	Army	51	Temple	0
"	9	Navy	14	Duke	13
"	9	Cornell	30	Princeton	0
"	9	Illinois	25	Wisconsin	7
"	9	Penn State	0	Colgate	0
"	15	Ursinus	10	Temple	6
"	16	Penn	74	Lakehurst	6
"	16	Notre Dame	50	Wisconsin	0
"	16	Duke	14	No.Carolina	7
"	16	Navy	14	Penn State	6
"	16	Army	52	Columbia	0

Due to greater demands upon transportation because of increased activities in the Pacific the exhibition tour in the Pacific area of the Major League baseball players has been delayed for an indefinite period. Women are now being used for Linesmen in the football games. Their uniforms consist of black slacks, white blouses and black bow ties. They have been receiving instructions from Don Kinney, prominent collegiate official. Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame Star, will join the Parris Island Marines this month.



Miss Dorothy Nortier, 19, of Piedmont, California will marry Gunder Haegg, the sensational Swedish runner who recently toured the United States. A series of races in which he participated netted \$150,000 for the Army Air Forces Society.

Here is a bit of State and National News:

Theodore Lane Bean, prominent Montgomery County attorney died September 20th from a heart attack. Mrs. Roosevelt returned September 24th from a 26,000 mile tour of the South Pacific war theater. She was met in New York by her son, Lt. Colonel James Roosevelt. She claims she never worked harder in her life. Her journey took her to 17 islands in addition to Australia and New Zealand. She lost 25 pounds during her trip; she had great praise for the spirit of the boys in the South Pacific battle area and came home with a feeling of enormous pride in the young people and their ability to do anything they set out to do.

Mrs. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., widow of the nation's first great hero of this war, and Lt. (j.g.) Watson Pedlow, U.S.N. were married October 15th in a church ceremony in Rockdale near Glen Riddle, Pa. Only members of their immediate families were present.

Science has now caught up with Nature and developed a new yeast which although unnamed as yet, is called "vegetable meat". It is being turned out in a great mid-western plant at the rate of a ton every 12 hours. It looks now as if we would soon be having all the yeast steaks we wished. This new manufactured meat is richer in proteins and vitamins and much cheaper than the natural steak.

It is no longer uncommon to see women driving trolleys, buses and taxis. I recently saw a woman driving the Lansdale-Chestnut Hill bus and now they are being trained to operate the subway-elevated trains. An intensive 12 day period is necessary for the mastering of the operation of a subway-elevated train.

Former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, now a lieutenant commander in the Navy is the first formally announced candidate for the 1944 Republican Presidential nomination.

W. Averell Harriman, the 52 year old financier and industrialist is the new United States Ambassador to Moscow. Philadelphia over-subscribed its \$490,048,000 Third War Loan quota by \$2,706,925.

Whitemarsh Hall, the \$2,500,000 palatial estate of the late Edward T. Stotesbury, considered one of the foremost show places in the country, is to become a center for scientific research. It has been purchased by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co. No manufacturing or commercial operations of any kind will be carried on in it. The firm plans to set up there a staff of 75 chemists and their assistants who will conduct scientific studies for the company's industries.



You folks need not worry too much about your spelling for some of the Congressmen and Congresswomen aren't too good at it. At a recent spelling contest at the National Press Club, Clare Boothe Luce fell down on "Gibraltar," "Chiang Kai-Shek", "acquiesce", "supersede" and "deferment." When asked to spell "Ruml", the author of the pay-as-you-earn tax plan, she began to spell "Rommel". She was informed that reference was made to the one who gave us all the trouble in this country not Germany.

One of the war time shortages is wedding rings. Deanna Durbin, the singing film star, has filed suit for divorce from Vaughn Paul who is now a lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy.

There will be no more surprise blackouts or air raid tests in Pennsylvania. Of course the Army may still order an alarm at any time but the State is out of the surprise alert business for the duration. Another bit of encouraging news is that the censors have lifted the ban on weather forecasting, however, since weather has been on the free list the brand handed out hasn't been too satisfactory.

Ben Bernie, the "old Maestro" of the stage, screen and radio died October 20th at the age of 52. He was stricken with pleurisy last February while playing an engagement in Chicago and has been in poor health ever since.

Edward R. Stettinius was sworn in as Undersecretary of State on October 4th. He succeeds Sumner Welles who resigned a few weeks ago. Stettinius has been Lend-Lease administrator and is a former chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation.

It may not be news to you but civilians are very much interested to hear of the new record made by Second Lieutenant Robert H. Knapp of Norwich, N. Y. When he was believed to have flown 840 miles per hour in a dive during a recent air fight over Germany. Certainly that is a world's record.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov are in Moscow where they have begun one of the most momentous conferences of modern times. Current and post war problems are to be discussed.

#### Correspondence Column

Allan Taylor, who is in the Coast Guard located at Curtis Bay, Md., likes our letters. He says Hello to all of you and adds that his son was a year old October 23rd. He enjoys his training and was fortunate enough to get home the week end of October 16th. Jim Corson sends greetings from Glenview, Ill. He is only an hour away from Chicago and seems to be enjoying his free time as well as his primary flight training. "Bud" Dailey is still in this country but doesn't expect to be long. He has been doing some sight seeing in New York. His report of the Stage Door Canteen in New York is like that of many others. Apparently it does not compare with the one in Philadelphia. While home for a few hours he recently saw Jack Meyers. They had a good time comparing stories of life in the service. Jack writes that he enjoys our News Letter. He is very modest and did not



tell me that he was wearing ribbons and stars from several theaters of war and campaigns. He has seen quite a bit of the world the past few months. In his travels he has met "Spike" Friel and brother Tom. Both were at Norfolk, Va. He was inquiring about all his friends. He is looking forward to the day when he will return to Ambler for good. Newt Howard is still up at Camp Edwards, Mass. It is beginning to get rather cold and frosty up there. He sends his best regards to all you folks--he enjoys hearing about you in the News Letter.

George Deens writes from over in the South Pacific that he enjoys the News Letters immensely; the home town news is very welcome to one so far away. Sam Worthington, stationed in Baltimore, Md. likes to keep posted on the Ambler news--even his girl friend is interested now. Sam is fortunate in getting home every other week end. We are always glad to see him in church. Tom Weaver sends his best to all of you. He has been sharing his News Letter with Al Dummeldinger and Tom Potts who are also in Hawaii. Tommy Hughes thinks the King's Daughters do all right at scooping up the news. He has been transferred from Memphis, Tenn. to Hollywood, Fla. He has but 5 more weeks of training before being assigned a flight squadron, probably with a torpedo diver unit. He seems to be enjoying the ocean and fine weather in Florida. He hopes to have a 10 day leave in three months--will also celebrate his first anniversary in the Navy. I have just received a letter from Leroy Davies dated September 26th. At that particular time he was living the life of Riley eating, sleeping and writing letters. He is looking forward to the next issue of the News Letter. Roscoe Smith enjoys the home town news--at present he is at the Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va. "Bob" Simpson is at the Pre-flight school, Chapel Hill, N. C. His days are strenuous and his training intensive. The cadets often call it "Cripple Hill" and no doubt that is an appropriate name. We wish Bob the best of luck in his rugged training. He enjoys hearing about you all and looks forward to the News Letter. "Bob" Gerhart finds the News Letter very interesting--he is at the Naval Air Station, Weeksville, N. C.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Gear has acknowledged his first copy of the News Letter. He has been in the Army two and a half years and has been overseas for 16 months during which time he has met "Joe" Friel, Earl Dinell and "Andy" Dressler. He is located in the Southwest Pacific. "Andy" surely gets around. I believe he has met more Ambler boys than anyone else on our list.

Dick Harris has lived in Ambler but a few years yet he is interested in hearing about the news in this locality. He has been at Camp Swift, Texas since February when he entered the Army.

And now for the news of the Church and Church Family:

Robert Gerhart S 2/c of Sampson, N. Y. recently spent a few days at his home before being transferred to Elizabeth City, N. C. Pvt. Donald Gerhart has moved from Camp Wheeler, Ga. to Ft. Bragg, N. C. Charles Meyers U.S. Navy has been visiting his mother. Sgt. Linville Hutchison was home for a week end recently. He is located at Camp Pickett, Va.



Miss Ann Biddle has gone to Wilmington, Del. to begin her studies at the Sanford Preparatory School. Mrs. Charles Korn after many years of faithful service has tendered her resignation as organist and choir director of our church. She will be greatly missed. Mr. William Sailer has given up his janitorial duties to accept a position as guard on the night shift at Standard Pressed Steel.

We are glad to welcome the following new members into the church: Miss Elizabeth Haddon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Long and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Webster. Captain and Mrs. J. Elkin Stewart are at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bob Kern attached to the medical depot company at Ft. Bragg, N. C. has been spending a few days at his home. Gilda Dragani, WAC has finished her basic training at Ft. Ogelthorpe, Ga. and has moved over to the staging area in the same camp.

Captain Alfred Martin, stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. has been spending a few days at his home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cullingford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Cullingford is the former Miss Erma Renner. We were very sorry to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Horace Umstead who died of a heart attack on October 6th. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dorothy, Ann and Irma as well as the other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. William Haywood, Jr. have received from the War Department a Citation of Honor awarded posthumously to their son, Corporal Claudius W. Haywood, 3rd, who was killed in an Army transport plane crash on July 1, 1942 in West Virginia. The Citation is signed by H. H. Arnold, General, U. S. Army; Commanding General, U. S. Army Air Forces. Beautifully written and designed the Citation is engraved on a rich white parchment, bearing the seal of the Army Air Forces.

The Ambler Youth Council held a Consecration Service on Sunday evening, September 26th in the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. Most of the Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies in the Community were present.

Miss Julia Ann Eckfeldt entertained recently at a buffet supper and linen shower in honor of Miss Floy Hoffer whose marriage to Willis Ware took place on October 10th.

The Couples Club of the church held a covered dish supper September 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Powl. Mr. A. L. Gehman was the guest speaker.

Ida E. Berry in a recent letter to her family told about some of her work as a nurse with the armed forces in Iceland. She has been stationed there since February. She recently had the honor of setting up the operating room by herself and was complimented on her work by the head surgeon. She has worn her heavy winter uniform and overcoat all summer. Until recently it was so light she could read



in bed all night but now the dark season is approaching and it is night from 3 P.M. until 10 A.M. There are no trees where she is located--only bushes two and three feet high. Ida has been in the service nearly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years and enjoys her work very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Yocum of Norristown have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Mildred Yocum to P.F.C. William Pierson, Jr. Bill has recently spent a furlough at his home. He is with the Signal Corps at Camp Breckenbridge, Ky. Miss Peggy Smith recently entertained at a shower in honor of Miss Claire Brenneman whose engagement to Mr. William Kleinfelder has been announced.

Robert Edward Wind is among the recent draftees--he has been sent to the Coast Guard Training Station at Manhattan Beach, Long Island. "Bob" Broughton AMM 3/c was home the week end of September 26th before going to his new assignment at Miami, Florida. S/Sgt. Gerry Davis has arrived in England and is at an army base near London; he has been doing lot of sight seeing in and around the city. Gerry is one of a six man crew on a B 26. He has made 6 trips over the Channel during his three months of training. At the present time he is going to school. He is getting along fine and reports that the Red Cross is wonderful to the boys.

Mrs. Russell Tompkins received three cards from Kelsey on October 10th. They were dated May 16th, June 6th and July 4th. As you know he is an Italian war prisoner in Germany. He stated that he was well and that his mother should not worry since he was being given fairly good care.

