

NEWSLETTER NO. 22.

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Dear

The Fourth of July this year seemed rather quiet here in Ambler, with no sky rockets, Roman Candles or firecrackers; but with the quiet, we realized again, that the "fireworks" are with you fellows all over the world in the form of Flying Fortresses, Landing Flares and guns. It made us think of the first Independence Day in 1776; the day we adopted the Declaration of Independence, and something that John Quincy Adams said. He said, "From the day of this Declaration, the people of North America were no longer the fragment of a distant empire. They were a nation, asserting as of right, and maintaining by war, its own existence. A nation was born in a day."

Now we are at war again, and it's up to you Yanks to go out there and keep our Independence alive and to help the people of France, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Holland regain theirs. It's taking courage to do it. Courage and Faith, and Grim Determination. I think this poem pretty well sums up what I mean. It's called "To Hitler".

You smote Lidice, a small Czech village flat,
Because it dared to slap one Nazi rat!
 You ordered that the world forget its name...
 And thus you gave Lidice endless fame!
You claim you're more than man---a thing Divine!
A "thing" is right,---a thing akin to swine.
 It's true you're not a man---you're a disease!
 A scourge from Hell, polluting every breeze!
Your every act confesses you obscenc...
A soured pervert choking on his spleen...
 For men will pray and life will carry on,
 When you and all your super rats are gone!
The blackest night must always yield to morn...
You are the night and Freedom is the Dawn!
 The little town your henchmen tore apart,
 Like Bethlehem, will live in every heart!

Under School News we find that Mr. Webster Johnson, has suggested that a drinking fountain be installed in the high school (didn't they have one before?), and Dr. Rothenberger is going to have the junior high playground finished and they're going to plant oak trees on the school grounds, and they're going to put in a concrete playground at the Forrest Avenue school.

The Fourth of July at High School was quite an event! There were almost 2,000 people there for the contests:- 50 yd. dashes, 100 yd dashes, potatoe races and 3-legged races.

Jimmy Heath and Florence Ager walked away with the contests for the kids up to 13 years old. Milton Clark took most of the honors for the battles of ages 14-17. For archery, quoits and tennis the winners were, respectively: Rita Coia, Bill King and Harold Wolf.

But the event that drew the biggest crowd was the ball game between the Ambler Liberty Sporting Club and the Valley Forge General Hospital M.P.s. Ambler won 11-4.

The evening program was opened out on the hockey field with several selections by Mr. Geary and the High School Band. Then Mr. & Mrs. George Rockett led the audience in community singing. After that there was a regular Amateur Hour by some boys and gals from S. K. F. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Olive Becker, and Mildred Myers was the pianist. First prize went to Barbara Krinvic and Olive Becker for their Gay Nineties Review in costume. Ruth Fluck won second prize for her vocal numbers and Clarence Lukas got third prize for his songs. Laura Sweisfort won fourth prize for her harmonica selections and Charlie Smith took fifth prize as a magician. A special prize of ten dollars was awarded to 6 members of the Valley Forge M. P. who sang a couple of G. I. songs with fitting restraint.

The judges were Abram Yetter, Henry Walker and William Alcorn. Then there was some professional entertainment featuring singers, musicians and even a Punch and Judy, which the young fry loved.

Mr. Henry Willet retired as President of the Stained Glass Association of America at the 1944 convention at the Hotel New Yorker in New York. He was recently elected to honorary membership of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects of Philadelphia.

Bob King's Ambler A. C. soft ball team won the first half honors in the Norristown Y.M.C.A. Civic A boys by beating the Fairmont Fire Co., 5-1.

The Ambler Recreation Council has opened 3 playgrounds, one at the Mattison Ave. School and one at West Ambler. These are for children who were in the first three grades during the past school year. Another one at the High School for boys and girls who were in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Mr. Kunzman is the director of the High School playground. Mrs. Violet Fisher directs the Mattison Ave. playground and Miss Mildred Reyner directs the one at West Ambler.

The Saturday night dances and games at High School will continue through the summer with Mr. Geary's band. Mr. Geary also has band practice at high school every Wednesday night at seven o'clock. This band has members of all ages, in school and out. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings at seven o'clock there is a program of softball and tennis.

This is the year of the Big Wind and between now and the first Tuesday in November, the velocity of the zephyrs engendered by the politicians will increase to the point where the human caught in the draft will be blown right into a state of boredom--if he isn't asphyxiated first. Let us therefore harden our eardrums and take refuge in the storm cellars of sanity. Here are a few election gags:

Every 4 years, the Republicans have a convention to nominate a candidate for President and every 4 years the Democrats have a convention because it's the conventional thing to do.

Then there's the one about the man that had two sons. One went in to Politics and the other one wasn't much good either.

And while we're knocking off the isms, why doesn't some smart politician come out against roomatism?

You know these jokes ought to make you laugh--your grandfather did.

Now for some more local news. This Saturday (July 15) is paper collection day. We have 'em the third Saturday in every month. The Boy Scouts and some of the older men go all over town in 5 volunteer trucks and pick up the paper that everyone ties up and puts on the curb. Then they load it on a big truck from Philadelphia. We usually get 4 or 5 tons and the money goes to the Recreation Council.

The Blood Donor Unit was here at the beginning of the month and almost 300 people gave their pint. A total of 16,260 persons in the military service from Montgomery County will be eligible to vote under Pennsylvania's new absentee military ballot system. In Ambler 292 persons were registered to receive military ballots. Military ballots will be mailed to persons in the service whose names and addresses were obtained by Civilian Defense canvassers or presented to local election boards by friends or relatives. Mailing of ballots will begin about the middle of August and is expected to be completed early in September. With each ballot will be enclosed a postage free envelope. The ballot must be returned not later than November 22 and must be postmarked not later than November 7.

The new super destroyer "J. William Ditter" was launched at the Bethlehem Steel Company's Staten Island yards on July 4th. Mrs. Ditter christened the ship with Bill, who is an Ensign and got a special leave, and Mabel standing beside her. Many distinguished officials and close friends of the late Mr. Ditter were present.

The Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen presented Ambler volunteers with service bars for service as Food Hostesses and Bus Boys on Sunday, July 2nd. Those receiving a bar for two years of service are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simpson, Mrs. Edward Davies and Mrs. Harry Weaver. Those receiving a bar for one year of service are Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Rile, Mr. & Mrs. A. Gordon, Mrs. James Shelly, Mrs. Walter Calvert, Mr. Charles Hirschman, Miss Evelyn Kern and Mr. & Mrs. F.O. Hoyt.

The Fifth War Loan Drive in Ambler went over the top! The quota was \$800,000 and we made \$883,787.50.

Try outs will be held this Saturday for the tiny 100 mile per hour midget automobiles at Somerton Springs Pool, Bustleton Pike at City Line. They'll compete in the finals on Sunday, July 23, to break the new world's record which is as high as 115 m.p.h.

When the Government called for more agricultural produce, the 389,469,000 patriotic U. S. hens squawked but then settled down to do their stuff. Long before last week the result was embarrassingly scrambled. Every U. S. hen won an E for egg production. Cackling happily, the hens then went on to such a fabulous overproduction the whole U. S. was practically walking on eggs. The War Food Administration has been storing eggs everywhere but in their desks.

The Navy Department took over the Brewster plant at Johnsville July first and will operate it as a plane modification, research and engineering center. The Navy Dept. said that this would save the government several millions of dollars for new construction needed at the Navy Yard.

A giant smoke stack on a truck went lumbering through Ambler the other day and stopped every few minutes while three men who rode on top of it removed and replaced telephone wires, it was really enormous! They stopped at Plymouth Meeting for the weekend and then went on, to Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Luxton has announced the engagement of her daughter, Catherine to W. Gordon Willie.

Two more Ambler boys have been drafted--Bill Burrell and Edward Albert West.

Mr. Carter B. Millikin died in the Presbyterian Hospital on June 19. He had been a patient there for about 2 weeks. For twenty years he was with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, as Educational Secretary. He has been living in Ambler since 1925. Mr. Millikin was president of the North Penn Community Center and for many years had been an Elder of our Church.

On Sunday, July 10, 38 wild Palamino ponies broke loose when they were unloaded at a railroad. The horses were having a gay old time roaming all over upper Montgomery County. A

week later 20 riders went out to collect the runaway horses. They caught fourteen but ten got away when an automobile scared them half to death. The other four got away once, but they got them back again! Two others broke loose when a thunderstorm broke. The ponies belong to Mr. Paul K. Fisher up in Souderton.

Here are some more jokes:

A perspiring Lieut. brought his weary platoon to a halt after more than an hour of drill in the hot Texas sun. "Just to break the monotony", the officer told his men, "I am going to call out names at random, when you hear yours, give a command and the platoon will execute it." "O'Neill!" barked the Lieut. "By the left flank, march!" commanded O'Neill, and the platoon pivoted to the left and marched toward the Lieut. "Hudson!" shouted the instructor as the men drew near. "Pla---toon halt! screamed Hudson. "Clark!" the Looey yelled. "Dis----missed!"

A placard in a Norristown grocery store reads: "Please don't bring your fat cans in here on Saturdays."

Doc: Have you told Mr. Brown that he's the father of twins?

Nurse: Not yet, he's shaving.

A draft board kept deferring a diamond cutter, assuming the man was employed in an essential industry, only to learn that he cut the grass on a baseball diamond!

"I 'ave'nt 'ad a bite fer days" said a tramp to the landlady of an English inn, the "George and Dragon". "D'ya think yer could spare me one?" "Certainly not," replied the landlady, "Begone!" "Thank yer" said the tramp and he slouched off. A few minutes later he was back. "What d'yer want now?" growled the landlady. "Can I 'ave a few words with George now?"

These jokes can't be too bad. I threw a whole sheaf of them in the furnace last winter and the fire roared!

Now for some news about you and the rest of the guys.

Lt. Bob Davis broke his leg when he was on manuvers in the South and he's convalesing up at the Valley Forge hospital now. While he was home on a 21 day furlough, there was a wedding at his house! Betty Johnson (his sister-in-law) was married to John Joseph Curran on July 1, at 4 o'clock to be exact! Betty and Joe are living in Salford Township. 2nd Lt. Dick Slayton has been transferred from Ellington Field, Texas to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Cpl. Charles Jones is a patient at the England General Hospital, Atlantic City. His leg got pretty well banged up in the Italian Campaign and after being hospitalized for a while, they've sent him home. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster. Wilson R. MacIntire has just been promoted to ARM 2/c. He is a member of Rankins Night Raiders, famous Navy Black Cat Sqd., operating in the South Pacific, and veterans of all kinds of raids, including the bombing of land targets, spotting of Allied surface fire and shipping attacks. Wilson recently topped the 50,000 mile mark of flying over enemy territory. Many of his flights were made under the most hazardous of night flying conditions and weather. 2nd Lieutenant Stew Davis has received the Air medal and his squadron has been awarded the Presidential Citation. Stew is stationed somewhere in Italy now and has completed nine missions over enemy territory.

Captain Jim Diver, Assistant Chief of Personnel Division of the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station #1, has been promoted to the rank of Major. Charlie Heilman has been promoted to First Lieutenant. He has been stationed at an air base in England since December. He has 14 missions under his belt.