Charles Meyers was home recently on a 24 hour leave after completing a convoy trip to Algiers. He expects that his next trip will take him to Cuba. P.F.C. Roy Cramer who has been overseas since March, has been permitted to tell his family of his location. He is in New Caledonia -- the weather is hot, the rainy season has begun, and the scenery is very monotonous; he longs to see some good Pennsylvania trees and flowers. P.F.C. George Cramer, sea-going Marine, has been assigned to a brand new air-carrier, the Intrepid. Shake-down cruises are being made on the boat, before going out on a long trip. "Bob" Rudolph has received a medical discharge after being in the Army 5 months and 18 days. His disability was caused by a knee injury received 2 years ago while playing football. S/Sgt. Raymond Aures is now training on a new type of plane, a three man fighter. He is still at Florence, S. C. George Camburn is now on his way overseas. Miss Gloria Simpson leaves shortly to begin her studies as laboratory technician at State College. George Fertsch is located near Dick Hoyt in England. They hope to see each other in the near future. Lt. "Bill" Hayward is on his way overseas.

On Saturday afternoon October 9th in the Presbyterian Church Miss Jane Tompkins became the bride of Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Frederick of Souderton. Rev. Dunsmore officiated at the ceremony. Mr. & Mrs. J. Frederick Martin have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Jane Martin to Sgt. Harold Person of Staunfield, Minn.

The members of the Men's Association had an enjoyable evening on Monday, October 11th when Mr. Alfred Schlichter spoke on China. He



has been connected with the China Inland Mission for many years. He returned to this country on the Gripsholm. Lt. R. B. Macomber is on the Sixth Naval District Staff of Welfare and Recreation with its headquarters at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C. If any of you are ever in that vicinity he would be delighted to see you. Be sure to look him up at the District office.

Under the auspices of the War Time Commission of the Presbyterian Church The Presbyterian Hospitality House, a new center for service men was opened Oct. 1st at 2200 Locust St., Phila. It's just like Home for you may do as you please. Read, write letters or play the piano. Sing, loaf in easy chairs, play darts or table tennis. Talk with a hostess or just relax. It's open to you from basement to roof. Even the kitchen is yours and anything you want in the refrigerator. "Waffle parties" will be a week end feature. In the basement you can wash, dry and iron clothes. Upstairs are shower rooms, tub baths and 26 beds for those who wish to spend the night. Overnight accommodations will cost you little. Everything else is free to all men in the Armed Services stationed in the Philadelphia area or coming here on leave. Don't forget the Presbyterian Hospitality House at 2200 Locust St., three blocks south and eight blocks west of City Hall.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message to you:

"One day the famous Scottish preacher Thomas Chalmers was making a journey in a stagecoach. As the coach reached a certain spot the coachman hit one of the horses with his whip. Chalmers asked the reason for this, and was given the answer, "This horse has formed the habit of bolting at this particular spot. Evidently he shys from some harmless object; so I give him something else to think about at the moment." From this incident Chalmers got his idea for the great sermon, "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection." The point of that sermon was that the only solution for a man's problems is to fill his life with the influence of Christ. It is only that influence, that new affection, which will drive out the things that should not be there. I think Paul has this thought when he says: "Whatsoever things are true..honorable..just..pure..lovely..of good report..think on these things," and "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

To us on the home front the war news appears much more encouraging than when we sent the October letter a year ago. Each month we are able to look ahead with greater optimism. While endeavoring to think of a closing message to leave with you, I asked Dick, my 10 year old son for a suggestion to which he unhesitatingly replied, "Thank the boys for all they are doing." Although the thought could be expressed more elaborately, yet it could not be more sincere and I know that these few brief words sum up the feelings of those of us who are left at home.

You are in our thoughts each day as we extend heartfelt appreciation and everlasting gratitude to you brave people who have left your homes and dear ones and are sacrificing to the utmost, in



order that we may continue to live according to the ideals and principles for which America stands.

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*



LETTER NO. 14

92 Bethlehem Pike  
Ambler, Pa.  
November 16, 1943

Dear

A few days ago while undergoing the ordeal of house cleaning I came across some magazines and papers dated back in 1941 and 1942. In looking through them I was greatly impressed by the pessimism and discouragement of their contents as compared to the periodicals and editorials we are reading today. It was disheartening to read how much had to be done in the way of production regarding ships, planes, tanks and thousands of other kinds of equipment necessary for modern warfare before we even had a chance at winning this war.

It is amazing to think what has been accomplished in that short time due to the knowledge, experience and ingenuity that have been merged into the nation's war effort. You have evidence of the fact that those on the home front have been busy doing their part in order that you folks in the service may be the best equipped in the world. We know that you folks are doing a swell job with that equipment because every day we see signs and proof of it here at home.

In my last letter I told you that there would be no more surprise blackouts or air raid tests. I also mentioned that the ban on weather forecasting had been lifted. Now dimout regulations along the Atlantic seaboard and Pacific coast including Alaska have been abolished. For some time the plane spotting posts formerly manned by civilians, have been taken over by the Army. If space permitted I could show even further evidence of optimism.

We are not foolish enough to believe that the war is over; we realize that there is hard fighting ahead on the fronts of the world and increasing sacrifice for us at home. We shall not become over-confident to the point of relaxing or lying down on the job but judging from what you have done the past months and what you are doing at the present time, we know that it will not be too long before we shall all be together again.

There is a lot of activity at the High School these days:

Eighteen new members have been promoted from the Junior Band to the Senior Band this year.

The faculty and students have welcomed many alumni of late especially men and women in the service. Among their recent visitors are: Nick Melograno, Thomas Gibbs, Anthony Urban, Robert Flury, Bill Lunn, Wesley Kerns, Herbert Williams, Frank Worthington, John Dickinson, George Sandiford, Lester Du Bois, George Mullahy, Harry Sailer, Russell Benigno, Pughsley Lane, David Hellings, Frank Thomas, Robert Goderricci, Nickolas Donato, George Hastings, Ted Miller, Fred Smith, George Steward, Ed Roberts, Edward Halligan, Fred Serral and Nickolas Fanu.



The National Honor Society recently held its first meeting at the home of its vice-president, Arthur Boulton. The members made plans for a Thanksgiving Day Assembly program and also agreed to take the concessions for selling candy, soft drinks and hot dogs at the Doylestown football game in order to raise money for the Society's yearly expenses. In the near future the members will begin tutoring privately students who have missed school work due to absence.

The Hockey Team lost its second game of the season to Norristown 4-3. It was an exciting game; Norristown scored the winning goal in the last minute of play. The girls won from Doylestown 2-0. Because of unfavorable weather conditions three games have been postponed.

Eileen Urban recently gave a surprise performance in assembly. It was a short preview of the program she gave at the Officers' Club in the Bellevue Stratford a few days later. She sang two of the eight pieces she sang for the Club -- "By the Waters of Minnatonka" and "I'll See You Again." For her encore she sang "The Serenade" from "The Student Prince."

John W. Meyers, former football and track coach, is now stationed at a U. S. Marine Corps base in the South Pacific. He is a field director with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Charles Shearer, U. S. N., stationed at Sampson, N. Y. was a recent visitor. Mr. Schleeger is at New Cumberland, Pa., at the present time. Mr. Hunsicker is helping in the metal shop and Miss Potteiger has taken over Mr. Shearer's classes. As yet no teachers have been appointed to fill these vacancies.

The Press Club recently welcomed four new members: Ernest Smith, Robert McCracken, Adolf Wagner and Robert Jiedler. There are 20 students on the reporting staff of the Press Club.

The Senior Class has elected the following members for the coming year; President, Joseph Petrilla; Vice-President, Arthur Boulton; Secretary, Mafalda D'Amore; Treasurer, Wilson Matthias.

Mr. F. G. Volp of Roxborough has been elected to teach Science, History and Health at the High School. Mr. Volp served for two years with the U. S. Army and was honorably discharged. He served with the U. S. Army Air Corps and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Roland Bowers has been elected president of the Band. Doris MacEwan is president of the orchestra.

Rehearsals have begun for the play "Pride and Prejudice" which will be presented December 9th and 10th.

Over 200 students attended the Junior Class Hallowe'en party held in the gym, Wednesday evening, October 27th.



The football team lost to Quakertown 14-7. On October 30th the game with Upper Moreland resulted in a victory for Ambler - the score was 13-0. On the Sellersville-Perkasie field, November 6th Ambler tied Sell-Perk 7-7. You may be interested to know that Springfield High continues to stay in the top position of the Bux-Mont League. They recently defeated Quakertown 68-0.

Now for some Local News:

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Theel of Jarrettown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Albert Morris A.M.M.2/c, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Ida Morris of Oglesby, Ill. Mr. Oscar Stillwagon has been elected president of the Kiwanis Club. The Rev. Paul E. Schmoyer, pastor of the St. Paul's Reformed Church, Ft. Washington for over five years, has accepted a call to the St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kutztown. He will assume his new duties the first of December. Sgt. Donald Leech has been reported missing in action. He was a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Corporal Peter Keane was killed in the South Pacific war zone on October 21st. He was a bombardier with the U. S. Army Air Forces and had been in the Pacific area for almost two years. He was 25 years old and a graduate of Ambler High in the class of 1937. He enlisted in the army in 1939. Captain John Schantz has arrived in India where he has taken up his duties as a member of the general staff at the headquarters of the U. S. Armed Forces for the China, Burma and India theater. Lt. John Dickinson has completed nine weeks of four-engine bomber training at Liberal, Kansas, and is now rated an "airplane commander" qualified to lead the combat crew of a B-24 Liberator bomber. Howard Amey and Thomas Morrison have arrived at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where they will begin their basic training which will cover a period of 17 weeks.

P.F.C. Frank Rocco, Jr. has seen a good bit of action in Guadalcanal and New Georgia-- He is now at a rest camp in the South Pacific. His brother Joseph is with the quartermaster corps somewhere in No. Africa.

Mr. Bernard Lindenfeld has been named a District Deputy Commander of the Ninth American Legion District. W. P. Dickinson is the new Legion Commander of the Norton Downs, Jr. Post. He succeeds Samuel Wright.

Workmen have begun to dismantle the Faust Tannery located on Bethlehem Pike near Argyle Ave. Upon the premises a lumber yard will be opened, where lumber, sashes, etc. will be sold. Sgt. Raymond Cavalier has been spending two weeks with his family. He is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. Corp. Earl Wood has been home on a 15 day furlough from Orlando, Fla. P.F.C. Harry Wood, who is stationed in the South Pacific, has fully recovered from an injury to his foot. While confined to the base hospital he had the pleasure of talking with Mrs. Roosevelt. Lt. George Sandiford, U.S.M.C. has arrived at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Cal. after spending 15 days visiting relatives and friends in Ambler. Albert Friel S2/c has returned



to Norfolk, Va. after spending a week end with his family. He expects to leave for an unknown destination in the very near future. Corp. Carl Randall, Jr., is located at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Paul James, signalman first class, is taking a specialized course of instruction at the Navy's Sub-chaser Training Center, Miami, Fla. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck, took an active part in the raid on Marshall and Gilbert Islands and served aboard a sub-chaser which is officially credited with one sub sinking and another probable sinking. Samuel Smith has been enrolled as an officer candidate at the U. S. Maritime Service Officers School, Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn. He will take an extensive course in Engineering which should enable him to take an examination in December for his merchant marine license as Third Assistant Engineer on ocean-going vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ambers are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. The baby has been named John Terrence and was born in Chestnut Hill Hospital, November 1st. John Ambers S 1/c is stationed on the U. S. S. Kiowa. Pvt. Herman Ashton has been transferred from the Ft. Belvoir, Va. to Ft. Knox, Kentucky camp.