Sgt. Walter "Red" Wyrostek somewhere in the S. Pacific, said in a letter to the Ambler-Whitemarsh Valley News that the natives are very friendly and live primatively but they aren't fooled very easily as far as bartering is concerned. He said that he and Jim Rainey feel as if they had left civilization miles behind them.

Pfc. Frank Puia is now with the Advanced Echelon of the Peninsular Base Section that moved into Rome to expedite the movement of supplies of every kind to the 5th Army. Sgt. Dan Bruder became the proud pappa of a baby boy on May 31st - Daniel Bruder, Jr! 2nd Lieutenant Al Drager--just received 3 pretty nice things--his commission, his Army wings and a wife--Kay Fisher! He got the wings and the commission at Atus, Oklahoma. He and Kay will go either to the Central Instructor's School at Randolph Field, Texas, or to a multi-engined Bomber or Fighter School where Al will receive further advanced training. Pfc. Norman Mortimer received the award of the Purple Heart in Italy, where he was wounded in action. Before that, he had been in North Africa. Pfc. Earl Dinnell sent a Japanese flag home to his parents! He got it in 1943 in the Fiji Islands. He and two other boys, Sgt. Joe Friel and Pfc. Gaby Cillaberta who have been together ever since they left Ambler on Jan. 5, 1941, signed the flag on the white background.

Pfc. Anthony Cuifo, Hdq. Division at Panama, has been promoted to Corporal. On June 27 he telephoned his mother to wish her a happy birthday. Pfc. Johnny Miller in the Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command somewhere in England has also been promoted to Corporal. Bill Hayward is now with the P-51 Mustang Group, commanded by C.O. Joe L. Jamson. Bill has been promoted to First Lieutenant! His buddies had a big party for him to celebrate and they gave him a cake with "Congratulations Pinkie" written in frosting across the top. Congratulations is right, Bill!

Lantz Rothwell has been transferred from the Red Cross to the Navy. He has a commission of Lieutenant (jg). He's home for a month now. Mr. Angelo Menna will be back at High School next year. He has received a Medical Discharge from the American Red Cross due to a skin infection on his hands that he picked up in Africa. Mr. Charles Meyers will also be back at the High School next year as coach. He was wounded on Tarwawa. Pfc. Peggy McFadden has been inspecting ack-ack guns and plotting instruments on secret weapons near London. She's one of more than 30 WACs stationed there. They were taken in groups of eight to gun sites and at the same time eight A.T.S. (Eng. WACs) visited WAC billets and had dinner in the WAC mess hall. After an informal inspection of the A.T.S. billets--WACs were guests at the weekly soldier show and dance at the camp.

Here's a little bedtime story called "The Mountain Boys at War."

Just before they landed on Anzio, the boys, we're informed, were given a pep talk by the C.O. "We're outnumbered four to one. We'll have to fight like the devil to stay once we're in!"

A hillbilly soldier listened carefully, was among the first to get ashore and into the fight. Later, however, the C.O. found this same Ozarkian lollyng comfortably against a tree in his stocking feet, enjoying life and comfortably resting in the manner of the hills. Up forward the cannon boomed and men were battling furiously. "What's the idea, Terwilliger?" the C.O. barked. "What are you doing back here? Why aren't you fighting?" "Ah got mah four." said Terwilliger and resumed shuteye.

I guess they'll hold you for a while! Pfc. Dick Harris has been moved from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri to Fort Ord, California. Pvt. Bob Kern has been moved from Amarillo, Texas, to Seattle, Washington. Pvt. Hugh Gehman has been moved from Spartanburg, South Carolina to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C. Alan Taylor S 1/c is a luck guy! He won a war bond in a raffle for the 5th War Loan Drive and a special liberty, so he came home on July 15. Cpl. George Camburn met his cousin, Lyle Cramer this April in India. He reports a sight seeing tour on the Holy River. 2nd Lieutenant Cliff Martin, Jr., is an instructor in advanced flying at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama. On June 23

he landed at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Willow Grove (Pitcairn) and surprised his parents by telephoning them and asking them to come and get him. He visited all around town and flew back on the 26th. Pvt. Don Gerhart has arrived in England. Bill Hough, Jr., left June 25th for the summer term at Haverford College and expects to enter the Navy in September. Charles(his twin) left July 1 for the Navy V-12 at the U. of P. 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Davies has arrived in England. Pvt. Tom Queenan has been added to our mailing list. Pfc. Jack Schoenber is in Northern Ireland now and Harvey Eisenhard F1/2 (EM) has arrived in the Hawaiian Islands. Bill Maroni, Cook 3/c is home for 30 days. His boat made 7 round trips between England and Normandy during the Invasion before his ship was hit. Quite a bunch of boys have been home this month, they are: Pvt. Frank Fertsch who graduated from Aerial Gunnery School at Fort Meyers, Florida. He hopes to be an instructor. Pvt. Michael Lebore who finished his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and will go to Camp Meade, Md. Pfc. Charles Vera who was up in the Aleutians. Pfc. Hugh Bullard from Camp Crowder, Missouri. Bob (Eddie) Wind, S 1/c is here for 20 days from the Coast Guard training station at Manhatten Beach, N. Y. Pvt. Lambert West is also here and was granted a 20 day extension to do some farm work. He's stationed at Camp Jackson, Miss., in the Ordnance Depot Co. Pvt. Dudley Deck from Colorado. Pvt. Daniel Stevens, from a special course at the Chevrolet Corp., in Detroit, Pfc. Luther Cole home from Lejeune, North Carolina. Cpl. Tom Fitzpatrick is here for 15 days. He just completed training as radio man and gunner for heavy bombardment type planes. Pvt. Walter Durneldinger home from Fort Monmouth, N. J. Pfc. Walter (Scoop) Smith is home after his promotion to Corporal. Pvt. Edwin Miller is here for 10 days. He's stationed at Camp Howie. Texas. T/Sgt. Paul Raser is back after 50 missions during his nine months in the M.T.O. and was helping with the paper and rag collection on Sat. the 15th. Lt. (jg) Arthur Webster home from Harvard for a short furlough. Cpl. Eldred Lord at Camp Dorn, Miss., Pfc. Addison Lord, Fort Jackson, S. C. and Pvt. Layton Lord, Camp Pickett, Va. were all home together the weekend of July 9. Bill Erhardt A.S. is home now, he's stationed at Camp Peary, Va. Pvt. Harry Landis was home for one day and was formerly stationed at Camp Swift, Texas. Pvt. Charles Curtis came home on a 10 day emergency furlough for his grandmother's funeral. Pvt. Wilfred Barby was also here for 10 days. He has been transferred to Oklahoma, from Fort Bragg, N. C. Sgt. Albert Rubin who is stationed at McCook, Nebraska. A/S Roscoe Brady who is in the navy taking pre-med at Harvard. Cadet George Miller from West Point. Arthur Rau, U.S.N.R. was here from Peru, Indiana, before moving

to Pensacola, Florida; Bob Flury, Lt. Don Betts, Pvt. Howard Stong, Cadet Jimmy Dager, Gilbert Huber, Lt. Bill Huber, Albert Kerper S2/c, Bill Gray and Francis Gray, Thurman and Frankie Wright and Joe Gradin, Bill Kalb, Mary Dickinson Y2/c, Pfc. F. McCabe, Walter Pennington AMM2/c, Jack Holz, Pvt. Bill Kilson, Pvt. Clarence Williams, Fvt. Eugene Smithy, Bob Lutz, Jimmy Lentz.

So you see it was almost like "the good old days" around town.

Some of the Ambler boys who are in France are: Pvt. Drayton Robb, Sgt. Dick King, Pfc. Frank King, Pfc. Vernon Harp, Pfc. Harold Moore, S/Sgt. Winnie Hirschman, Cpl. Truck Deck, Sgt. John Dailey, Cpl. John Fluck, T/Sgt. Newt Howard.

George and Frank Haag, twins from Fort Washington, have experienced 100 cases of mistaken identity, and each time the victim has to pay his twin brother one drink of the liquid popular in the locale where they happen to be at the moment. Before their departure for the E.T.O., George was amazed to find that he had his brother's crew in his plane. They had just followed him in. They each modestly claim they have the best crew in the group. T/Sgt. Bill Wilmot has been awarded the Purple Heart in Italy. He was wounded and is now in a base hospital in England. Sgt. Bill Marsden is now overseas and has participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and soldiering in an active theatre of war at one of the Air Service Command Stations or Control Depots. He is being carefully processed by classification experts who make sure that he's well fitted for the job. He's having Security training, personal hygiene, a talk by a Special Service Officer and a lecture by the Chaplain.

Anthony Paladino has enlisted in the Marines. Mickey Poane, Elv's has returned safely from his eighth trip across the Atlantic. Ruby Rose has been commissioned second Lieutenant and has been assigned to active service with the Army Nurses' Corps.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hamilton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Flora, and Captain Wilfred Carr.

Tommy Dailey has been elected to the senior student council at high school.

Eleanor Norris was married to Clark Dill Moore of Fort Washington on June 17.

Mary Jane Niblock has been elected School Nurse in the North Wales School district. That includes Lower Gwynedd and Whiteman Townships too.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrington announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha, to William J. Thompson of West Oak Lane.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Pierson have announced the marriage of their daughter, Cpl. Mildred Pierson, U.S.M.C. to Sgt. Ralph Mather U.S.M.C. of Pittsburgh.

Here are some definitions:

Collic - One's associate in business or profession; --a dog.

F. B. I. - Federal Bureau of Income.

halley-toe - a huntsman's cry when he sights the fox.

halitosis - same as above, plural (2 foxes)

Pickle Dilly - The name of a circus in London.

roue - a French roulette player.

Squall - an Indian wife.

Thespionage - The Art of the Theatre.

wry - An English libation with a water chaser (rare).

Here's philosophy by Archie of Duffy's Tavern. "You got to be versatile in love-making, as all women is cast from different moults. Certain types is so dainty and feminate they won't even sneak under a turnstile with a guy. There's others who think nothing of hoosting one over the fence at Ebbets Field. So choose wisely but not too well. As Shakespeare, the immoral bard of Stratford Ave. says, 'It is the variety that makes the female of the species spicy.'"

S/Sgt. Harold O. Stevens who has been missing in action in Italy since November 30, 1943 is home again. After complete silence from him for nearly eight months, his wife and family were severely shocked when he telephoned them from New York. He was reported missing in action in Italy when his plane went down behind enemy lines, where he hid for nearly six months. Tec. Cpl. John Harrar has been reported missing in action in the invasion of France. The official notification said that John had been missing since June 6 but the family has received a letter from him dated June 12. So keep your fingers crossed. Pvt. Jim Casalenova was killed in action on June 11 in France.

Caroline Plumley Scott enlisted in the WAVES on June 1, entered the service on June 27 and began her boot training at Hunter College, N.Y.

Ruth Wood, S2/c has completed her boot training at the Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y. and has received orders to report for further instruction at Yeoman School, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Cpl. John R. Ware, is back in Northern Africa, after seeing action in Italy. He is enjoying the swimming and recently heard Jascha Heifetz, the concert violinist, at a U.S.O. show--one of the best shows he ever attended.