A Service of Prayer, remembering the boys in the armed forces was held in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft. Washington on Armistice Day, November 11th at 11 A.M.

Daniel Signore, Jr., stationed with the U. S. Army Signal Corps in the South West Pacific, has been promoted to Sergeant. Mr. J. Roehm Leshner died suddenly from a heart attack on October 21st. He was 54 years old. He has been proprietor of the News Stand at the Reading Station in Ambler for the past 37 years. He had been in poor health for some time due to serious injuries received in an automobile accident a year or so ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Amey of Gwynedd Valley are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mr. William Pfitzenmeyer, 64, of Bethlehem Pike committed suicide on October 25th. He shot himself five times, three times in the back of the head and twice in the chest with a 38 calibre revolver. He was discovered by his neighbor, Clifford H. Martin. Mr. Pfitzenmeyer had been in poor health for some time. Miss Nancy Stackhouse of Philadelphia and Mr. Thurman M. Wright, Jr. were married October 20th.

Sgt. Joseph Wyrwas, U. S. Army Air Corps, who was reported missing in the European area in August is now reported dead according to word received by his sister. He was in an airplane which crashed into the sea a short distance from the town of Berwick, England. The plane was enroute from the United States and apparently was unable to reach its destination due to adverse weather conditions. First Lieutenant Seth Worthington, Jr. stationed with the U. S. Army at Camp Forrest, Tenn. has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Mrs. Howard J. Dager has been elected president of the Alpha Chapter of Pennsylvania of Delta Kappa Gamma, a National Honor Society for women teachers. Other members from this area are Miss Evelyn



Kulp, Miss Ann Potteiger and Miss Grace Woodward.

Walter Dietrich has been inducted into the army; Kenneth Haldeman and Henry McConnell have begun their training in the Navy; Willard Leh, Donald Jones and James Luther Coles, Jr. are among those who have reported in the U. S. Marine Corps. Very impressive exercises were held in the Ambler Opera House, October 19th when the Army-Navy "E" Award was presented to Keasbey & Mattison Co. James F. Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy, presented the award to Ernest Muehleck, president. Admiral E. T. Allen and General A. A. Farmer assisted in the presentation. Congressman J. William Ditter acted as master of ceremonies. The special token awards were made by General Farmer, commanding officer of the Signal Corps Depot, to Arthur Leshner, Howard Keiger, Frank Roberto, Garwood Howard, William J. Jones and William Lachman, who represented six divisions of the plant.

Master Technical Sergeant H. D. Antonio, who was wounded in action on Guadalcanal, pinned the awards on the men. Peter Fletcher, president of the United Textile Workers of America Local (Asbestos Division) accepted the pins on behalf of the employees.

Ralph Davies recently planned a surprise for his friends when he arranged with his mother to have a dinner party. He made all the plans as to table decorations, time of the party, guests to be invited and the menu. In the meantime he purchased an engagement ring in Phoenix, Arizona and sent it to his mother to be kept as a secret. At the appointed hour on October 28th, which was Ralph's twenty-second birthday, Mrs. Davies presented to Miss Gloria Laughlin on behalf of Ralph a ring as a token of their betrothal. Ralph's one request was that they should not eat before 7 P. M. as he had hoped to call them by telephone. It was the one disappointment of the evening because that plan did not materialize. Otherwise all his wishes were carried out and no one was happier or more surprised than Gloria. Ralph is stationed at Ellington Field, Texas.

Miss Martha Hoffer, a member of the hockey team at Juniata College, recently participated in the Parents Day program at Shippensburg State Teachers' College. Franklin Wright, who was sworn into the Navy four months ago reported for duty November 1st. at the University of Pennsylvania. Howard Mahoney left November 8th for training with the "Seabees". Sgt. Paul F. Raser of the Army Air Forces has completed his training at Dyersburg, Tenn. and is now ready for combat duty. Second Lieutenant John S. Berwind recently received his pilot wings at Douglas, Arizona, and is now undergoing instructions to fly a "Flying Fortress" at the Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico. Corporal Radcliffe Allen of the U.S. Army Signal Corps has arrived home from Stout Field, Indianapolis, Ind. to spend a few days with his mother. Edwin Lewis Miller II is home on leave from Camp Haan, Cal. He has spent the past four months on desert maneuvers.



A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Longcope on November 1st. Mrs. Longcope is the former Miss Betty Houghton. Mr. Longcope who is in the Navy, is a machinist mate second class and at the present time is stationed at Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Alfred Dursley, who is now working in a defense plant in California, was greatly surprised a few weeks ago to meet Charles Kemmerer who was working in the same plant. Charles is in the Marines. Because of the scarcity of labor in the California aircraft plants, service men from a number of the camps are permitted to work after hours for regular plant pay. Charles and Mr. Dursley had a grand time catching up on the home town news. Pvt. Lambert West is now stationed at Fort Ordance, Cal. Charles Houston, Chief Specialist, U. S. Navy has returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station after spending two days with his parents.

William Gant, U. S. N. has been spending a few days at his home. J. William Ditter, Jr., who has been stationed at the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman's School located at Columbia University, New York City has been commissioned an ensign. He has been spending 10 days at home before reporting at Harvard for further training in the Naval Supply and Corps School of Business Administration. His engagement to Miss Verna Bock of Collegeville has been announced. Miss Helen Schule has resigned her position as teacher of the third grade in the Mattison Ave. School and has accepted a position with the American Red Cross.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Calvary Methodist Church on Saturday, October 31st at 7 o'clock when Miss Mabel Hellings became the bride of Colin Gorman of Philadelphia. Rev. Lloyd Stevens, pastor of the church officiated. The bride was attired in white satin. Miss Doris Niblock was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Leslie and Miss Dorothy Umstead. Jack Hughes of Gwynedd was best man. Mrs. Walter Eddowes presented an organ recital before the wedding. A reception for the immediate families was held at the home of the bride's parents. Their honeymoon was spent in New York City. They will make their home on Park Ave., Philadelphia. Mr. Gorman is employed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. David Hellings arrived home on leave in time to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dager have received word that their son, Pvt. Albert Dager, Jr., a paratrooper, has seen plenty of action in the Italian invasion. He has been overseas since June, 1942. He was first sent to England, then to Africa and finally into Italy. Corporal Frederick A. Serral, a member of the First Raider Battalion U. S. Marine Corps, has arrived home to spend a month with his parents. He has seen much activity in the South Pacific, first at Guadalcanal and later at the New Georgia Islands. Seaman George Mullahy, Jr. who has been spending a week at his home has returned to Emmetsburg, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bruckel are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Joan Betty. Mrs. Bruckel is the former Miss Jane Morgan.



Mrs. John S. Fertsch, Jr. died November 9th at Atlantic City. She had lived in the vicinity of Ambler for many years. A/C Geo. E. Brumbaugh has reported to the Army Air Forces Basic Flying School, Courtland, Ala. for the third stage of training as a cadet pilot. The following have completed their basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y. and have been spending a few days at their homes: Charles Pennington, S 2/C, Kenneth Amey S 2/C and Rodger MacBride S 2/C. S/Sgt. Walter Zerbenski has been promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant. He is stationed at McGowen Field, Idaho.

Here are a few Sport Jottings:

Leo Durocher will be retained as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers for the 1944 season. The Phillies doubled their gate for the 1943 season. A recent survey shows that the Phils drew 466,876 paying customers in 1943 to compare with 230,183 the previous season. The Athletics suffered a decline. Joe Gordon again says he is through with baseball but no one takes him seriously. Stan Musial, the outfielder who batted .357 for the St. Louis Cardinals, was voted the National League's most valuable player for 1943. Runner-up was his team mate, Catcher Walker Cooper, soon to be inducted into the army. There were several upsets in football on Oct. 24th. Southern California was victorious in its game with College of the Pacific by a score of 6 - 0; Purdue triumphed over Iowa 28 - 7; Notre Dame defeated Illinois 47 - 0; The Army crushed Yale 39 - 7; Michigan swamped Minnesota 49 - 6; The Navy defeated Georgia Tech 28 - 14; and Columbia was beaten by Penn 33 - 0. Another game was that of Swarthmore and C. C. N. Y. which resembled a football game more than a football game. Swarthmore won 79 - 0 marking the highest score in the history of the school. On Saturday October 31, Penn tied the Army 13 - 13 before 72,000 spectators, the East's largest crowd of the year. Both teams were unbeaten. Bob Odell played a marvelous game and was nominated by both George Munger and Rae Crowther for a place on the All American team. Lt. Col. Earl Blaik, coach of the Army, also lauded Odell for his excellent work. Another big game played on the same day was that of Notre Dame vs. Navy. Notre Dame smothered hitherto unbeaten - untied Navy 33-6 before 82,000 fans. It was the sixth straight win for the South Bend team. Angelo Bertelli, 173 lb. quarterback came up with a story book finish on the eve of reporting to Parris Island, S. C. for further training with the Marines. He passed eight times, five were completed, three for touchdowns. He got the final touchdown himself and between his passing and plunging, found time to kick three extra points from placement.

Cornell defeated Columbia 33-6; Holy Cross won from Colgate 14-7; Northwestern defeated Minnesota 42-6; Yale was beaten by Dartmouth 20-6; Purdue routed Wisconsin 32-0 and Southern California maintained its unbeaten, untied and unscored on record as it whipped University of California 13-0. More interesting games were played on November 6th. Penn's dreams of an undefeated season were jolted when 73,000 spectators saw the Navy triumph over Munger's Quakers 24-7. The Middies were late in arriving at the game as their



steamer was held up by fog. It was between the first and second quarters when the 776 midshipmen marched onto the field. Another big game was played in New York that same day. Notre Dame beat the Army 26-0 before 76000 fans. Bertelli listened to a broadcast of the game in the recreation room of the Marine base there. Johnny Lujack who replaced him as Notre Dame's quarterback played a marvelous game. Purdue defeated Minnesota 14-7. Duke crushed N. Carolina State 75-0. Holy Cross triumphed over Temple 42-6. Villanova won from Princeton 45-22. Penn State lost to Cornell 13-0. Yale was defeated by Brown 21-20. Peter Stevens, Ursinus football coach has been inducted into the army. His biggest send off gift was the Temple-Ursinus game in which his team upset Temple 10-6. Walter Okeson, chairman of the football rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association died November 4th after a long illness. He was 68. His death followed by slightly more than two months that of Wilmer G. Crowell, nationally famous referee who was also a member of the Football Rules Committee.

My supply of jokes is getting low. I'll try to do better next time:

The following is quoted from Willie Willis in the Evening Bulletin: "Grandma says where there's smoke there's fire, and she's right about it. One of our teachers smoked and she was fired."

Jack: "What's the most war-like nation?"

Jill: "Vaccination! It's always in arms!"

In a recent cartoon two high school girls were eating at the school cafeteria. Betty said to her friend, "Mother doesn't like me to eat cold food at noon.....so I have Hot Fudge Sauce on my ice cream".

You may not be absent-minded but since I am I appreciated the following:

A Harvard professor stopped a student on the campus one day, and said: "Pardon me, but can you tell me which way I am walking, please? "You are going north, professor", he was informed. "Ah, thank you, very much", came the rejoinder, "That means I've already had my lunch."