Philip Barbacow, PhM 1/c, after spending about 2 1/2 years in the South Pacific area, was home for several weeks. He returned to San Diego to report for duty and was very fortunate to be assigned to the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. Wm. G. Williams, is now Sl/c and his boat, the U.S.S. Niobrara, is with the Pacific Fleet. Mr. Ralph K. Kibblehouse, aged 72, the well known quarry operator, died at his home Wednesday, July 5th. Warren S. Fleck is now Pfc. He recently wrote from Australia and told his folks about a very interesting trip he had made. Buzz and eight other fellows took a ton and a half truck and traveled 125 miles from camp on a hunting trip. 51 miles were by main highway and 74 miles were through the "bush". At 3 o'clock in the morning, they stopped and made camp. Imagine their distress--a flat tire and no wrench. Fortunately some other hunters were near by and helped them out. The next morning they started their hunt for water buffalo. The country has been so leveled by the wild animals grazing, that they drove their truck right over the fields and hunted from the truck. The country is dotted with many small ponds of water and the buffalo were "as thick as ants". These animals are somewhat like our domestic cows, only have very large horns and "a hide like a concrete block." They succeeded in getting one, although it took 15 shots. They used regular rifles with G. I. ammunition. Their buffalo weighed 900 to 1000 lbs., its hide was three quarters of an inch thick, and the horns measured 32" from tip to tip. Buzz has the horns and would like to send them home but they smell too much for the mails. The boys also shot 3 geese and 2 hawks, with wing span of 3 1/2 feet. They were probably in a place where no white man had been before. While they were eating dinner two aborigines appeared carrying some horns and a rifle. The boys traded a couple cans of fruit for the horns. They took some pictures of each other with the natives. They also saw Kangaroos, crocodiles and high ant hills, many of them more than 6 ft. high. It took them from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:30 at night for their return trip. Had another flat tire, this time on the main highway. Buzz says he "enjoyed himself and will remember the trip the rest of his life."

Now for the Sports round-up:

Phila. team loses Tilton cup test. The Eastern Ass'n. tennis team defeated the Middle States representatives in the Tilton Cup Matches at Maplewood, N.J., on June 24th.

Tall, lithe Shirley Fry making her first bid in big time tennis competition threw a scare into the Elite Women's tennis world on June 24th. In a hard fought match she lost to National Cloy Courts Champion, Dorothy Bundy, 3-6, 6-2, 9-7.

Bill Tilden came east to the Merion Cricket Club to play tennis for the benefit of the War Bond Drive. He came from California where he now holds forth as a private tennis instructor in Hollywood. From 1920 thru 1926 he knew no peer in the tennis world. Seven times M.S. Champion, three times Wimbledon Crown holder and seven times led American teams to Davis Cup victories including the defeat of the Jap stars in 1921. Now 51 yrs. old he beat Vinnie Richards 10 years his junior 6-2, 6-2. Alice Marble defeated Mary Hardwick 6-1, 7-5. Then Tilden and Alice Marble defeated Richards and Miss Hardwick in doubles 6-3, 6-4. \$4,000,000 in war bonds were sold.

Francisco Segura a native of Ecuador on July 1st defeated Charles Samson of Norte Dame 6-0, 6-4, 6-0 for his second N.C.A.A. tennis singles title. Segura represented the University of Miami. He uses both hands in batting the ball and is hailed as a very outstanding player.

By Jimminy wins \$50,000 Dwyer stakes at Aqueduct, Stir up second, Lucky Draw third. This was on June 24th. A week earlier By Jimminy moved into the 3 yr. old championship class by winning the Shevlin stakes. Stirup, on July 9th, wins \$50,000 Empire City handicap, Lucky Draw second By Jimminy 3rd.

One million up to \$3,000,000 per day are wagered in the mutuals at the big meets.

Lieut. Comm. W. Newbold Ely, Jr. U.S.C.G.R., of Ambler owns a Foxhound pack. Among them a year old, 40 pound hound, Lena. Twenty-three pups were born to Lena on June 20th, her first litter. All are in good health. Two foster mothers were acquired to aid Lena in the feeding. Comm. Ely is a prominent authority on Foxhounds and regional director of Dogs for Defense.

Bob Allman, blind, former Penn University wrestler, captain of the wrestling team in his senior year, is now teaching blinded veterans at Valley Forge hospital the art of wrestling. Allman is a practicing lawyer.

On June 17th Hulse won the National A.A.U. 1500 meter title in 3 min. 54.3 sec. at N.Y. Hulse now a chemist in synthetic rubber plant ran the mile last summer in 4.06 an American record. The papers say he will join the Navy on June 28.

Cornelius Warmardam, now a Navy Lieut. was pole-vault victor, rising 15 feet to clear the bar. This is the 43rd time he has pole-vaulted 15 ft. Charley Parker 17 year old Texas sprinter won the two hundred meter championship. He has won more than 50 races in his young career. He is such a slow starter, it seems as if he's left at the post but after about 50 yards his long stride brings him up so fast he's a thrilling winner.

In the unfinished Marble (Mussolini) Stadium which was built for the 1944 now forgotten Olympics, the allied fighting men competed in a field and track meet. Gunder Haegg at Stockholm on June 25th set a new world's record when he ran two miles in 8 min. 46.4 sec. On June 28th Arne Anderson defeated Haegg in a 1500 meter race. Anderson's time 3 min. 48.8 sec. This was Anderson's first victory over Haegg. On July 6th Anderson set a world record for the 3/4 mile distance. Time 2 min. 56.6 sec. On July 7th Haegg beat Anderson in their 1500 meter run. Haegg ran the distance in 3 min. 43 sec., a new world's record. Anderson's time one second slower. On July 14, Anderson scored a second victory over Haegg in a 1500 meter run in the slow time of 3 min 48.4 sec.

Boston Red Sox pay \$15,000 bonus to 19 year old Dick Callahan for signing contract. He was pitching ace for Holy Cross high school. Pittsburgh Pirates sign 16 yr. old Marino F'asino, of Vandergrift, Pa. He's a pitcher and will report to Hornell, N.Y. team for experience.

New, phenomenal, cold, low cost lights for night baseball are coming. No high steel towers, they say, will be needed for the support of these new lights. The biggest in the electrical industry are said to be working on this synthetic sunshine.

The trophy Lou Gehrig won as most valuable player in 1934 brought one million dollars in war bonds on June 21st in a bond auction.

Dick Siebert "A's" first baseman was injured and Connie Mack secured McGhee from Little Rock, Ark. He has played in the southern leagues for 17 years. He is fielding and batting exceptionally well for the A's.

The big league's all star game was played July 11th at night. The Nationals won 7-1. On the American league team the "A's" were represented by Frank Hayes, catcher and Bobo Newsom, pitcher. The Phillies, on the National League team had one player, pitcher Kenneth Raffensberger and he was the winning hurler. He pitched 2 innings giving up one hit. Hughson of Boston Red Sox and star of Amer. league was losing pitcher yielding 4 runs in 5th inning. At a meeting of big league executives permission was granted to all teams to play as many night games as they pleased, except Sunday games. It was agreed the 1944 world series games would be played in the daytime.

In the National league the Phillies are fifth, 16 games behind the leading St. Louis team. Pittsburgh in second place is $11\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the leaders. Boston is in last place 23 games

behind St. Louis. Brooklyn, 21 games behind St. Louis has lost their last 14 games. Everybody concerned feels sure the St. Louis Cardinals will win the National league pennant. This is July 15th. St. Louis Americans also lead their league, $1\frac{1}{2}$ games ahead of New York Yankees in second place. Connie Mack's "A's" are in last place, $7\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the St. Louis team. Any team still has a chance to win the Amer. League pennant. Musial, St. Louis outfielder is leading National League batting with average of .367 and St. Louis has two pitchers ranking first and second in their league. Foxx & Doerr of Boston Red Sox lead the American League in batting with .332 and .331 respectively, but Doerr has played many more games. Hughson of Boston is a leading pitcher with average of .765. Boston is in 3rd place $2\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the leaders.

In June the Republicans, in Convention at Chicago, nominated Dewey for President and Bricker for Vice Pres. Dewey now the Governor of N.Y. is 42 years old and Bricker who is serving his third term as governor of Ohio is 50.

The Democrats will also hold their Convention at Chicago, opening July 19th. Roosevelt has announced he will run for a fourth term. As this letter goes to press (July 15th) there is considerable question as to who will run for Vice President. Considerable opposition to Wallace the present incumbent, although Roosevelt is said to favor him.

War Manpower Commission has more authority over employment. Since July 1st W.M.P.C. has rigid control. All hiring to be done thru W.S. Employment Services. No more hiring at the gate. Releases necessary to change jobs.

Forty-four nations are in meeting at Bretton-Woods N.H. an ultra-swanky vacation spot. This is the United-Nations Monetary Conference.

A stabilization fund of \$8,800,000,000 has been agreed upon. Uncle Sam, the biggest contributor, two & three quarter billion. Great Britain \$1,300,000,000. Russia \$1,200,000,000 and from there on down for the 44 countries to Iceland \$1,000,000.

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July 8th

July 15th

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| 3.Amour | 3.Long Ago & Far Away | 3.Amour |
| 4.San Fernando Valley | 4.I'll Get By | 4.I'll Get By |
| 5.Goodnight Wherever
You Are | 5.Milkman Keep Those
Bottles Quiet | 5.Swinging on a Star |
| 6.Swinging on a Star | 6.San Fernando Valley | 6.Milkman Keep Those,etc, |
| 7.I'll Get By | 7.Goodnight Wherever,
etc. | 7.Time Waits for No One |
| 8.I Love You | 8.Swinging on a Star | 8.San Fernando Valley |
| | | 9.Goodnight Wherever
You Are |

Correspondence Column

Shortly after the June Newsletter "went to press", we received a letter from Lt. Donald S. Betts of the Army Air Force. Since the 25th of March he has been in 5 different bases--from Panama City, Fla., to Salt Lake City, Utah, to Lincoln, Neb., to Tampa, Fla., and finally to Columbia, S.C., with time in between for two leaves; one of 15 days and the other of 3 days. To top that off he expects to move again and doesn't unpack his bags anymore. The reason for all this Don claims is that he is one of those "Joes" who got tangled up in red tape and regulations. After receiving his wings, he was assigned to a B 17 Flying Fortress, which was opposite to what he wanted. While waiting for a transfer, his outfit moved and he went with it. This happened 3 times in as many months. Finally he was assigned to a B 25 Mitchell Bomber. This, is not exactly what Don wants, but he has decided "to let them do with me as they will". Don ends his letter by saying, "There's an argument going on in the next room regarding this Peace problem and a Betts just can't stay out of an argument."

Sgt. Sam Dailey, "England", says he is working as hard as ever. He is a flight squadron's asst. armament chief at Col. Avelin P. Tacon's ETO Fighter Base with the 8th Air Force, and is responsible for the performance of the guns that line the wings of Thunderbolt Fighters. Recently Sam attended a Technical School, near Blackpool. While here, he went to a circus. Sam has become interested in Archery and asked his folks to send him some Arrows. Due to Postal restrictions, the arrows cannot be sent. His family are trying to get the 6 ft. strings for him. Sam is very happy to report he has received lots of mail and says, "Pretty soon, I'll have to hire one of these English girls to answer my mail for me."

Richard E. Gump, PhM2/c sent us his new address. He is now with the U.S. Naval Liaison Office in China. He says China is much nicer than India. The people are more friendly and really seem to appreciate our boys being there. Recently, Dick sent his folks a package from China, filled with all sorts of interesting things. Our boys are sending home a variety of souvenirs and we think they should be on display some day. It would be very interesting to us all.

Pft. Edgar A. King wrote us a very nice letter of appreciation. He is receiving his basic training in the Infantry at Camp Croft, S.C.

Frank J. Urban, CM 1/c A3, has been out in the Pacific with the Sea Bees for almost 2 years. Recently he spent several months on Guadacanal and the Russells, and is now working on Admiralty Is. He had a leave of a month in New Zealand. Frank says, "A great country and the people are tops. They treated us royally during our stay there." We have heard the same praise of the people of New Zealand from many others. Frank has seen no one from Ambler but contacted George Deens by letter. However, Tommy Hughes is now stationed in the same Islands and perhaps they will meet. Frank apologizes for his handwriting (which we considered very good) as he was writing by the light of a torch he had made from a catsup bottle filled with gasoline and it was fluttering and flickering.

Pfc. Harold S. Moore, Jr., received his Pfc. rating sometime in May. Shortly after arriving in England, he was assigned to the 531st Engr. Shore Regt. and is doing his line of work, which is Blacksmithing. Harold writes, "When I came to the 531st, I ran into Harold Naudasher, who is from Ambler. It sure is good to have someone with you from your own home town, to talk over old times. I pass the Newsletter on to him." Since writing us, Harold went to France.

Congratulations to W.H. Hirschman who was promoted to Staff Sergeant on Apr. 12th. He wrote from England to give us his new address. He was sorry to leave his old outfit, which had been intact for 9 months and located in a lovely "vacation spot". They had organized 6 softball teams and had some rip-roaring games before their outfit left there. Winny says if present regulations permitted, he would be able to contact some Ambler boys. We now hear that Winny has joined our boys across the Channel.

Paul B. Jones, Sl/c has secured a new job. He is in the Disbursing Office of the 3rd W.S. Naval Construction Regt. Paul enjoys his work, is living in a tent, and the liberties are good. After arriving in the Hawaiians and finding many Amblerites there, Paul arranged an "Ambler Day". The date was set for Sunday, May 28th. Army and Navy regulations being what they are, only Paul, his cousin, Vera Haff, and her friend, were able to meet. Tom Weaver arrived too late; Al Dummeldinger did not get his letter in time and Roscoe Smith and Geo. Sandiford were not heard from. So Paul and Vera and her friend spent the time at Waikiki.

We are very glad to give you our first letter from Donald M. Angeny, SF3/c of the Sea Bees, stationed in New Guinea. He left the States, Feb. 22nd on the "West Point", went to New Caledonia, and then to New Guinea, arriving there Mar. 10th. He drove a truck at night for 5 weeks. In spite of the new ways and muddy roads he soon learned how and enjoyed it. Donald is very proud of the Sea Bees. He says, "They sure do a good job of building and don't take long. You start on nothing and end up with a well built base, so you know we are always on the job." He "hopes to see all of you real soon back in the best place in the world--Ambler."

2nd Lt. Vera M. Haff as you may remember is an Army Nurse stationed in the Hawaiians. She has just finished a month of night duty and is back to normal living. Vera is working in surgery and likes it. She, too, has seen Al Dummeldinger, George Sandiford, Roscoe Smith, and her cousin, Paul Jones.

Robert H. Davies, A.M.M.2/c of the U.S.S. Coral Sea, heads his letter "Moored". He had just received his March Newsletter and found he was at the same place as two fellows from Ambler and hoped it would lead to a meeting. Bob says permissible news is very scarce. Being with the Pacific Fleet, this is understandable.

Anthony Urban, Jr., HA 2/c sent, we believe, his first letter to us. He reports meeting down there, Murrey Nyman, from Springhouse. Antone asked for information of Carl and Charles Meyers. We found that Pfc. Carl E. Meyers broke his ankle playing ball and is in a Navy Hospital. Charles A. Meyers, P.O. 2/c, with the U.S.S. P.C.568, is out with the Atlantic Fleet. Antone would also like to contact any of our boys who happen to be with Navy #117. Just before closing this issue of the Newsletter, we received another letter from Antone. He noticed that Bob Gerhart was in a Hedron outfit and says he is with one also, and that Blimpron #5 is near him. He believes Carl Meyers is near him and hopes to meet him some day.

We appreciate the fine letter we received from Pfc. Harley Smith. He would like to be with all his friends overseas, but says all the Army does with him, is send him to schools and hopes he is in the last one. Both the Army and Navy are cutting down on their Aviation Cadet Programs and many of our boys are being disappointed and sent on to other Schools. From Cadet school, Harley was sent to Aerial Gunnery School in Yuma, Ariz. Now, he is back in Sioux Falls, S. D., for a refresher course in radio, having graduated from this School in March 1943. Harley says he writes to all five of the King boys who are in the Army and we feel he should be complimented for doing this.

We have two letters from Sgt. John H. Dailey. The first was dated June 2 and was evidently sent from his old base in England. It commented upon the fickle English weather; his lack of interest in all girls; our paragraph in a previous News.. letter telling about an old classmate, Rac Collins; wondered if Ed Sage found Pyote, Texas, a rough town; and a package of chocolates he had received from his Mother tasting so good, it was almost like a discharge. The second letter was dated June 18th and began in typical Bud-style. "REPORT - Ma'm the Sergeant has permission to speak" -- and goes on to say he had received the May Newsletter. The evening before he had seen a picture show and writes "Even in the theatre of operations, the Army insists that one attend the show in the proper apparel. I had the choice of wearing my green (fatigue) suit, my brown (O.D.) suit or my union suit. I finally chose my brown suit." Bud reports he saw a British Paramount News Reel and an Andy Clyde comedy (vintage 1934). Then the letter was dated June 20th and Bud gives this comment on the weather:-Spring here is very similar to spring in Pennsylvania and he has seen many kinds of flowers growing wild, but adds, "this is the first time in my life I've ever seen poppies growing wild in the fields." Again the letter is dated, June 22nd, and Bud continues by saying he has learned to smoke cigars and has a collection of 7 pipes, which he smokes in rotation. Then ends his letter with this, "END OF REPORT."

Pvt. Earnie T. Smith has made the move he wanted. He went from Camp Blanding, Fla., where he received his Army basic training, to Fort Benning, Ga., where he has joined the Army Parachute Troops. He says "this outfit is plenty tough and while in action you wonder why you ever joined, but after its over, you can answer your own question. There is a lot of pride in this outfit of 'boots and wings', and the boys like it, once they graduate from jump school." Earnie is now in Pre-A Stage and after this, he must go through Stages A, B, C, and D. His working day is six hours long, but in that time, he is kept very busy with particular emphasize on physical training and doing things the G.I. way. After this basic training is over, he hopes to train in Specialist work. We wish him lots of good luck.

We have a nice V-letter from Ralph L. Amoy, So MH3/c acknowledging receipt of the May Newsletter. He is Somewhere in the Pacific and spends his past-time singing in the church quartette and playing in an orchestra. We appreciate letters like this one from Ralph and hope the next time he writes, he can tell us where he is and what instrument he is playing.

Another first letter. We recently added Pvt. Ralph S. Bishop to our list and he answered very promptly from "India." He is with the India China Wing and that almost speaks for itself. At the present time, it is very hot over there and the monsoons have started. Ralph says the country itself is very old fashioned, except the larger cities, which are few in number. The people just wrap plain white rags about their bodies for clothes and very few wear anything on their feet. Our boys are kept very busy over there. Ralph spends most of the night working on his plane and during the day he must do some flying, which leaves very little time for sleep. Due to censorship, which is really tough, he can tell us very little. Ralph and Walter Wystek have been writing to each other since joining the Army. He also expects to look for George Camburn, who is in the same part of the world, and we hope to hear from Ralph again very soon.

Pfc. Gilda Gragani, of the WAC has been away for almost a year and is now stationed at South Post, Ft. Myer, Va. This is our first letter from her and we are very proud to have it. She has just received her Pfc. and is to be congratulated. She also had a slight change in address as they have been broken up into smaller companies, due to the great increase in WAC strength. Gilda's brother, Valdo, has just returned to Ambler. He was out in the southwest Pacific, hospitalized in Australia, returned to the States, and moved from Hospital to Hospital here. We are all glad to see him back in Ambler and looking so fine. Their younger brother, Arnold, was drafted recently and is at Camp Croft, S.C., for his Basic Infantry training. Steve Malozzi is with him there. Gilda writes, "I believe the WACs are doing a great job toward winning this war. And we are just about the busiest women on the face of this earth. Besides the job we hold during the day, we have our training, the barracks to keep clean, our uniforms to wash and press, and K. P. at least once a week. We really live a rugged existence, but we all enjoy it. I work in the Personnel Office here on the South Post, and handle all transfers, promotions, and special orders. I also take care of the requisitioning of military personnel. The work is so different from anything I've ever done before, that I find it very interesting. It is a most important job, too." We are glad Gilda is so enthusiastic about her work and wish her lots of good luck.

Pvt. Winfield N. Stong, "Somewhere in England", says the fellows are not kidding about the sunshine. One nice afternoon he decided to sit outside and write some letters. He fell asleep and the result was not too good, "had a good brown and felt like a roasted potatoe." In one of the previous News-

letters, we told you that Winny and a buddy had made a "bicycle for two" from odd parts. They finally got the bicycle painted and was offered a price with such a handsome profit, they just had to sell it. Now Winny has a new one, which was painted a wartime black so he found a can of ped paint and a brush and in his opinion it looks a great deal better.

Major Alfred S. Martin with an Engrs. Combat Group, somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, writes that since his last letter to us, he "had a chance to see a couple of things." He considers himself "lucky enough to get in on one of the initial landing waves and a good time was had by all." Al's folks have received two Japanese flags (one with a hole in it) some Japanese cards and Invasion money. Two things seem to bother Al:-one, that his sister Ruth's baby girl will be grown up and have "notions" about her Uncle before he sees her; and second that his old bachelor buddies are getting married too fast. He had just received word that three had dropped away and adds, "Thank goodness, I have a couple of them incarcerated where, like myself, they can do no damage for the nonce."--A day or two ago we received another letter. This time he asks for Wilson MacIntire's address which we will forward. He writes, "We have moved a couple of times forward and with me, that is what counts. Every jump that we take just brings us that much closer to home which is the end that most of us desire." Al reports that he has the laundry situation well in hand. (You may remember some time back, Al was doing it himself.) But the marital situation is still uncontrolled. Again he received 2 wedding and 1 engagement notice. However, he is very philosophical about it and having just received a box of cigars from home, ends by saying, "When a man has these and some good plug tobacco, he is living in style."

Major Wm. R. Wolf received his first Newsletter and answered very promptly. He has been released from the Hospital and assigned as C. O. of Hq. Sqd. of the 5th A. F.S.C. He believes he is near Ralph Slutter and has written to him. Major Wolf would be glad to see any other Ambler fellows who might be near him. We will send him the names and addresses of those we know and hope you all will meet. Tell us about it when you do.

Dick Hoyt recently made a move from the base in England where he had been stationed since last September. A group of fellows was selected and they traveled a day and a half by jeep, down to the south western part of England. They stayed at an ARC over night and had a chance to really see the country on their way down. He is now stationed at a Technical School with the RAF and enjoying the luxury of eating his meals at a table, covered with a tablecloth and WAAFs to serve. He was very happy to find himself very close to one of the best ARCs in England. The only draw-back, the Club is situated on the top of an impressive hill.