#### State and National News:

Joseph E. Widener, millionaire sportsman and art collector died October 26th in his 72nd year.

One of the Major Post-War Highway Plans is the proposed \$43,000,000 highway development plan for Philadelphia. The announced program is intended to eliminate the major bottlenecks which have been hampering traffic movement in Philadelphia. Although actual construction must await the war's end, preliminary work has been started on many of the projects.



Lloyd George, 80, was married to his secretary, Miss Frances Stevenson, on October 23rd. She is 55 years old and has been his private secretary since 1913. Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown has submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt. He will be succeeded by Chester Bowles, general manager of the OPA. Righted after being raised from the bed of the Hudson River, the transport U.S.S. Lafayette, formerly the Normandie has been accepted by Navy officials from the firm which accomplished one of the greatest jobs in maritime salvage history. Work in refitting and remodeling the vessel as a troop ship is expected to begin shortly. The 83,000 ton ship capsized after a fire, Feb. 9, 1942. A swarm of tugboats pulled the giant hulk to the dry dock where it is to be fitted out for naval service. Aboard the vessel when the last line was cut loose were 200 civilian employees of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, 90 Coast Guardsmen, 25 salvage men and several naval officials.

Election returns on November 2nd showed that the Republican trend is very evident throughout the nation. Acting Mayor Bernard Samuel was elected to a full four-year term by a large Republican plurality. In a clear sweep of the city the Republican ticket scored a decisive victory over the Democratic slate. The G.O.P. won 11 Posts in Montgomery County.

Apparently the Moscow Conference was a big success - according to Walter Lippmann the achievements of the conference are constructive beyond the fairest hopes of any who are qualified to judge them. There now exists in reality as a going concern the organization which will end the war, will restore order and maintain the peace. The inner principle of the agreement is that Britain, Russia, China and the United States can maintain the peace because they will be, when our enemies are defeated and disarmed the only powers capable of waging great wars. As long, then, as they remain united to prevent war, there can be no great war.

On October 27th, President Roosevelt recommended to Congress a billion dollar program to provide post war educational opportunities for men and women in the armed services. Max Reinhardt, 70 year old theatrical producer and creator of the stage production "The Miracle" died October 31st.

A five-year highway construction and improvement program to cost \$500,000,000 is contemplated for Pennsylvania as a post-war project according to Governor Martin.

Rationing has brought a new lease on love. A lady waiting in line for butter recently fainted dead away. The grocer carried her away from the crowd, revived her, brought her some butter and married her. Butter late than never.

President Roosevelt has expressed a hope that Victory Gardens will be doubled next year. They turned out approximately



10,000,000 tons of food this year and he hopes for 20,000,000 tons in 1944.

Doris Duke Cromwell is filing suit for divorce. It is rumored that her husband James H. R. Cromwell demands a \$7,000,000 settlement.

P.F.C. Leo Fowler of Fort Jackson in addition to being a soldier uses his spare time to make another personally hazardous contribution to the cause of victory. He collects "black widow" spiders which spin cross hairs for bomb sights and other aiming devices for the armed forces. He recently shipped a dozen of the deadly insects to the army service forces depot at Columbus, Ohio. The spiders were packed three to a test tube, each separated by a bit of cotton and each was provided with a fly for luncheon enroute.

Hitler (To Tojo over phone) "Heil Tojo, I thought you would be in America in three weeks".

Tojo: "So Solly Adolph. Where you call from, Moscow?"

A dear old lady was passing a rural stream where a company of soldiers was enjoying the refreshing experience of a cool swim. The lack of bathing trunks was fairly obvious. "Oh dear", exclaimed the astonished lady. "Those must be our shock troops."

"Did you volunteer or were you drafted? one of the selectees at the Receiving Unit asked another.

"Well, it was like this; my number came up, I had no dependents and I passed my physical. So I volunteered."

#### Correspondence Column

"Ted" Dailey, stationed in Hawaii writes that he enjoys hearing about his friends and looks forward to the News Letters. We are happy to congratulate him on winning first prize in a V-Mail Christmas Greeting design campaign. He won \$5.00 in war stamps. William Taylor finds Boston an interesting place and hopes to visit all of its famous spots during his encampment there. He enjoys hearing about his Ambler friends and is surprised to find that he knows personally most of the people mentioned in the King's Daughters' letter!

"Pete" Gironde is still on maneuvers in Tennessee. During their rest periods which last two and three days after each problem a U.S.O. truck appears and furnishes movies or some sort of entertainment. He was quite surprised to be able to hear the World Series broadcast from the U.S.O. truck. He was also able to hear the Notre Dame-Navy football game. According to "Pete" some of the problems on maneuvers have been plenty tough. He expects to go to Alabama in the very near future. He is always glad to read the home news.

Hugh Seville is grateful to the King's Daughters for keeping him posted on the Ambler news. Hugh is located at Camp Peary, Va. and at present is working in the camp's main disbursing office figuring



and keeping up to date the pay accounts of the men in camp. He is doing some drilling but nothing compared to what he had in "Boot" training. Although he admits the Seabees are a tough and rugged outfit, yet he wouldn't swap it for any other branch of service. He has recently spent two weekends at home. He has had to spend 14 hours of his 37-hour liberty travelling but he admits it was worth it. (I won't tell you all the nice things he said about his wife.)

Drayton Robb at Ft. Belvoir, Va., was pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of our News Letter and wants to continue to receive it. He likes to keep posted on the news from Ambler. "Barney" Dickinson stationed on the U.S.S. Bushnell was delighted to receive his first copy of the News Letter--he claims it is even better than the local papers so we feel highly complimented. We'll try to keep them coming, "Barney".

"Bob" Davies cannot send us as many details as we send him. We are glad to know he receives the News Letter regularly while he is aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea. We realize that censorship regulations prevent his giving us information about himself and whereabouts. "Bill" Maxson enjoys hearing about you folks and also the folks back home. He is in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Del Rio, Texas. "Dick" Hoyt with the 8th Air Force in England tells us that he enjoys our News Letters more than ever now that he is farther away. He finds it difficult to believe that the project has been underway for a whole year. Charles Vera, who is somewhere in Alaska, tells us that he is very glad to receive the hometown news and hear about his buddies. He regrets that he is unable to give us details about himself and whereabouts.

Paul Jones enjoys the News Letters -- he is always glad to hear from the folks back home -- he is still at Camp Peary, Va. Al Dummeldinger now has a Letter of his own. Tom Weaver has been sharing his with Al and Tom Potts. Al joined the Navy, April 25, 1940. After finishing his boot training he attended a School of Music in Washington, D. C. for 13 months. After graduation in May, 1941 he was sent out to sea duty in the Pacific where he spent 14 months on a cruiser. For a year he has been in Hawaii but censorship prevents his telling us the nature or whereabouts of his duties. Al hasn't seen his parents for two and a half years. He thinks the News Letter is a swell idea. Russell Huckel appreciates hearing about his Ambler friends. He is at Oregon State College, Cornwallis, Oregon.

Valdo Dragani has been enjoying the News Letters. His letter was written on the boat as he was leaving Australia for a new destination. Sam and "Bud" Dailey have arrived in England. They were fortunate enough to go over on the same boat but the last I knew they had not seen each other since reaching their destination. Bud has seen some fellows he met when first going into the army. Sam expects to visit London soon and is in hopes of seeing Bud again. Both boys like England.



I want to apologize for telling you in my last letter that Mary Dickinson was in Nebraska. That was my error. She writes that she is still in Washington working in the Conservation and Surplus Material Section of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and enjoys her work very much. She has been enjoying a seven day leave - part of it was spent in Ozark, Alabama and the remainder in Ambler. She reports it to be the grandest vacation she ever had - (I don't want to tell any secrets but I think there was a big attraction in Alabama.) Mary is now a Yeoman Second Class.

I want to thank Sonny Woodward, Gerry Davis, Roscoe Smith, John Fluck and Dave Hellings for their messages of thanks and appreciation relayed to me through their parents.

It was nice to hear from Wilbert Landes and his friends in Alaska once more. He always passes his News Letter around for the other Ambler boys to read. Wilbert told us about some of the splendid work the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church is doing in that vicinity.

Harold Moore, Jr. has enjoyed reading the news from home. When at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. he shared his news letter with several Ambler boys, including John Heywood, who was in the same barracks. Since receiving his letter I understand that he has been transferred to Ft. Crook, Nebraska, where he is studying in connection with his work as a blacksmith.

From what Mr. Macomber writes I believe he has as much fun reading the News Letter as the rest of you folks in the service. He now has an office in the Ft. Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C. (Room 106). Be sure to look him up if you are in that vicinity. Like you folks, he is always glad to see and talk with someone from home.

And finally comes the News of our Church and Church Family:

Our church was the scene of a very attractive wedding Saturday, October 23rd at 3 o'clock when Miss Zell Albertson became the bride of Mr. J. Willard Cassel. Rev. Dunsmore officiated. The church was beautifully decorated with bouquets of large chrysanthemums, and palms. The aisles were decorated with white ribbons. The church was filled with friends of the bride and groom. The bride was attired in white satin. Her sister, Mrs. Elmer Weston, of Elmira, N. Y. was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Wallis Allen and Mrs. Richard Willi. Mrs. Allen's dress was pink and Mrs. Willi's blue. Mr. Russell Cassel, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Elmer Weston, of Elmira, N. Y., John Cassel and Wallis Allen. Mrs. Janes Little sang several solos, accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Wenner, a cousin of the bride. A reception was held for 100 guests at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the ceremony. Mr. Cassel and his bride spent their 10 day honeymoon in Boston and vicinity. They are residing at 4 Lindenwold Terrace, the home of the bride's parents.

Sgt. Linville Hutchison has been transferred to the Escort Guard



division of the Military Police. After leaving Camp Pickett, Va. he was sent to Ft. Custer, Michigan, for a week. From there he was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida where he is stationed at the present time.

The Young People's Society of the Church gave a farewell party November 3rd in honor of Dick Schuler who left November 6th to enter the service.

On October 16th at 5:30 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Martin, Miss Jane Martin became the bride of Staff Sergeant Harold E. Person of Ft. Belvoir, Va. The matron of honor was Mrs. Ruth E. Wing, a sister of the bride. Miss Helen Martin, another sister, and Miss Josephine Little were bridesmaids. Captain Alfred F. Martin, brother of the bride, served as best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony. The bridegroom's parents who reside in Stauchfield, Minn. were unable to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart H. MacIntire have sold their house and will move to Glenside in the very near future. Their son, Wilson, who has been in California for some time, expects to leave very soon for the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Wilson MacIntire expects to leave Calif. November 19th to return to her home in Germantown.

Bob Broughton is now located at Alameda, Calif. Harold King, who is in Africa, writes home that he is playing baseball and expects to make the church team when he returns. Russell Benigno has returned to Camp Beale, Calif. after spending a furlough at home. His brother, Philip, is with the Military Police Unit at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Richard Schuler and Frank Fertsch are among those who left for camp November 6th. Pericles Della-Loggia has been accepted in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Mrs. Edward Berry has returned home from Abington Hospital where she submitted to an operation. Pvt. Bob Kerns has been transferred from the medical depot to the air forces. He expects to be moved from Ft. Bragg in the near future. Lt. William Hayward has arrived in England. Donald Osterhout, who is in the Navy, has made several visits to Ambler recently. He seemed very happy to be back among his former friends. His parents now live in Drexel Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gerhart, Jr. have moved into the house which they recently purchased at Bethlehem Pike and Lindenwold Ave. It was formerly the property of Mrs. Clara Thomas. Bob Simpson, Jr. is more certain than ever that the Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill is rightfully nicknamed "Cripple Hill" for he is in the hospital there suffering from an injured knee. I know all his friends are wishing him a speedy recovery.

We are very proud of Staff Sergeant "Gerry" Davis who has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. He is a gunner engineer on a B-26. He has been in England since August. After a month's training he was sent into active service. I think I am correct in



think I am correct in stating that Gerry is the second Ambler man to receive the award. The first person so honored was Captain John E. Stewart.

The Couples' Club held a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worth. Twenty-six guests were cleverly costumed for the occasion. The evening was spent enjoying games and traditional Hallowe'en revelry. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmore on November 19th. A covered dish supper will be served.

"Bob" Rudolph underwent a kidney stone operation at Abington Hospital on October 29th. He has been very seriously ill; however, at the present time he is improving. Allan Taylor had just returned to camp last month after spending a weekend at home when he was fortunate enough to win out over 80 men in a drill contest; as a result he obtained a 48 hour leave which enabled him to be home for the baby's first birthday. P.F.C. John Shoemaker has been transferred to the Naval Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas where he is in the Paymaster's office of the Marine Barracks.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message:

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We recall Paul's words, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Paul would have us make giving thanks to God a habit, rather than an event.

Notice Paul did not say, "Give thanks for everything." He was painfully aware there are many experiences that cannot be occasions of honest thanksgiving. He put it so that the meaning is different- "In everything give thanks." He would have us form the habit of thanksgiving so that we might remain grateful to God even amidst sorrow and trials and hardship. In the midst of everything, give thanks. Why? Because God is in supreme control of the universe, and can "make everything work together for good to them that love the Lord." So in the midst of everything retain your grateful dependence on God whose love never fails, and who will give you a "trust that triumphs."

And so at this Thanksgiving season it is only fitting to remember that in spite of all our hardships and sacrifices we still have much for which to be thankful. With gratitude in our hearts let us humbly give thanks for the gifts that are ours.

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*



Letter No. 15

92 Bethlehem Pike,  
Ambler, Pa.,  
December 14, 1943.

Dear

Here we are approaching another Christmas and Holiday season. It is hard to realize that the King's Daughters' News Letter has been in existence since September 1942. Our first letter was mailed to 34 men and women in the service and this, our fifteenth edition, will be sent to 160 members and friends of our church who are in the armed forces. The many letters of gratitude and appreciation which we have received from you give evidence of the fact that you approve wholeheartedly of the King's Daughters' project. It was begun with the idea of showing you folks in the service that we on the home front were eager to bring you each month a bit of cheer and pleasure as a token of gratitude for the many sacrifices and hardships that you were enduring for us.

We do not forget you. We think of you often and want to continue to keep in touch with each and every one of you. It is amazing that so many are interested in our project and are eager to assist in every way possible. Mr. Ralph Drew secures the paper for us. That is quite an item since paper is getting scarcer by the minute. For some reason there was a delay in getting our supply last month so Mr. John Ledeboer donated 2000 sheets in order that the News Letter could be mailed on time. It would be impossible to give Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt all the credit that is due them. In addition to other things Mr. Hoyt pays for the paper and has bought a mimeograph machine for us. Mrs. Hoyt, who is president of the King's Daughters' Circle, has a great deal of responsibility in taking care of all details. Keeping the addresses up to date is a job in itself. She is very expert at using the mimeograph. Mrs. John Ledeboer, her able assistant, is always anxious to do something to help you. It is impossible to mention the names of all who assist in the project each month. A small group assembles the letters and puts them into envelopes. Others address them. Mrs. Claude Rohr and Mrs. Ralph Drew addressed the Christmas cards. We have had many donations of money. Dot Umstead and Lillian Leslie do a grand job cutting the stencils for us. I tell you all this not because we want to pat ourselves on the back but because we want you to know that not only one or two but all of your friends back home are thinking of you and are eager to do something for you.

As the Holiday season of 1943 approaches, let us keep faith with the Spirit of Christmas. We associate with Christmas the thought of peace and surely this Christmas of 1943 brings the day nearer when peace and freedom will return to this world and all men will walk together in good will. Our message to you at this season



is one of encouragement, admiration, good cheer, hope and confidence. The Spirit of Christmas will always live in the hearts of America. It is a shining symbol of that for which you are fighting. The future holds for each and every one of us a heritage of greater comfort, greater enjoyment and greater security as a result of the lessons we have learned during war time. We pray that the day is not far distant when all the turmoil and unhappiness will give way to peace and good will for all mankind.

The High School students and faculty are looking forward to the Christmas vacation which starts December 22nd. Schools will reopen on January 3rd. Miss Bork and the dramatic group have been very busy of late rehearsing for the play "Pride and Prejudice" which was presented to a very appreciative audience on the evenings of Dec. 9th and 10th. The 1943 basketball season will open officially Dec. 14th when Ambler plays Springfield High. Forty candidates reported to Coach Henry for practice on November 29th. Mrs. William P. Lodge, the former Miss Bernice Boyles, of the High School faculty, has been a recent visitor in town.

Over 100 Ambler High School students are participating in the essay contest on "Problems of the Post-War World" sponsored by the Ambler Kiwanis Club. The first award will be fifteen dollars, the second ten dollars and the third five dollars. The three winners will be guests at the annual Christmas party of the Kiwanis Club.

Among the recent service men who have visited the High School are: Dave Hellings, Bob Cassel, Michael Camasso, John Thompson, Donald Osterhout, John Krisan, Tommy Locketto and Lillian Springsteel.

The Hockey Team played its last home game on November 18th with Abington. In one of the most exciting games of the season, the Ambler girls were defeated 2 - 1.

Some of the boys in the Senior Class are putting in several extra hours of study each afternoon in order to obtain their diplomas before they leave for the armed services in January.

The Ambler High School eleven defeated Doylestown High 12 - 0 on November 13th. "Bob" McCracken and "Ernie" Smith scored the touchdowns. The final game of the season was played with Souderton on Thanksgiving Day at 2 P.M. Ambler lost 13 - 7. Springfield High won the Bux-Mont Scholastic Conference championships when they crushed Jenkintown High 47 - 0 on November 20th annexing their fourteenth consecutive victory.

It is amazing how fast the Local News collects. Here is the latest: Pvt. Drayton Robb, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. recently spent a few days at his home. Pvt. Herman Ashton, who has been at Ft. Knox, Ky. with the Engineers' General Service Regiment, is now on his way overseas. "Tuck" Deck and Johnny Ware have had another get-to-gether in Sicily. "Tuck" claims that Johnny always brings him good luck.



Allen H. Burroughs has enlisted in the Marines and will leave for service in the near future. Michael Camasso is a paratrooper stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. John Thompson is taking his basic training at the Naval Base, Sampson, N. Y. John Krisan is located at Camp Butner, N. C. "Pete" Gironde has been spending a 15 day furlough with his parents. Pfc. Earl Dinnell, who is stationed in the South Pacific, recently wrote home telling about meeting his buddy Harry Wood. It seems that Earl was unloading ammunition at one of the beaches when he recognized Harry. They returned to camp and had a grand time talking about Ambler and their friends back home.

Forty-one members of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, now serving in the armed forces were honored on Sunday morning, November 28th, when a service flag was dedicated. Lewis W. Lukens of Chestnut Hill, vice-president of the Diocesan War Commission was the guest speaker. The service flag was draped on the altar and the honor roll was placed in front of it.

Lt. (jg) Albert Slingluff, U.S.N.R. was killed in a plane crash near Beaufort Naval Air Base, S. C. a few days ago. He was either pilot or co-pilot on the bomber at the time it crashed. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in August 1941. He was on active duty overseas until September when he returned to this country and was assigned to Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Jones have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Cordelia Hildebrandt, to Ensign William E. Surgner in San Francisco, Cal. on November 20th. Ensign Surgner is attending a Destroyer school in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lacy are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Lacy is the former Miss Jeannette Allen.

Pvt. Lambert West of Camp Ord, Cal. is spending a furlough with his family.

The Youth Fellowship of Calvary Methodist Church presented a beautiful Plaque to the church on Sunday evening, November 28th, in honor of its fifty-five members who are in the armed forces. The presentation was made by the president of Fellowship, Miss Geraldine Spears. The Plaque was accepted by Rev. Lloyd Stevens.

We extend congratulations to Earl Stone on his recent marriage. Arthur Rau, a cadet in the Naval Air Corps, is about to leave Franklin and Marshall College where he is now studying to begin his training at Chapel Hill, N. C. Bill Sabold has entirely recovered from his wounds and is now seeing duty in Italy. Joseph Gear, who is in the "Sea Bees", has been transferred to Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, Cal. Vera Haff, an army nurse, has left for somewhere in the Pacific.

Two Ambler heroes were honored posthumously on Sunday afternoon, November 7th, when Gold Star Citations were awarded to their parents.



The impressive ceremonies were held at the American Legious Home, Ambler. The program included the raising of a service flag dedicated to the sons and daughters of Legionnaires now in service. Those honored were Corporal Claudius M. Haywood, 3rd and Yeoman Third Class, Kenneth Heywood.

The engagement of Miss Anna Friel to Pfc. Joseph M. Ball, Jr. of Philadelphia has been announced. Pvt. Ball has recently returned from Guadalcanal and is now stationed at Sun Valley, Idaho. Pvt. Lillian Springsteel, who is stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., has been spending ten days with her mother.

The community of Ambler was greatly shocked to learn of the sudden and tragic death of Congressman J. William Ditter, which occurred at 10:20 P. M., November 21st, when a Navy plane crashed and burned near Columbia, Lancaster. Shortly before the crash, the plane, piloted by Lieutenant Commander John J. Mansure, executive officer of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station, was seen circling and dropping flares as though the pilot were hunting a spot for a forced landing. The plane was 80 miles off the course from the Willow Grove Air Station for which it was headed after leaving the Naval Air Base at Squantum, Mass., earlier in the evening. Congressman Ditter who was 55 had represented Montgomery County in the House since 1932. Former President Herbert Hoover was among the many prominent persons in political and military affairs who attended the funeral services which were held in Calvary Methodist Church on November 24th. More than 20 Congressmen attended the services. They included an official delegation of 10 Republicans and 6 Democrats. Not only Ambler and Montgomery County but the country as a whole has suffered a genuine loss in his death. It is rather a strange coincidence that within 48 hours after Mr. Ditter's death two other vacancies were created in Congress. Senator Barbour of New Jersey and Representative Henry R. Steagall of Alabama died very suddenly.

Hundreds of soldier patients of the Valley Forge Hospital attended the birthday party given by the Stage Door Canteen a few weeks ago. The mobile unit of the Stage Door Canteen transported ninety junior hostesses who played games with the patients and twelve food officers who served the refreshments. A feature of the party was the five tier birthday cake weighing 50 pounds and decorated with lighted candles. Refreshments included ice cream, candy, cookies and ten dozen cup cakes. The latter were donated by several Ambler women. Gifts of wooden bowls of shaving soap were given to the men who had birthdays in November. Refreshments and gifts were sent to those who were unable to come to the auditorium. Thursday, November 11th was the fourteenth Ambler Night at the Canteen. There were 34 donations of home made cakes which always delight the boys. There is always extra milk, fresh fruit, mixed salad, candy and ice cream besides the usual food served at the Canteen.

Corporal George W. Lightkep of Camp Stewart, Ga. has been spending 10 days with his family.