Robert B. Kleinfelder, ARM3/c finished his training in Gunnery Flight School at Jacksonville, Fla. and was home on a nice leave. He returned to Jacksonville and was immediately sent to San Diego, California and assigned to CASU. He wrote to tell us of his move and later his Mother telephoned his new address. We appreciate Bob's thoughtfulness and hope you all will tell us when you change your addresses.

We had not heard from our old friend, Thomas C. Hughes, ARM3/c for some time and we missed him. He finally reached his destination and wrote us from Admiralty Island. He likes it very much down there, says "the chow is excellent and when I don't get enough, I go through twice." They are living in tents, which reminds him of Boy Scout days. No facilities are set up yet, but they expect to have a good base very soon.

Samuel P. Worthington, W. O. at the Woodrow Wilson Gen'l. Hospital, Stanton, Va., says that Father Ryan enjoyed his "publicity" in the June Newsletter and sends you another story about him. Father Ryan was visiting some new patients and one man, who had told the nurse he was a Catholic didn't seem to know the necessary answers when asked about confession and Communion, etc. "You are a Catholic, aren't you?" Father Ryan asked. "Oh, yes, Father", was the reply. The next day the soldier apologized very profusely and said he was a Protestant. When asked why he claimed originally to be a Catholic, the boy said, "Father, I was delirious yesterday. I knew I shouldn't say that, but I did anyhow." When Lt. Col. Titus, the Protestant Chaplain (Sam says he is a great kidder), heard the story, he razed Father Ryan unmercifully by saying, "You see, gentlemen, when a man is out of his mind, he'll say he's a Catholic, but when he's sane, he's a Protestant." A good sense of humor is a wonderful thing.

Sgt. Joseph Urban has been down in the Pacific for over 2 years--about 28 months. He writes, "Not long ago I came out of the tropics and now I am in one of the large cities of Australia, working in the office of an Engr. Depot." This is his first experience with office work and he is beginning to like it. Joe says it is cold down there now altho' not as cold as our winters. As it never seems to snow, he is looking forward to coming back home and seeing some snow (on this very hot July day we could use some snow too). Joe also speaks very highly of the people "down under". He goes out every Sunday to the home of an old couple who cannot do enough for him. Joe thinks he does not write a very interesting letter, but we thought it was full of news and hope

he will write again very soon. He ends by saying, "Give my regards to all my friends."

Joseph Harry Cullingford, S2/c wrote a very nice letter of appreciation. It boosts our "morale" to receive letters like this. He is down at Bainbridge, Md., going to Radio School and says they really keep him busy. Harry also included his correct address; for which we thank him. This is a great help to us and also makes it possible for him to receive his Newsletter more promptly.

S. Irvin Woodward, S1/c of the U. S. Naval Armed Guard, is out again on his boat, the S. S. Thomas F. Cunningham. He reports he is losing weight. That is nothing for us to worry about as the last time we saw Woody he looked extremely healthy. His long rest in New York was very beneficial to him in many ways.

Ralph E. Vandergrift, CM2/c stationed at Bainbridge, Md., called on the phone to express his appreciation of the Newsletter. He joined the Navy SRU some time ago and was called for service, June 6th. He came home on a 9 day leave just before the 4th of July. After he returns to Bainbridge he expects to be assigned for active duty. He sends his greetings to all his friends.

A/C J. R. (Bob) Simpson writes, "Say hello to everyone for me". He is now at Whiting Field, near Milton, Fla., which is part of the Pensacola, Fla., Navy Base. He has asked about Bill McKinney and Grant Buchanan who are also at the same base but so far has not contacted them. Before Bob left Chapel Hill, N. C., he saw Bill Singer and Art Rau and again just before he left Glenview, Ill., he saw Bill Singer. Bob has just finished his instrument flying and got "a big fat up"--meaning thumbs-up. He has four more radio hops to go and then he will be finished at Whiting Field and go on to some other field for final squadron. He has been assigned to carrier based planes and is using dive bombers. However, when he completes final squadron, he may be assigned to fighters, dive bombers or torpedo planes. Bob wants fighters, but the Navy will make the decision. The Navy, as well as the Army, has cut its pilot expansion program. As a result many of the fellows have been sent to other training bases. We know, all you fellows, will join us in wishing Bob very, very good luck and hope he is in at the finish.

Sgt. Victor Romendio, "Somewhere in the Aleutians", received his first Newsletter from us and answered very promptly. He is more fortunate than some of the other fellows and has Cpl. Peter Bruno and Cpl. Tony Signore, near him for company. After they all read the Newsletter they send it to another Amblerite at a Post further out. After that boy reads it he sends it on to a friend in Australia. That is really making the Newsletter see Service. Victor saw Dr. Lorenz before the doctor left for his station and met James Haggard, with the Engineers, by accident another day. He has written to Wilbert Landes but they are too far apart to meet. Victor writes, "It rains quite often. The wind is slightly on the terrific side. This place has just about the most mixed weather in the world. It is a gala occasion when the sun comes out. It is now daylight until midnight and in a few more weeks it will practically stay day the entire 24 hours." At first they lived in tents, waited ages in line to get their chow which they then ate from mess gear. To take a bath, they used an open gasoline drum and poured hot water which had been heated in a bucket on a pot stove, over themselves. For almost a year, they didn't have any recreation. Now they live in huts, have a wonderful Mess Hall, Shower room and Day Room; all built by their outfit. Their post is almost like one back in the States:- movies every day, drilling in the mud, and almost everything a person can ask for.

We were very surprised and pleased to receive a letter from Pvt. Calvin Ashton. It was written on board "a rocking boat somewhere on the Pacific Ocean." Calvin is well and comments on this fact--on looking over his Newsletters he discovered so many of the Ambler boys were Officers and he feels proud to be from a town that sends out fellows like that. We have just learned from Calvin's father that he has landed "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Sgt. Thomas E. Weaver just made the "deadline" this month. He has left the Hawaiian Islands and wrote his letter while "at sea." He saw Al Dummeldinger just before he left and had a nice chat with him. Unfortunately he missed Paul Jones' Ambler Day by one hour. Tom says, "It just wasn't in the cards." He sends his best wishes to Ed Amey and is sure he will make a good officer. Tom then comments on Bud Jones and says, "I certainly must hand it to him for holding up the way he has." (May we add, Bud's morale is marvelous) (And further, there is nothing wrong with Tom's. He is serving with Hdq. of the 27th Infantry). He is now stationed on Saipan Island.

A/C Wm. R. Lunn sent us his new address. He has moved to Maxwell Field, Ala., and is in the Army Pre-Flight School for Pilots. This is evidently a move in the direction Bill desires. It sounds to us as if he is one of the lucky few who are being chosen these days for Pilot training and we wish him good luck. As before, he sends his regards to all the boys and girls from Ambler who are in Service wherever they may be.

Some items of interest from our Church:

The last meeting of the Couples Club was held June 23rd. This meeting was a picnic held at College Settlement. Before supper many of the men went swimming while the women prepared the food. There was plenty of the usual picnic food and everybody ate too much, which was grand because everyone wanted to help clean up to work off the excess food, consequently it didn't take long to have everything put away. After supper we played a few games and then---it happens at every picnic we've attended, it started to thunder and lightening, so there was a grand rush for home. This will be all until September when we resume our meetings.

Mr. Dunsmore sends you the following message:

"This Sunday, July 16th, I am going to Blairstown to be one of the leaders of the Blair II Conference. No doubt many of you have gone to Blair and know what a fine experience awaits me. I have been there three times as a delegate; it will be a thrill for me to go this time as a counselor.

In studying the course which I will teach, "Appreciating the New Testament," it has seemed to me it has a message of interest to you, as well as to the young people who will take the course at Blair.

It shows that the New Testament is not a book of bygone days--it is living literature. It is very much alive because its truths apply today just as they did over nineteen hundred years ago. We are told that many of you have difficulty in getting hold of things to read, but I am sure every one of you has a New Testament at his fingertips. Why not sit down and read it as if you were reading it for the first time--and do your best to really appreciate its meaning for our world today, and for your daily living.

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This completes your Newsletter for July. It takes many hands to prepare it and this month besides the regular contributors a large part of the writing was done by Nancy Walker. We all love our work and hope you enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

NEWSLETTER NO. 23

Ambler, Pa.
August 15, 1944

Dear

You know, it's a funny thing, but it seems to me that about three years ago you boys were all saying, "Boy, I'm gonna get out of this hole just as soon as I can! I'll get out so fast you won't be able to see me for smoke!"

But now you all seem to want to be back here at home, and you want it to be just exactly the way it was before you left. Well, I guess it is, except for a couple of changes that are really for the better. Mrs. Heiss still scolds Mr. Goldberg every morning when she sweeps off her sidewalk, and Chief Carpenter still looks like a model G.I. with his hat squared in front. And speaking of our policemen, Kingy absolutely will not stop putting Parking Tickets on cars. I think he has a sadistic streak in him somewhere! But no fooling, there are a lot of things I bet you think of when you have time. Just little things, like all the different church bells ringing on Sunday mornings and the congregation standing outside in the sun. And remember the pussy willows in the spring--all kind of soft and furry? And how about Hussel Inn--remember how icy it used to get up there and how Glenn Miller's "String of Pearls" would always get played on the juke box? Which reminds me that they've made old Hussel into a private home now, but after the war, they're going to build a bigger one across the street. Sunnybrook is closed too, but just for the duration. Remember how you used to go up there and hear Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller and practically everybody else?

Some things have changed though. I guess they're bound to. For instance, the kids play Commandos now, instead of cops and robbers. And there seems to be about twice as many girls, but I guess that's because they all go around together in bunches, instead of with boys.

Something has changed though. It's the whole attitude of the town. It happened so gradually that nobody noticed it. But now there's a sort of togetherness that comes when everybody works toward one goal. I think it's a more friendly town than it was before, because everybody belongs to something; either the Recreation Council, or the Civilian Defense Council, or they're Block Leaders for the Blood Donor Unit and the War Bond Drives. They get acquainted with people they never knew very well before and they're just generally more friendly and tolerant than they were.

You see, while you're out there fighting a hard grim war, we're fighting too, to get you back sooner and to make Ambler an even sweller place. And incidentally--when you get home you'll still find apple pies cooling on the window sills and even your toothbrush is still hanging where you left it.

How about some local news to start off with?

Thirty-five Italian Prisoners of War from a camp near Chambersburg spent the weekend of July 21 in Ambler as guests of the Order of the Sons of Italy. They wore regular G I uniforms with green and white shoulder emblems bearing the word "Italy" on them.

Flo Hamilton was married to Captain Wilfrid A. Carr on July 21. The wedding took place in the Presbyterian Church. Capt. Carr recently returned from 29 months of service in the South Pacific. He is now with the A.T.C., and stationed in New York where he and Flo are living.

Gertrude Stevens and John Abrahamsen were also married on July 21 in the Methodist Church. John is a native of Norway and is now with the U.S. Marines as an Engineer 2/c.

Two members of the 1943 Bux-Mont League, Harry Edenborn, Springfield fullback, and Wayne Hellman, Lansdale end, were among 102 candidates reporting for the 1944 U. of P. football squad as Coach George Munger held opening practice of his summer session on River Field, July 20.

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Arthur F. Grabert announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Bob Broughton, A.M.M.F. 3/c.