A wave of car stealing has been spreading around this locality. The week of November 18th two cars were stolen, one belonging to William T. Rambo of South Spring Garden St., the other belonging to Rev. Luther Harshberger, pastor of the Church of the Brethren. The latter was stolen from the parking lot of the Ambler Presbyterian Church. Both cars were recovered the next day.

Paul James has been promoted to the rank of Ensign at the U.S. Navy's Amphibious Training Center, Miami Beach, Fla. Ensign James has been in the Navy for almost four years, and has seen action at Pearl Harbor and various other points in the Pacific. After a brief training period at Miami Beach he will be assigned to amphibious duty.

Sgt. Donald Leech is a prisoner of the German government according to an announcement made recently. He was reported missing in action in a Flying Fortress raid made on October 10th. James Betts is now located at St. John's University, Minn., where he is taking a course of Army Air Force instruction. Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specialties.

William F. Drake has been sworn into the Navy and left for training on November 19th. J. Ivan Dufur, who is located in England, has been promoted from Captain to Major. "Sonny" Woodward S 1/c spent a day with his family a short time ago. Ensign and Mrs. Norman Jones recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. He is on active service with the U. S. Coast Guard.

Pvt. Dudley Deck, who is stationed at Princeton University under the Student Training Program, recently spent a weekend at his home. Pfc. Melvin James has been promoted to Sergeant. He is with the Army Signal Corps and for the past fourteen months has been located in Newfoundland. Louis Hopwood, Leon H. Hill and David H. Burrell have been sworn into the Navy.

Miss Doris Paul of Wyndmoor, accompanied by her mother and brother left November 20th for the West Coast where she was married to Aviation Cadet John Alexander Jones in Santa Ana, California, on November 27th. Mrs. William Swigner, the former Mrs. Clifford Hildebrandt, sister of the bridegroom, served as matron of honor. The bride's brother, William T. Paul, Jr., gave her in marriage as her father was unable to attend the wedding. Cadet Jones has completed pre-flight training at the University of Denver and is taking further courses at Santa Ana. Aviation Cadet George Elliott of Norfolk, Va., a fellow student, acted as best man. Cadet and Mrs. Jones will reside at Mountain Lodge, near Santa Ana while he completes his training at the Santa Ana Base. In about six weeks he expects to be assigned to a western airfield. Lt. Al Acuff is stationed in the South Pacific. Last September he married a girl from Omaha where he was assigned at that time.

Second Lieutenant "Bill" Geddes is stationed at the air base at Lockbourne, Ohio, and from latest reports expects to train bombardier



pilots for the Flying Fortresses.

Jessie Tate, William Firman, Anthony Chiriano, George Rawlins, Joseph Mancini, Michael Lepore, Pietro Gentile and Kenneth Meng have been inducted into the Army.

Royal Mattison, Jr., is located at Ontario, California, where he is a flight instructor for the U. S. Army at Cal Aero Academy. He is a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps Reserve and has 1000 flying hours to his credit. His wife is with him. Miss June Corson is employed as secretary to a Naval officer at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

A/C Richard Slayton has been transferred from San Antonio, Texas to Coleman Field, Texas. Technical Sergeant Newton Howard, who is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., has recently spent five days at his home. He expects to leave for overseas in the near future. Miss Alice Roberts and her brother, Edwin Roberts, of Morris Road, Ft. Washington, were killed in a terrific head-on automobile collision Monday evening, November 15th. The accident occurred on Butler Pike, between Ambler and Broad Axe. Miss Roberts was active in the Historical Society of Ft. Washington. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Ambler.

We send congratulations to Ralph Davies who is studying advanced Navigation at Ellington Field, Texas. Kenneth West is on his way overseas. The engagement of Miss Betty Sleesman and Heber Meyers, Chief Petty Officer, has been announced. She received her ring on her birthday, Tuesday, November 30th. Miss Sleesman is a member of the High School Faculty.

Radcliffe Allen has been promoted to Sergeant. He has returned to Stout Field, Indiana, after spending a week with his mother. Sergeant Fred Serral has returned to San Diego, Cal., after spending a month with his parents. He has seen intensive action at Guadalcanal, New Georgia Islands, New Caledonia and numerous spots in the South Pacific. Francis J. McCabe is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Force Primary School for Pilots at Stanford Flying School, Stanford, Texas. Robert B. Stevens S2/c has moved from a Radio School in Chicago, Ill., where he has been studying, to San Bruno, Cal., to take up P.T. boat training. He has recently been promoted to seaman first class. Alvin Fleck is now stationed in Iceland.

Mrs. William Huttinger, the former Miss Mary Rishel, has returned to Colorado with her husband, Lt. Huttinger, who is stationed with the mountain troops at Camp Hale, Colorado. They have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rishel of Spring Garden Street.

"Dave" Hellings returned to Ambler October 30th just in time for his sister, Mabel's, wedding. He had been gone on a trip with the Merchant Marines since April. His travels took him to the Mediterranean area, making trips from Bizerte and Oran to Sicily and Palermo carrying supplies and prisoners back and forth. He saw plenty of action with submarines before the invasion of Sicily. After being



home a few weeks Dave joined the Navy and received his commission as Ensign. On November 29th he left for San Francisco to take up his new duties.

"Bob" Davies A.M.M.3/c has recently spent some time in Hawaii. He is on the U.S.S. Coral Sea and not long ago met Jack Kayser somewhere in the Pacific area.

Sgt. Norman K. Hibbs, Jr. has returned to Fort Benning, Ga., after spending two weeks visiting his parents.

Miss Jean L. Parker of Maple Glen and Charles Stock of Harmonville were married November 13th in St. Anthony Catholic Church. Edmund Roberts S2/c has returned to Camp Endicott, R. I. after spending ten days at the home of his parents.

Here are a few stories which I will pass on to you:

A man in a mental hospital sat dangling a stick, with a piece of string attached, over a flower bed. A visitor approached and wishing to be affable, remarked:

"How many have you caught?"

"You're the ninth", was the reply.

A child's favorite boast used to be;

"My father is stronger than yours."

Now it has changed to: "My mother's a faster riveter than yours."

Bill: "Do you believe the story that George Washington threw a dollar across the Rappahanock?"

Bob: "Sure. He pitched his camp across the Delaware, didn't he?"

Mrs. Neighbor: "But isn't your son rather young to join the Army?"

Mrs. Malaprop: "Well, he is very young, but you see, he is only going to join the infantry."

Here are a few highlights in the World of Sports:

On November 13th, 14000 spectators saw Notre Dame, undefeated and untied roar to a 25-6 victory over Northwestern. Dartmouth tripped Cornell 20-0. Penn State defeated Temple 13-0. Navy crushed Columbia 61-0. Yale won over Princeton 27-6. The University of North Carolina achieved a football upset by coming from behind in the fourth quarter to turn back Pennsylvania 9-6. Minnesota defeated



Iowa 33-14. Michigan crushed Wisconsin 27-0.

On November 21st Villanova defeated Temple 34-7. It was the highest score ever attained by either team in the 16 games of the series. Notre Dame nosed out the Iowa Seahawks 14-13. At the time both teams were unbeaten. Duke beat No. Carolina 27-6; Harvard tied Boston College 6-6; Purdue defeated Indiana 7-0; Michigan swamped Ohio State 45-7; Dartmouth crushed Princeton 42-13 and Penn State beat Pitt 14-0.

The annual Penn-Cornell game was played on Thanksgiving Day before 55,000 spectators. It was the golden anniversary of the longest unbroken series in college football. The crowd included several members of starting teams in the first game back in 1893. Two costly errors by Bob Odell enabled Cornell to score first. At the half Penn trailed 6-14. They redeemed their mistakes with a second half rally defeating Cornell 20-14.

Other games played on Thanksgiving resulted in the following scores:

Bucknell	21	F & M	13
Texas	27	Texas A&M	13
Colgate	21	Brown	14

Cleo Calcagni, who once lined up on the football field with Penn, came back to Franklin Field on Thanksgiving day in a Cornell uniform but his former university and his old team mates payed him respect by sending a delegation to meet him on his arrival and give him a certificate of merit. He was elected captain of the 1943 University of Pennsylvania football team and was called into active service of the U. S. Marine Corps before he could take his place as leader of the team.

The Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, November 27th. It was the first time in 51 years that the game had been played on the Cadets' Field. For the fifth straight year the United States Naval Academy triumphed; 15000 spectators saw Midshipman Harold A. Hamberg and his teammates push over two touchdowns in the second half to defeat the Cadets 13-0. Only a handful of Navy uniforms were to be seen since travel restrictions forbid their attendance. Some of the Cadets donned the White caps of the Navy and cheered for the opposing team. Their hearts may not have been in it but their lungs were. Everytime the Middle cheer leader signalled "on feet" to applaud a Navy gain, these cadets sprang up.

One of the greatest games of the season was that of Notre Dame and the Great Lakes Bluejackets which was played on November 27th. Big Steve Lach, the former Duke University and Chicago Cardinal Star, looped a fantastic desperation pass 46 yards into the arms of Paul Anderson for a touchdown in the last 30 seconds of play which gave the Sailors a 19-14 triumph before a screaming crowd of 23,000 trainees. It was the first defeat this year for Notre Dame and ruined the chance for their first unbeaten, untied season since 1930.



Lafayette and Lehigh played two games this season. On November 27th Lafayette smothered Lehigh 58-0 in the 78th contest of the longest continuous collegiate rivalry. It was the worst set back that Lehigh has suffered in the rivalry. Three weeks earlier Lafayette won 39-7.

West Catholic, winners of the Catholic League title and Northeast High, victors in the Public High conference, played at Franklin Field, December 4th for the city championship; 35,000 fans witnessed the game. A large percentage of the receipts was donated to a fund to feed the undernourished and poor among the city's school children. A similar game was played November 27th for the high school championship of Chicago and 73,000 attended.

Miss Pauline Rugh, Pennsylvania's first woman high school football coach, reviewing her first season admitted she had her headaches while directing Bell Township's team but in spite of everything she enjoyed the experience. The team lost all of its eight games. Most coaches wouldn't call that a successful season, she agreed, but "winning isn't everything."

Angelo Bertelli, the Notre Dame ace won the Heisman Trophy as the outstanding college player of 1943 by a vote of sports writers and broadcasters throughout the country. Bob Odell, Pennsylvania's crack defensive back won second place in the poll. The Maxwell Club Award went to Odell as being the outstanding college football player of the year.

With the exception of the Bowl games the Football Season is practically over. The University of Pennsylvania led the Nation in home football attendance this season. The Navy's football team which lost only to Notre Dame was voted the best football team in the East. Notre Dame was given the nation title despite its loss to Great Lakes, however, its popularity took a drastic cut.

It is expected that 300,000 will attend the New Year's Day Bowl games. The program is as follows:

Rose Bowl: Southern California vs. Washington  
Sugar Bowl: Tulsa vs. Georgia Tech  
Orange Bowl: Texas A. & M. vs. Louisiana State  
Cotton Bowl: Texas vs. Randolph Field Fliers

In his most drastic action since the "Black Sox Scandal" in 1921, Judge K.M. Landis on November 23rd barred William D. Cox, president of the Philadelphia Phillies from organized baseball for life for gambling on games in which his club was involved. The decision was reached after a three months' investigation. The Board of Directors of the Phillies has elected Robert R. M. Carpenter, Jr., 28 year old son of the vice president of the E. I. du Pont De Nemours and Co., of Wilmington, Del., as president of the club. He is the youngest president of a major league club in history.

Herb Pennock, former Athletics, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees southpaw star, has signed a 5 year contract as general manager of the Phillies. It is reported that he will receive \$15000 a year.



Don Kellet, starting his first season as Penn's head basketball coach, began practice December 1st. There are 14 games on their schedule.

I have a few more moron jokes for you. There was the moron who:  
Drove his car off a cliff so he could try out his new air brakes.  
Cut open his knee to see if there were any beer in the joint.  
Cut off his fingers so he could write shorthand.

Oscar Stillwagon wrote sometime ago that the moron stories were all the rage in his area. Here are some he sent which are new to me:

Did you hear about the moron who,  
Thought a mushroom was a room for lovers only.  
Put his father in the ice-box so he could have frozen pop.  
Put the blotter to his ears so he could hear the "Ink Spots."  
Ate bullets to make his hair come in bangs.  
Took out his Ration Book when the dentist said that he'd have to give him gas.  
Wanted to know how many wheels a football coach had.  
Moved to the city because he heard the country was at war.  
Went to the closet to change his mind but couldn't find a clean one.  
Brought a ladder to a party when he heard the drinks were on the house.

National and State News:

It has recently been disclosed that Marion Anderson, the celebrated Negro contralto was married last July to Orpheus H. Fisher, New York architect.

John Hubbard, the movie actor recently took his two year old daughter Lois to the movies for the first time and maybe the last time. They had not been seated long when John noticed his debutante was chewing gum like mad. "Where did you get that"? he asked. "It comes with the seat," replied Miss Lois to her horrified father, who dashed home with the child, washed her mouth out and had her gargling for the rest of the afternoon.



The Philadelphia Transportation Co. has been ordered by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice to employ Negroes as bus and trolley motormen and conductors and in other positions in the transit system here.

On December 7th, the Philadelphia Navy Yard launched the Battleship Wisconsin the biggest and mightiest vessel ever constructed. Mrs. Walter Goodland, wife of the Governor of Wisconsin christened the super-battleship which was built at a cost of \$90,000,000. It has a displacement of 45,000 tons, with its overall weight fully equipped for battle placed at 52,600 tons.

Rudy Vallee, a lieutenant in the Coast Guard and the former Bette Jane Greer, film actress were married in Hollywood on December 2nd.

The Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting about which there has been so much speculation took place at Teheran, capital of Iran the last few days of November. All three leaders were accompanied by their highest military and diplomatic advisers. Roosevelt and Churchill went to the Iran conference from an historic five day meeting in North Africa with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Madame Chiang took part in the conference as it was necessary for her to interpret for her husband who does not speak English. She is the first woman ever to participate in a war conference the magnitude of the Cairo parley.

Students in the upper grades of the city's high schools were released from classes on December 4th to obtain employment over the holidays and assist in relieving the manpower shortage in this area. Thousands put aside their books to begin full time jobs as clerks in post offices, and retail stores throughout the city.

Here's a bit of nonsense:

Officer: "What's the big idea? How come you men are climbing trees and crawling through bushes?"

Private: "Well sir, we camouflaged the gun before lunch and now we can't find it."

"How did you come to mark this man's paper 101 per cent? Don't you know that nothing can be more perfect than 100 per cent?"

"Yeah, but this man answered one question we didn't ask."

A visiting pastor was enjoying a round of golf with his host. Taking a mighty swing he missed the little white ball completely. "Oh, Muscle Shoals!" he exclaimed.

Mystified his companion asked him what he meant.

The pastor replied, "I mean the biggest dam on earth."

1st Private: There's something dead around here--I believe it is



behind that tree.

2nd Private: "What did it look like?"

1st Private: "I can't say except that it had two stripes.

2nd Private: "It must be either a skunk or a corporal.

Customer: My goodness, eggs are high!

Grocer: Sure. The hens are in war work too making shells.

Sentry: Who goes there?

Major: Major Jones.

Sentry: I can't let you proceed without the password sir.

Major: Drat it, man, I've forgotten it. You know me well enough.

Sentry: Must have the password.

Voice from guardhouse: Don't stand there arguing all night; shoot 'im.

### Correspondence Column

We continue to get many favorable comments on our News Letter. Since the November letter I have heard from the following people and will pass on to you a few jottings from each letter:

Philip Barbacow PhML/c is always glad to hear about his friends. Being so far away the home town news looks mighty good to him. Although thousands of miles from home he has been fortunate enough to see Gene Berez in his travels. We congratulate him on his promotion to Pharmacist Mate first class.

Harold King gets our letters regularly. He writes that it is getting very hot in Africa. He is kept fairly busy in the field shop repairing and servicing vehicles. He is fortunate in having many of the facilities and conveniences that the boys in the states enjoy. Harold has traveled a lot and has found the natives and their customs most interesting. The Presbyterian Church is well represented in the territory where he is located.

Sam Worthington is fortunate in being able to get home often. He is still located in the Post office Building, Baltimore. He manages to attend church quite regularly. It looks as if Sam would have a big Christmas because his girl friend and brother who live in Iowa are unable to get home for the Holidays and are to spend them in Lansdale.



Eddie Sage was able to get home for four days after finishing Gunnery School at Las Vegas. He had a grand time visiting his girl friend, family and the good old town of Ambler. It was his first furlough in 9 months. He enjoys the News Letters telling about his Ambler friends and buddies in service. Eddie is now in Carlsbad, New Mexico where he is taking advanced Bombardier and Navigation training. He expects to be there four and a half months.

Harry Hutchinson, Jr., finds that the News Letter has an added significance now that he is farther away from Ambler. "Hutch" feels that he is fortunate to be spending the winter in Florida. He is at Camp Blanding where he is on guard duty over German Prisoners of War. Although he has little or no contact with them himself, yet he knows, that every effort is being made to comply with the rules set forth at the Geneva Conference. He only hopes that our boys are treated just half as well.

November 13th was a Red Letter Day in Dick Hoyt's life. For the first time since he arrived in England he had two fresh fried eggs for breakfast. Fresh oranges were another highlight of the meal although Dick wasn't fortunate enough to partake of same. The occasion was an important one for all in his barracks and it made such an impression on Dick and his pals that they are optimistic enough to believe said event may indicate a turning point in the war. On November 14th whom should Dick see walking into his building but "Bill" Hayward. "Bill" is a second Lieutenant with the Signal Corps and has not been assigned to special duty as yet. He is known as a Casual and has been made commanding officer of a company of 100-200 men. While awaiting a definite assignment he pulled a censoring detail and believe it or not has censored several of Dick's letters. Dick is with the Eighth Air Force at the Base Air Depot #1. He reports that Bill looks well and seems healthy and happy. The boys have spent several evenings together. Since writing the above we have received word that Bill has been given his assignment and is with the Headquarters Squadron at the 8th Fighter Command, A.P.O. 637. We hope that he will see "Gerry" Davis, "Bud" and Sam Dailey and some of the other Ambler boys who are in that locality.

Bud Dailey likes England very much. As I told you in my last letter he and Sam met on the boat going over but as far as I know have not seen each other since. They are looking forward to a reunion in the near future.

Lester Dubois, who is in the "Sea Bees", is now located at Camp Parks, California. He enjoys his life in the service very much- the only unpleasant feature is being away from his family. John Shoemaker, Jr., arrived at Corpus Christi, Texas, the first of November. He is in the Paymaster's office of the Marine Barracks at the Naval Training Center. Although he enjoyed his trip West, yet it looks no better to him than Eastern Pennsylvania. Since the majority at that base are connected with the Navy, the Marines eat Navy chow and patronize the numerous Naval services. John admits that it compares favorably with that of the Marine Corps.



Norman Kriebel, Jr., has arrived in the East after having spent many months in the Northwest as a smoke jumper. Norman reports that they had a slow season of fires and smokejumping during the summer but it wound up with a bang in October when he jumped on two fires in an Idaho wilderness area and had about everything happen that possibly could to a smoke jumper. At the present time Norman is working on a special project of the U. S. Weather Bureau. Bluemont is 58 miles out of Washington in the mountains east of Winchester. Norman was home on November 21st. When he returned to camp he was taken to the Winchester Hospital with a severe bronchial cold verging on pneumonia which he contracted as a result of the change of altitude and lack of rest in traveling. He is greatly improved at this time.

Frank Ferla sends greetings and best wishes to you all. Frank was promoted to corporal a few months ago. He has been in England since December 1942. Robert Roane surely enjoys hearing about his friends back in Ambler. He has been away 11 months. After finishing his basic training at Indiantown Gap, Penna., he was transferred to Charlestown, S.C. and while there was promoted to Corporal. He was in California for ten months before leaving for overseas duty. He reports that our boys are doing a fine job. Like all the rest of you he is looking forward to the day when victory is won and he can return to America. Allan Taylor, of the U.S. Coast Guard has been transferred to the Fire Control School at Newport, R. I. He is going to dislike being so far away from that cute son of his who is walking now, in fact, is trying to do a bit of sprinting. Allan is one of 15 Coast Guardsmen out of a class of 70 who is attending the school at the Naval Training station.

"Dick" Schuler enjoys the News Letter and is delighted to find that it contains so many news items about his friends in the service. Dick is in the Air Corps, stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., where he enjoys both his work and the place immensely. He reports that the weather is swell and the scenery beautiful. He is being kept very busy taking physical and mental exams.

Garwood Howard is in England and likes it very much. He is hoping that he will soon meet some of the Ambler boys who are in that vicinity. He reports that the English people seem very glad to see our boys and states that they are a pretty jolly people for all they have gone through. He finds it a bit difficult getting used to the English money. Paul Jones, S2/c who is in the "Sea bees" arrived at Camp Parks, California, on November 26th. One of the first persons he saw after arriving was Lester Dubois. He hasn't found California to be all sunshine as the natives often claim. He admits the afternoons are warm and sunny but the mornings are foggy. The camp is built in a valley surrounded by mountains. He has found several of his friends through information in the News Letter. "Newt" Howard has recently sent a new address which indicates he will soon be leaving this country. "Ed" Cope, a lieutenant at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, finds the News Letter interesting and welcome. After his tour of duty at Battle training he was assigned as an instructor at Ft. Knox.



Sam Dailey, who is in England, says that the last News Letter was 23 days reaching him. He is in good health and getting along fine. He recently visited Cambridge and had a grand time; he hopes to run across "Bud" in the near future. It is difficult for him to get accustomed to seeing cars being driven on the left side of the street. The cars are small and odd in design. Sheffield is another city he has recently visited. Judging from his letter he has been able to do quite a lot of sightseeing. He has had two invitations for Christmas, one in Scotland, the other in London.

We congratulate Bill Maxson on his promotion to Captain. He is glad to keep posted on the latest news. He is at the Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio, Texas. "Bob" Gerhart sends Christmas greetings to all. He is at the Naval Air Station, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Warren Fleck is at Camp Sutton, N. C. Ever since entering the Engineers he has been doing all types of training and has been on the go from morning until night. He had 5 weeks of basic training at Camp Claiborne before going to Camp Sutton. He has recently been transferred from the 1303th Engineer Regiment to the 340th Engineer Regiment of which he is very proud because of its outstanding record. It returned to the States in September after spending 18 months in Alaska Highway. The regiment has received a citation from the Chief of Engineers in Washington. He is now on an 11 week training period at the end of which he expects to be assigned to a job which will take him out of the States. As yet he has not met any of his buddies from Ambler. LeRoy Davies S2/c is now stationed on the U.S.S. Denver. He received the September News Letter on November 24th. He claims it gets more interesting each month as he knows more and more of the boys mentioned in it.