The Rotary Club has purchased an acre of ground at Camp Delmont that will be named in honor of Lt. Colonel Herbert Amey who was killed in action at Tarawa last November. The Silver Star has also been awarded posthumously to Herb for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in action in this battle.

On Tuesday, July 18th, the Rev. Abram C. F. Ottey, died in the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia. Rev. Ottey is well remembered in Ambler, as he served as Pastor of our Methodist Church from 1926 to 1931.

When Ambler High School opens next month, John Meyers will return as Head Football, Basket Ball and Track Coach. He will also teach Physical Education. Mr. Meyers was granted a leave of absence in April, 1943, when he left to serve as Field Director with the Red Cross. He spent six months in the South Pacific area, and only returned because of ill health.

The Ambler Post Office has been advanced to first class because of the heavy increases in postal business. We're absolutely convinced that the Newsletter is responsible, since the mailing list has passed the 200 mark!

Seven Boy Scouts from Troop No. 3 received promotions at the Court of Honor in Jenkintown. Harry Ott, Kenny Baker and John Rile were promoted to Star scouts. Eddie Wood was advanced to first class and Jack Ledeboer, Lynwood Stong and Walter Wenhold were made second class scouts.

During the month of July the Wissahickon Branch of the America Red Cross have made 27,426 surgical dressings! The Summer Band sponsored by the Recreation Council gave a concert on the Post Office lawn the evening of July 21st. Mr. Geary lead the band made up of high school students, graduates and musicians from in and around Ambler.

Rita Shulze from Lansdale and Francis Cassidy were married on July 15, and Henrietta Edwards and Bill Creighton from Burholme were married on July 8.

Out of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania, Montgomery ranks third in the number of names and addresses of men and women in the service turned in for the Military Ballot.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shively have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Lt. Bob Reckeweg of Phila. Lt. Reckeweg is stationed in England. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eckfeldt have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Ann, to Pvt. Hugh Gehman now in the Air Corps. Hugh is now at Shaw Field, S.C.

The children attending the playgrounds took part in amateur acts at the high school playground on August 4. Martha Hoffer and the children of the West Ambler playground gave a stick puppet show of "The 3 Little Pigs." Three plays were presented by the children of the Mattison Ave. playground under the direction of Mrs. Fisher. They were--Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Bears and The 3 Little Pigs. A punch and Judy show was presented by Billy Emerick. George Mastermatto gave a demonstration of walking on stilts that he had made in the wood shop. Bill Kleinfelder and Betty Emerick closed the program with a comedy boxing act.

After teaching at A.H.S. for fifteen years, Mr. Harkins has resigned and is going to do Personnel and Accounting work with a Philadelphia concern.

Almost all of the football games at High School will be played at night this year. They're putting up the lights now on the twenty, thirty and fifty yard lines.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections mailed the first G.I. ballots this week. The ballots must be marked not later than November 7 and must be received by the Board of Elections not later than November 22. If you are eligible to vote, yours will probably arrive before this does, if it hasn't, just keep your fingers crossed, it'll be then pretty soon.

Summer, as Milton once sang, is "icumen in," but as it's almost over now, we'll skip that and go on to say that as you loll in your foxholes or dangle your feet from the side of a destroyer, we will bend your ears and cripple your senses of humor with a few kernels of comic corn.

For instance a sense of rumor has just been defined as all you need, to get a job as a radio commentator. And of course, you've heard the one about the gal whose love was purely platoonie. It has also been said, that since the manpower shortage, gals no longer fall for a man--they tackle him. If they lose them then, it's only because they lack wile power.

To return to war in the Pacific, we hear that out there you're calling it a tug of war:- Yanks on one side, Jerks on the other!

I hear that Thurber calls a pun the lowest form of wit-- especially when the other fellow thinks of it. Or haven't you heard the one about don't conscience striken before they're hatched?

Most of us have at one time or another, been snarled at and refused extra pieces of butter by waiters and, if in no other way, have thus become aware of the fact there's a war on. This yarn concerns, therefore, a gent who went into a restaurant one day and ordered whole wheat bread with the dinner. The waitress brought white bread. The next night he ordered whole wheat; the waitress again brought white. On the third night, he ordered whole wheat; got white. Day after day, week after week, he struggled for whole wheat, but always got white. One night he decided the only way to get whole wheat was to outwit the waitress. He'd order the opposite! That would do the trick! So when he ordered dinner, he said casually: "And waitress, I'd like to have some white bread."

She looked at him with some surprise. "White bread? But aren't you the gentleman who always has whole wheat?"

After that I guess we'd better get on to more news.

Lt. John Berwind has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" in bombing attacks over enemy Europe. He is home now for 30 days after accomplishing 30 missions in 70 days. He also has four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal. Pfc. Cornell Crecium was wounded at Anzio on May 8 but has fully recovered and is now home on a 30 day furlough. 2nd Lt. Sarah Jones, Army Nurse Corps, has reported for duty with the unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi. Bill Lunn is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Alfred Kirk and Bill Singer were home for a short furlough. Lt. Bob Coran was killed in China on June 29. He joined the Army Air Force in October, 1942. He was commissioned as a fighter pilot.

Captain Nick Barry was wounded in action on July 5 in Italy. His stomach and some shrapnel had a little rendezvous "somewhere in Italy", but he's coming along fine. His name has been added to our mailing list. Flight Officer Francis McCabe has been assigned to the 72nd Fighter Wings Indoctrination Unit at Harding Field, La. Jack Meyers, Hugh Gehman and Claude Rawlins have been home on short furloughs. T/Sgt. Paul Raser, top turret gunner on a B-17 has reported to Fort Meade, Maryland, after spending a 50 day furlough. He has made 50 bombing missions over Southern France, Germany, Austria and the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. He has bagged an ME-109. Lt. John Danzenbaker is at Mitchell Field Hospital where he is recuperating from wounds received at St. Lo, France. He was also in the Battle of Cherbourg. Pvt. Don Jones has been promoted to Pfc. Lt. Frank Haag, one of the twins, we told you about last month, has been taken prisoner in Germany. Lt. John Hoffa has his medical feet planted squarely on U.S. soil again! He's been in the Tunisian Campaign, Sicily, North Sicily, Salerno and Anzio, and now he and Mrs. Hoffa will live in Jacksonville, Fla., for the duration.

Pvt. John Smith has been wounded in France. Pvt. Ernie Smith has received his Paratrooper Wings and Boots and was home on furlough. Lucky boy! Lt. Mary Keyser, A.N.C., writes from England that "it has rained every day for the past 10 days, so cold I have to wear a sweater.....We are having many wounded German prisoners and their wounds are much worse than our boys."

Pvt. Benedict Jankowski is receiving treatment at the Valley Forge Hospital for an eye injury suffered at Anzio. Sgt. Harry Stevens has been transferred from Atlantic City to North Carolina for a few weeks rest. Major and Mrs. G. B. Stevens were home for a short visit before reporting to Camp Beale, Calif. Pvt. Bill Weir went back to Camp Claiborne, La., after a two week furlough. Sgt. Bob Lutz spent a weekend furlough at home.

2nd Lt. John Hatch has been awarded the Air Medal in England. He's with the Eighth Fighter Command and flies with a P-47 Thunderbolt group. Ensign Tom Hallowell has been reported missing in action in the S. Pacific. Pfc. Harry Wood with the Ammunition Company section of an advance base of Service Command on Bougainville, Solomon Islands has received the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with a battle star for taking part in the Northern Solomons Campaign. Lieut. Walter Shaeff pinch hit for the regular speaker at a Rotary Club in England. After 47 missions, Sgt. Charlie Lee has been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia.

2nd Lt. Eddie Sage has arrived safely in England and is near 2nd Lt. Ralph Davies, Joe Rex, Signalman 3/c has just been home on a four day furlough. S/Sgt. George Rue has arrived in England after serving 2 years in Iceland. Cadet Jimmy Dager is a cadet instructor lecturing on the functions of different types of guns at a summer camp at Camp Popolopen near West Point, N.Y. Pvt. Alvin Neigut is home on furlough. He's being transferred from North Camp Hood, Texas, to North Carolina. Captain Edward Smith came up from Washington, D.C., to spend the weekend at home. Lieut. Felix Ireland has been graduated from the Officer's Motor Course at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieut. Bill Lancaster has completed an Orientation course at an Air Service Command Station. Pfc. Bill Costello has been cited by his regiment of the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy. Pvt. Joe Del Conte is home on furlough. Pfc. Dan Chevalier writes home that he has met Pfc. Frank Monaco in France. Pfc. Horace Hoffman has gone back to Camp McCall, N. Carolina after a 13 day furlough. T/Sgt. Henry Hopwood is now a prisoner in Germany. 2nd Lieut. Carl Kleinhofer has been graduated from the San Marcos, Texas, Air Field. Nathaniel Perry graduated from basic indoctrination on August 7 as honor man of his company at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill. 2nd. Lieut. Jack Nixon has received his Silver Wings and his commission. Pfc. Frank Rocca has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. He's with the 37th Infantry Division somewhere in the South Pacific. 2nd Lieut. Bill Lewis has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. Pfc. Harry Landis has gone back to Fort Dix after a furlough. Lieut. George W. Miller has just received his promotion from shavetail. He is a navigator and has made several trips to foreign destinations. He has been awarded the badge for qualification as sharpshooter with the .45 caliber pistol.

Frank Casalenuovo and his brother, Salvatore, have met each other somewhere over seas. Frank got a pass and flew over to see "Tootie".

Pfc. Don Jones was in the battle of Saipan with eleven Japs to his credit. Pfc. Earle Dinnell has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. He's serving as an ammunition carrier in an Infantry Regiment on active duty in the Southwest Pacific. Sgt. Charlie Higgins is home on a 15 day furlough from Orlando, Fla. Bill Dummeldinger has gone back to his base after a week's leave. Pvt. Sherman Tweedy has been promoted to private first class. He's a member of a Medical Depot Company at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Pvt. & Mrs. Walter Dummeldinger (Harriet Gump) have just been home on a short furlough. Claude Rawlins is home for a week from Camp Pickett, Va. Carl Morgan has been enrolled at the Electrical Naval Training School, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Sgt. Spike Fricl somewhere in the S. Pacific with the 37th Infantry Division, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. Cpl. Andy Lavery has gone back to camp after his furlough. Joe Boland has just received his Wings and commission as 2nd Lieut. at the A.A.F. Central Flying Training Command's Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Texas, Class 44-G. Bill Kalb, 2/c has safely arrived in the New Hebrides. Pfc. Hugh Bullard, was home on furlough from Camp Crowder, Mo. He was very fortunate to be transferred to Warrenton, Va. Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher announce the arrival of a daughter, Monday, Aug. 14th. Bill is with the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Lebanon, Pa.

Gracie Fields says that a good example of English "business as usual" and general indifference to danger is a little old lady who didn't hear the air raid siren and went right on with her knitting and when a 2000 pounder hit the building across the street she said "Come in pussy". And incidentally did you know that no matter how hungry a horse gets, he can't eat a bit?

Now we seem to come across the one about when Mrs. Smith met Mr. Jones. They were on the beach and in bathing suits. A couple of days later Mrs. Smith was sitting on a trolley car and a man got in and sat right across from her. He smiled. Thinking it was someone trying to flirt, she ignored him. Suddenly the light seemed to dawn and she said at the top of her lungs. "Oh, Mr. Jones! I didn't recognize you with your clothes on!"

Then there's the one about Pat and Mike. When they got lost one night, Pat said, "We must be in a cemetery, here's a gravestone." "Whose is it?" asked Mike. Pat struck a match. "I didn't get the name clear", he said, "but he sure lived to a ripe old age--175." "See, can you read his name?", Mike suggested. Pat lit another match. He studied the inscription and the match burned out. After quite a bit of thought, he said "I don't know him. T'was some man named Miles from Dublin."

Now for a word about you G.I.s. The latest story about your constant requests (through channels) for transfers, concerns a group of sailors who got to Heaven. "What kind of sailors are they?" asked St. Peter. "They're American" replied his assistant. "Oh, well, let 'em in," said St. Peter. "They'll want a transfer in six months anyway."

And there's the one about the Marine who said "All that I am and all of my knowledge has been gained at my mother's knee and other joints."

It would seem that the war is setting a new standard for laconic messages. The latest example is the communique of a New Guinea native who was asked to describe an American bombing attack on a Jap encampment. His report: "Plenty dead, plenty wounded, plenty good."

Now--more news.

A/C Bill Hamilton, stationed at Carlestrom Field, Arcadia, Fla., made his first solo flight on July 24. A/C Bill Singer, U.S.N.R. was home on July 16 after finishing his training at Glen View, Ill. He has gone back to Glen View to await further assignment. Pfc. Hugh Bullard has moved from Camp Crowder to Warrenton, Va. Pvt. Don Gerhardt has broken his ankle again playing baseball in England. He's getting along very well now. They've taken the cast off.

Cpl. Herb Luxton and Pvt. Bruno Pacos are new names on our list. Herb is in New Guinea with the Heavy Auto Maintenance Co. Lt. (jg) Andy Dressler of the U.S.S. Kankakie, recently met Sgt. Ed Amey on a street corner in Hawaii. 2nd Lt. Dick Slayton is at the Pyote Army base in Texas and is now a co-pilot on a bomber. Lt. Earle (Tom) Potts of the Seabees has returned to the U.S.A. and is in a hospital at Yosemite National Park,

Robert E. Kriebel, H.A. 1/c has arrived in San Juan, Porto Rico. Eighteen boys were assigned to the new Naval Hospital. It is situated on a plateau overlooking the city of San Juan, four miles away. The men live in small cottages--eight to each cottage, and it is an ideal set-up. Bob has met four fellows from home. One from Norristown; one from Hatboro; one from Lansdowne; and one from the Mayfair section of Philadelphia.

Capt. Spencer Little has returned to the States after serving two and a half years with the Army in the Aleutians. The Capt. and his wife recently visited with his parents in Fort Washington.

Jack Watson graduated from Washington and Lee University and received his B.S. in Chemistry. He applied for an Ensign's commission in the Navy and was accepted. Jack reports to Princeton University, August 28th, for his Indoctrination Course.

Parry Wiess has been promoted to Cpl. He is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Valdo Dragani has received a Medical Discharge and is enjoying himself at home in Ambler.

Pvt. Richard L. Rohrman, who has served overseas in Italy, was returned to the States and assigned to a Hospital at Fort Dix, N.J., for treatment of his feet. We are happy to say Dick arrived in Ambler, Saturday, Aug. 12th and expects to spend his weekends at home.

Pvt. Philip Benigno moved from Camp Sutton, N.C., to Camp Barkeley, Texas. He is now with a Medical Training Bn.

Pericles Della Loggia, S.M. 3/c is on the U.S.A.R.S. William S. Fitch, with the Pacific Fleet.

Walter P. Dickinson has changed his rating from S 2/c to M 3/c (metalsmith). He is still on the U.S.S. Bushnell, with the Pacific Fleet.

We have heard that Wilson S. MacIntire, A.R.M. 2/c has arrived in San Diego, Calif., and is expected home about the 15th of this month.

The censorship ban being lifted, T/S Peter A. Girondo, wrote his family recently, that he is stationed on Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands. His letter gave the finest description we have ever had the privilege of reading, of his entire trip, from the time he left the Camp here in the States, until he landed in Honolulu.

Pvt. Robert G. Kern is now stationed at the Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pfc. James Claville has arrived in France and reports he is "living in a tent."

Pvt. Chas. (Bill) Camburn was home on furlough from Camp Blanding, Fla. He is now with the Engineers at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Now for the Sports round-up:

St. Louis in National League is $17\frac{1}{2}$ games ahead of Cincinnati and Pittsburgh tied for 2nd & 3rd place. Chicago & New York are 4th & 5th 29 games behind St. Louis. Then the Phillies 34 back with Boston in 7th place and Brooklyn last $36\frac{1}{2}$ behind the leaders. This is Aug. 15th. In the American League also, St. Louis leads. Because they never won a pennant many are rooting for them. Boston

is in 2nd place $5\frac{1}{2}$ games back. Detroit 3rd and N.Y. 4th 8 and $8\frac{1}{2}$ games behind St. Louis. Chicago and Cleveland are 5th and 6th about 14 games back Philadelphia Athletics 7th 16 games back and Washington last $18\frac{1}{2}$ games in the hole. Tex Hughson the star Boston Amer. league pitcher is now in the Navy. He won 18 and lost 5 games this season, leading his league. He pitched his last game a few days ago.

Cy Young now 77 years old, still a spectator at ball games and believes he could do some pitching with a little time to limber up. He pitched in major leagues until 44 yrs. old. Hurled 906 games winning 511. He's the only 500 game winner in big league ball. Walter Johnson won 414 games. All the other stars won less than 400. Grover Alexander won 373 and Christy Mathewson 372 and so on down most of the stars under the 300 games won mark in the big leagues.

On August 4th Connie Mack celebrated his 50th year as big League baseball manager. His managership began with Pittsburgh Pirates in 1894. Old-time stars, Hans Wagner, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Ty Cobb and others were present. Mr. Mack received checks for \$5000 & \$7500 as presents. Then they played a night game with the Yankees and lost 1-0. 29000 fans attended.

Rex Cecil, Red Sox recruit, from Pacific coast league hurrying to Boston by plane was put off by priority in Arizona finally arrived to see his first major league game, got in it as relief pitcher to win it.

John K. Tener, former big league pitcher, president of National League and Governor of Pennsylvania celebrated his 81st birthday on July 25th. John Lowe, 18 yrs. old, right hand pitcher for New Orleans Delta Rebels, came up with sore arm after pitching 2 no hit games, switched to left hand and won a 5 hitter.

Arne Anderson sets new world record for mile run. Time 4 min. 1.6 sec. He defeated his countryman Gunder Haegg in this race. Haegg's time 4 min. 2 sec. Former record was 4 min. 2.6 sec. made by Anderson in 1943. The 1944 race was run at Stockholm, July 18th. In 1886 the mile run record was 4 min. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec. Made in London by an English runner, W.G. George. Slowly the time was bettered until in 1934 Glenn Cunningham at Princeton made it in 4 min. 6.7 sec. Haegg in 1942 made it in 4 min. 4.6 sec. Then Anderson in 1943 lowered the mark and again in 1944 made a new record.

A nine-hole golf course was completed and opened with Ceremonies on July 24th at the Veteran's Valley Forge General Hospital. Lieut. Comm. Newbold Ely, Jr., of Ambler is the owner of Lena the fox hound mother of the record litter of 23 pups. Well the pups at 7 weeks of age are all well and healthy and uniform. Ely will keep them all and start them fox hunting as a pack when a year old.

Penn University, Swarthmore and many of the colleges started football practice this month. A new organization, the United States Football League has been formed to play professional football.

Yankee Maid, a boy filly, owned by Arch Derby of Wichita, Kansas, won the well known Hambletonian trotting classic on Aug. 9 at Goshen, N. Y. track. Yankee Maid won in two straight heats to carry away an \$18,000 purse.

The National Convention of the Democratic party was held in Chicago July 19 to 22 inc. For President, Mr. Roosevelt was again nominated. Henry Wallace, Vice president during the past four years lost out for renomination in a contest with Senator Harry Truman of Missouri. Mr. Wallace led on the first ballot. Besides Mr. Truman other candidates received a few scattered votes. On the second ballot Truman forged ahead, the favorite sons withdrew, in his favor and he was nominated. The Democrats with the ticket of Roosevelt & Truman will compete for the high offices of President & Vice President of the U.S.A. with Dewey & Bricker the Republican nominees.

The presidential campaign hasn't started, in the form well known to the public, but there is considerable political work going on. The few polls so far taken indicate a close race with a slight edge in Roosevelt's favor at this point.

Mr. Roosevelt took a trip. He left Washington about the middle of July. His train stopped at Chicago while he conferred with Mr. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who was in Chicago for the Convention. Mr. Roosevelt did not attend the Convention but proceeded on his way. Then he was nominated and made his acceptance speech by Radio from the San Diego, Calif., Navy Yard. He was on a tour as Commander-in-Chief. Nothing more was known of his whereabouts until Aug. 12th when he made a radio report of his trip. He had just returned from Pearl Harbor, Aleutian Islands and Alaska to Bremerton, Wash., Navy Yard. No further word of his location has up to this time (Aug. 15th) been made public.

HIT PARADE

July 29

	<u>August 5</u>	<u>August 12</u>
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2. I'll Be Seeing You	2. Long Ago & Far Away	2. Amour
3. Long Ago & Far Away	3. Amour	3. Swinging on a Star
4. Swinging on a Star	4. I'll Get By	4. I'll Get By
5. I'll Get By	5. Swinging on a Star	5. Long Ago & Far Away
6. Time Waits for No One	6. Milkman Keeps Those	6. I'll Walk Alone
7. Goodnight Wherever You Are	7. Bottles Quiet	7. Milkman, etc.
8. Milkman, etc.	7. Time Waits for No One	8. Time Waits For No
9. It Could Happen to You	8. San Fernando Valley	One
	9. Goodnight Wherever, etc.	

Pfc. Frank J. King, somewhere in France, recently wrote to his folks and remarked that he might be traveling the same ground and seeing the same towns his father saw in the World War 1. Frank, Jr., is attached to the Band of Hdqs. Co. of the 8th Infantry Division, but since he has been in France, has done everything but play in the band. His father, the well known Frank J. King, of King & Betz Store, was a Sergeant in Battery B. of the 313th Field Artillery. Mr. King had three weeks training at Camp Lee, Va., and then sailed in May, 1918, for France. His outfit landed at Bordeaux and after a five day rest, moved on to Redon, where they had some real training. From here they traveled up through Brittany to the Battle Front and went into action at Verdun. For his service here Mr. King received his French medal. After Verdun, the 313th F.A., served in the Meuse-Argonne Campaign and were crossing the Meuse River when the Armistice was signed. The King family has five sons serving in this war. Besides Frank, Jr., there is M/Sgt. Charles F. King with Hdqs. 99th Inf. Div., stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas. Sgt. Harold L. King, in Africa with a Supply and Service Sqd., C.A.F.D. - A.T.C. Cpl. Richard W. King, with a Joint Assault Signal Co, Dick went to France on D-day, completed his mission and was returned to England. He is now stationed with a Naval Shore Fire Control. Pvt. Edgar A. King, is with an Infantry Training Bn. at Camp Croft, S.C., and has almost completed his basic training.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

The first letter received this month is from Cpl. John R. Fluck, who writes, "Maybe you would like to know that I received Newsletter #20 in the first mail I got in France and it made very good reading in my foxhole." John's letter was dated June 29th. Since receiving this letter, we have learned that his outfit, the 44th Field Artillery, helped capture Cherbourg.