Wilbert Landes has been in Alaska since November 19th, 1942. He is stationed at Port Ray Sithee. In his last two letters he has told of the wonderful work being done at the Sheldon Jackson School. It is one which our Missionary Society helps to support so we are glad to know that our money is being put to good use.

Maynard Hunsberger and Dominick Scafaro are at the same camp so Wilbert shares his letters with them. They have good times talking about Ambler and their friends back home. All three send best wishes and greetings to you all.

We congratulate Paul Ferla on his promotion to 3rd class Petty officer. He is in the second Regimental Band at Bainbridge, Md. He enjoys reading about the Ambler boys and how they are making good. He sends Christmas Greetings and good wishes to you all. Paul has recently spent nine days with his family.

Oscar Stillwagon found letters No. 6, No. 10 and No. 11 awaiting him when he got in from a trip the last of October. The March letter must have been a bit stale. He sent me the envelope which had done plenty of traveling. Oscar is beginning to feel quite at home in a sub. He is aboard the U.S.S. Bonefish where life is quite different from anything he has experienced previously. Showers for one thing



are not available so the boys bathe in a half bucket of "condensate" in order to preserve the fresh water for cooking and drinking. According to Oscar it is swell because it is so soft and that is more than can be said of the Pure Ambler Spring water. The members of the crew who are unable to go topside to get real sunshine may go to the torpedo room which is a regular solarium, and get "canned" sunshine. Only a minute a day and in a week they appear to have spent a summer at the shore. The radio men are fortunate because besides standing their watches in the radio shack they stand look out watches topside every other day so get plenty of sunshine and fresh air.

He found his first patrol very enjoyable and at times rather thrilling. When they returned they were commended by the Admiral and their skipper was presented with the Navy Cross. Oscar was happily surprised to find that the time passed very quickly. He has found the chow excellent and has been able to get caught up in his back reading. Several lines were cut out, however I gathered that after two weeks at a "rest" hotel they were about to set out again and would not return until the Holidays were over.

Oscar asked me to send the 10 top Hits on the Hit Parade as the programs they hear are about four months old. My son Dick always listens to the program so I will send the Hits as he recorded them on Saturday, December 11th. Perhaps some of the rest of you will be interested too.

1. My Heart Tells Me
2. They're Either Too Young or Too Old
3. People Will Say We're in Love
4. Paper Doll
5. Pistol Packin' Mamma
6. Oh What a Beautiful Morning
7. Shoo, Shoo, Baby
8. Sunday, Monday or Always
9. For the First Time

Tommy Hughes has left the sunny south and is now with the Advanced Basic Air Training Unit at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va. He expects to be there on amphibious planes and radio maintenance for three months. Tommy enjoys reading about his buddies who are mentioned in the News Letter. Although Tom enjoyed being in Florida yet he admits the Yankee winds of Norfolk feel good.

"Buddy" Robinson in Hawaii tells us that he derives much pleasure from the News Letters. He is always glad to read about his friends in the service. "Bob" Kriebel writes that Sampson is a swell place and he likes it a lot. The camp is located on beautiful Lake Seneca which is 50 miles from Buffalo. Although it is cold there Bob says one soon gets used to it. He reports that the chow is tops. He hopes to get home sometime in January.

I was just bringing this column to a close when I received a V-Mail Christmas card from Johnny Ware. He unexpectedly met "Tuck" Deck again and they are camped only a few miles apart. The A.P.O. is



578 but I can give you no further information as to their whereabouts. A letter from "Bill" Pierson arrived in the same mail. He looks forward to the News Letters. He is working at the Division Message Center at Division Headquarters and likes it much better than the work he was doing previously. He is at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Before I give you the news of the Church and Church Family I want to tell you how much I enjoy the interesting letters I receive from you folks. Your messages come from all parts of the World. I also want to extend to you my personal good wishes for the Holiday Season. I thank you for the many Christmas cards and messages you have sent to me and my family. They are greatly appreciated. I know I shall have a happy Christmas because Mr. Macomber is to have an 8 day leave starting December 23rd which will enable him to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. Norman Kriebel, Sr., who has been on an assignment for the U.S. Department of the Interior, stationed in Altoona, Pa., has been transferred by the Civil Service Commission to the Executive offices of the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D. C. where he has been made Senior Price Analyst in the Solid Fuels Branch of that agency of the Government. Pvt. Gilda Dragani of the WACS, stationed at Ft. Meyer, Va., recently spent a weekend at her home.

Marion Davis recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Davis, Sr., in Harrisburg before going to Washington where she was met by her husband "Bob" Davis. They spent Thanksgiving together. Bob is a lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division of the Army. He is stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

Miss Grace Danser became the bride of Walter Yerkes of Glenside on November 13th at 4 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Miss Eleanor Danser, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Mitchael Hessler of Abington, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The ushers were Benjamin Meyers, Jr. and Charles Gerhart, 3rd, cousins of the bride. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The bridal couple spent their honeymoon in New York.

The engagement of Miss Ida Hoyt to Pvt. Joseph T. Kassel of Phoenixville has been announced. Pvt. Kassel is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Ida is a laboratory technician at the Phoenixville Hospital.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Greenwood Ave., died November 27th.

Donald Gerhart, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., has been promoted to Corporal. He was home the weekend of December 4th. Captain Spencer Little continues at his post in the Aleutians. Pfc "Bill" Little has been moved from Scott Field, Ill., to the Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla.



Ensign and Mrs. Oakley F. Hoyt are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, John Oakley, born November 12th. Oakley is with the Flight Test Section at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Patuxet River, Md. His wife, the former Miss June Root of Upper Sandusky, Ohio and baby are with her parents in Ohio at the present time.

Stanley Biggert, Jr., a former resident of Ambler, is in the Navy and enjoys his work immensely. Since April he has received a rating as Aviation Machinist's Mate, one in Radar and another as Aerial Gunner. He is now attached to one of the Navy's newest bombers, specializing as a turret gunner. He is located at Lake City, Florida. His mother recently received a letter from his Commanding Officer telling her that her son Stanley, upon graduation from the Air Gunners' School stood ninth in his class of 16 men. "Jimmy" Biggert is also in the Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Md. He is in the Company choir and on the Color Guard. He expects to go to the Hospital Apprentice and Pharmacist Mate School. Frank Fertsch is in the A.A.F.T.T.C. at Miami Beach, Fla. Pvt. Paul Moneglia is with the Ordnance Company in England. We were glad to see Harold Moore in church on November 28th. He has been spending a furlough with his family before leaving for a new base. Q.A.C. "Bob" Kern has been transferred from the Army Medical to the Army Air Corps. He is at Miami Beach, Fla., where he expects to spend 5 or 6 weeks in basic examinations for the air corps. Wilson Mac Intire A.R.M.3/c left November 10th for the Hawaiian Islands. Richard King, located at Camp Butner, N. C., has been promoted to Corporal. "Dick" Rohrman is in Italy. We congratulate Harley Smith, who has been accepted as an air cadet. He is at the Pre-Flight School, San Antonio, Texas. Pericles Del Loggia is in the Coast Guard stationed at the Manhattan Beach Training Station. Tech. Sgt. Charles King has been moved from maneuvers in Louisiana to Camp Maxey, Texas. Pfc. Frank King, who is with the Headquarters Company Band of the 8th Infantry Division, has been sent overseas. He was able to spend a few hours with his family before leaving. Previously he was on maneuvers in Tennessee.

"Bob" Simpson, an air cadet at Chapel Hill, N.C., is able to attend classes again after being hospitalized due to an injured knee. Mrs. Charles Abbott, the former Miss Jane Millikin, and son are spending a few weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Carter Millikin, while Lt. (jg) Abbott is taking his indoctrination at Ft. Schuyler, The Bronx, N.Y. Hugh Gohman has been accepted as an Army Air Cadet and has begun his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. Pvt. Daniel Stevens, who is in the Army Air Corps, has moved from Miami Beach, Fla. to Gulfport Field, Gulfport, Miss.

We extend congratulations to Dr. Edgar Eckfeldt, better known to you as Ned, who has been granted a U.S. patent for a dental device which he invented to replace enamel on broken or imperfect teeth. The method consists in fusing in a confined space within the instrument a synthetic enamel having substantially the characteristics of the natural enamel of the tooth being repaired, and an atomizing device also within the apparatus for spraying the tooth being repaired within the synthetic enamel. The invention apparently improves the ordinary dental job of drilling into a tooth and filing it with a porcelain substance. According to an article in the New York Times pertaining to same, it is a very clever device.



"Chic" Willox, who is stationed at Camp Walters, Texas, traveled 125 miles Saturday, November 27th, to spend the night with his cousin, "Dick" Slayton, Jr., who is located at Coleman Field, Texas. They had not seen each other for nine months. Donald Osterhout, U.S.N. is studying at Yale University. Pvt. Harry Landis of the 802nd Ordnance L.M. Co., who has been on maneuvers in Louisiana for two months, has been transferred to Camp Swift, Texas. He expects a furlough sometime in January.

Friends of "Bob" Kriebel gave a dinner party in his honor, Thursday evening, November 18th at Graver's Lane Inn, Chestnut Hill prior to his leaving for the Sampson Naval Training Station, Sampson, N.Y. He left November 22nd to begin his "boot" training in the U.S. Navy Medical Detachment.

Hugh Bullard, stationed at Brookings So. Dakota is spending a week with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. John Millikin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born December 8th. "Bob" Cassel U.S.N. recently spent a few days with his father and sisters. Lt. Colonel Edward C. Reber has been transferred from the Ordnance Unit Training Center, Texasbana, Texas to Aberdeen, Md. He has been fortunate in spending the past few weekends with his family. George Camburn is in North Africa. He reports that it is very cold there. Jack Meyers was home for a few days in November after having been on convoy duty to Ireland. George Deens, stationed at Munda, has organized a club among the men stationed there who are Masons, called the Munda Square Club. Pfc. George Cramer, assigned as a gunner to the aircraft carrier "Intrepid", surprised his parents November 13th by waking them up from his insistent door bell ringing. George had been on a shake down cruise and no one knew that he was back in the States. Although George had written that he might be home, the letter was not delivered until the day before he left to return to Norfolk. His cruise took him to South America. He had some very exciting tales to tell of submarines. Roy Cramer has left Guadalcanal for a destination which he cannot disclose. He claims that Guadalcanal is much more of a vacation land than New Caledonia. While there he swam under the deep blue water with goggles through which the beautiful colored fish and coral reefs made a most fantastic picture. In a recent letter he also told of a scare he had one night when upon going to bed in his foxhole he found a huge snake coiled up inside.

A/C Bruce Singer is now located at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message:

"Christmas in a world at war! How can we say "Merry Christmas" in the midst of so much misery and horror? But there is the secret of Christmas, if we can find it.

The first Christmas dawned in the days of Caesar, the Dictator, in a hard old Roman world. Jesus was born of a subject people in an occupied country under military rule. Yet He brought a new joy and hope to humanity. The contrast between faith and fact was as ghastly then as it is today.



No, Christmas is not a myth, a mockery. It is both a fact and a faith; it is a prophecy of a better, brighter, happier world, in which at long last all people shall walk together in the way of the will of God, in which is our only peace.

So I say to you all- "Merry Christmas!"

Again let me tell you that we on the home front are thinking of you. May the Spirit of Christmas live in your hearts and guide you along your future way.

Sincerely,

*Helen R. Macomber*