T/S Wilbert H. Landes, this month, marks his second year of Service in Alaska. He was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal. In a previous letter he mentioned that he was sharing his Newsletter with two others, and we asked for their names. Wilbert tells us they are T/S Dominick Scalfaro and Pfc. Maynard Hunsberger. Their friends will be glad to hear this and we send our best wishes to them, as well as Wilbert.

Pfc. George L. Cottrell, of the 3rd Marine Division, is a new addition to our mailing list and his friends will be interested to know he is out in the Pacific area. He writes that he found four from his class in High School mentioned in the News Letter. We wonder who they are and wish he would tell us. He also asked for Walt Wyrostek's address which we have sent to him. George writes, "There is an Island here that is

the nearest to perfect for swimming and sun bathing that I have seen. There are no mosquitoes and the whole Island is as clean as a pin." Recently he has had time for sports, which helps to keep him in good physical condition.

Pvt. Drayton C. Robb, is in France, and says "Mostly, I can be found near, or in, a hole in the ground!" He thinks France might be a nice place in peace time, but now, you fellows who are there, know what it is like, and the rest of us can imagine. Drayton wishes he had paid more attention to his French in school, but we are sure our boys in France will get along quite well, and come home with some weird dialects.

Thomas C. Hughes, A.R.M.3/c reports progress with their base on Admiralty Island, out in the Southwest Pacific. He says their Island is very nice despite its former occupants. It is beginning to look like civilization. They have a museum with captured Jap contraband; hundreds of pictures of high ranking officials and scenes that took place during the campaign. Tom says, "to see the equipment is like looking at an antique Shop." One of his pet souvenirs is a letter written by someone in Japan to a Jap soldier. The natives are very friendly and speak "pig English", which our boys use in their huts. Tom's comment—"Gosh, what Miss Bork at High School would say!" He is very anxious to catch up on news of his buddies and the latest Hit Parade results, as his last Newsletter was the April issue. We hope Tom's mail has caught up with him by this time.

Pvt. Winfield N. Stong, "Somewhere in England" wrote a very nice letter. In our June Newsletter we told Newt Howard's story of his laundry problems and his clothes always having "Tattle tale gray" color. Winny says he agrees with Newt and "no matter how long you boil, scrub and labor--still no white color to them". Winny has a laundry problem of his own. He says you are lucky to find an electric iron around when you want it, so he and another fellow share an old flat iron this way - "I gather up my equipment and clothes and go up to the shop where I work and heat the flat iron up with a welding torch. It's a lot easier than starting a fire in a stove and quicker also." Winny is still interested in motor cycles and hopes to continue that "hobby" after the "big argument is over". Winny sends his "regards to all the fellows throughout the different theaters of operations".

Pvt. Thomas Queenan, has been in North Africa with a Chemical Company for nearly two years, and has met only one fellow from Abilene. He did not say who it was. Thomas says, "Tell all of my friends, that I am still doing fine as ever, and tell all the boys and girls in the Service, I said hello."

Cpl. George Camburn, writes from India. He is with the "Air Transport Command," whose main job is to get supplies into China and Burma. George is Chief Clerk of the Warehouse, on his "shift". He has six Indian Clerks to help him in the Office and about forty "wags or coolies", who do the moving of the cargo. He says, "Trying to keep an eye on them and see that everything else is running smoothly, is quite some job. "Sometimes we get so busy here, we don't know whether we're coming or going." George has met a cousin, contacted Nathan Fry, known where Ralph Bishop is located and hopes to see him. George has a little confession to make and we hope you fellows won't immediately ask for transfers. He writes, "To be very honest, we have it very nice. When we get up in the morning our bearer makes our beds and always keeps our room swept clean. Whenever we come in through the day and our shoes are muddy, he cleans them off. He'll even shine them. If we want our shirts or trousers taken to the tailor,--just call the bearer. Honestly what little it costs to have a bearer, it's worth every cent of it and they really need all the money they earn." Nevertheless, George would exchange this for "a swell little place called Ambler."

Paul B. Jones, S 1/c U.S.N.C.R., "Somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands" is carrying on as usual and in his spare time, trying to contact any Amblerites who come his way. He has just located Hugh Lynch, Y 3/c of the Seabees, who is where Paul was several months ago. Paul, Hugh and Don Angeny entered Boot Camp together. Don is in New Guinea. Paul would be very glad to have any of our boys contact him, whenever they are near him. Also, if any one would like Paul's address, just ask us for it.

Robert H. Davies, A.M.M. 2/c, of the U.S.S. "Coral Sea", wrote to us on July 4th. A nice way to celebrate. He had another visit with his brother LeRoy, this time for six hours. He also had a short visit with Bob Broughton. Later, we heard that Andy Dressler had visited Bob's boat and they had a chance to talk. Bob seems to be more successful in meeting the boys, than the most of the "landlubbers".

Albert A. Dummeldinger, Mus.1/c, Hawaiian Islands, writes, "Correction please. In the last Newsletter you mentioned Tom (Tom Jeaver) and I having over two years out here. That is right for Tom, but I passed my three year mark a couple of months ago;" Si Tom left the Islands for Saipan and other points down that way, I am missing him very much. They used to meet regularly, play tennis and go to the beach. Al likes the Hit Parade section of the Newsletter. He thinks that is true, because he is a musician. He says, "Our band is really in the groove", and we are kept plenty busy playing for dances." If they are lucky, he thinks their band may be in the States for Christmas.

We are very glad to have a letter from Sgt. John (Bud) Dailey. He still has his sense of humor and his letter indicates he is well and in good spirits. Evidently, he is still in France, although his letter did not give us this information.

On Sunday, July 30th, we had two calls. The first was Pvt. Albert C. Fluck, spending the weekend in Ambler, on pass from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. He is studying heavy artillery maintenance with an Ordnance Training Regt. Albert has always made guns his hobby and is, therefor, very interested in his work. After he completes this class, he hopes to continue with the advanced courses. Albert also gave us his new address, which we appreciate.

Shortly after Albert left, Pvt. Frank P. Berry, came in. He is stationed at Edenton, N. C., with the Hdq. Sqd. of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Service. He is working with a Crash Crew and most of the time, is out taking care of emergency jobs.

We were very glad to have the boys come in and visit with us, and hope more of you will do this when you are in Ambler.

It is not always our Service boys who write, we receive letters from the wives, too. Mrs. H. L. Hutchison, Jr. wrote to give us the Staff Sergeant's new address. He is still at Camp Blanding, Fla., but was assigned to the 4417th Service Command Unit. Now, to bring you up to date with the news. S/Sgt. H. L. Hutchison, Jr. and Miss Helen Nightingale were married July 6th at a church in Gainesville, Fla. Miss Florence Lester and a friend of Hutch from camp attended them. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Daytona and St. Petersburg, then returned to Gainesville, where they are living. Mrs. Hutchison formerly taught at our Matthias Sheeligh School, and her friend, Miss Lester, taught at Ft. Washington. We all extend our good wishes for their future happiness.

William G. Williams, Sr., Sl/c of the U.S.S. Niobrara, is out with the Pacific Fleet. He says they have been very busy and successful out there. Due to the strict censorship, he can tell nothing about his ship or his travels. Bill is always on the lookout for faces from Ambler, but so far has met none. Perhaps our boys with the Pacific Fleet who get around, could contact Bill sometime. Recently he received his rating of S 1/c and was assigned to the Bridge. He finds this very interesting work. He extends "good luck to all of the Ambler Service men."

Ralph L. Amey, SoMH 3/c seems to receive his mail after some delay. In July he received his May Newsletter. He is Somewhere in the Pacific Theatre of Operations and spends his leisure hours with music. He sings in an octet at church.

A/C Wm. R. Lunn, at Maxwell Field, Ala., says they are working fairly hard. It is not very exciting at this stage, as it is ground work, but he says, "Just you wait until we get upstairs again!" Bill is always very interested in all of you and wishes you the best of luck wherever you are. He says, "Ambler is well

represented in all theatres of operations, and the girls and boys are all over this old globe of ours". Bill always has "644 Club" as a heading to his letters, and we asked him what it meant. He says it started back in Courtland, Ala. Their Barracks was No. 644 and ten of them were there so long, they became attached to the place. More fellows moved in and they were sociable, so they all became very friendly and decided to arrange a Club for after the War. Two of the fellows have the names and addresses of those interested. They now have a membership of forty. Sounds interesting, doesn't it?

Capt. Wm. R. Maxson is stationed at Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio, Texas. He is an instructor there and says, "Our B-26 training program is going at full speed and we are turning out combat pilots as rapidly as we are able." Recently, he flew from Texas with his students on a navigation training trip, and landed at our Willow Grove Naval Air Station. This gave him the opportunity to visit his folks, who are living near Glenside

Pvt. Michael Angelillis, Jr., has almost finished his basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga. His friends, Angelo Bruno and James Belleita are still with him and they are having some fun together. They are having two weeks of maneuvers and then, hope for a furlough. Mike is still enthusiastic about Camp Stewart. He says the food is good and the Georgia heat gives him an appetite. They have a "swell bunch of fellows and also officers" and are planning to have a party when their training is over. Mike sends his "regards to all".

Pfc. Frank T. Fertsch, wrote to correct a statement we made in our July Newsletter. We said Frank had been home on furlough. However, due to the way the Army does things,--Frank had his bags all packed and ready to leave the afternoon of July 3rd. Their leave was cancelled and instead, that afternoon, they were shipped elsewhere. Frank is going to a Central Instructor School at Laredo, Texas. It is a five week course and will acquaint him with the proper methods of instructing gunners. When he finishes this course, he will go to a base where he will instruct gunners for our new Super-fortress, the B-29. Frank considers it a privilege to be assigned to the B-29s, and we think he deserves to be congratulated. As Laredo, Texas, is only about 100 yds. from Mexico, with a bridge over the Rio Grande to connect the two countries, Frank is taking advantage of this, and has visited Mexico several times. He finds it very interesting and an experience he wouldn't miss for the world.

Mrs. Daniel W. Stevens wrote to give us her husband's new address. Daniel had been in Detroit, taking a course with the Chevrolet Motor Co. Then he had a furlough at home, and now, he is stationed at an Army Air Field, at Smyrna, Tenn.

Robert J. Broughton, A.M.M.F.3/c has returned from the New Hebrides, out in the Pacific. When he reached San Diego, he was fortunate enough to get plane passage to New York and arrived

in Ambler, Friday night, August 4th, sporting a beautiful Gay 90's mustache. The mustache only survived a few days in Ambler. Bob has been to call and looks very well. He brought back some very interesting pictures of the natives and a box of shells and coral he had gathered. These things are fascinating to the home folks, particularly, the "cat's eyes". The engagement of Bob and Doris Grabert was recently announced, so he considers himself very fortunate to be able to spend his 30 days here at this time. Doris is training to be a nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. At the end of his leave, Bob will report at Alameda, Calif.

Sgt. Thomas E. Weaver, now stationed on the Island of Saipan, says the Japanese people are poor, the countryside alright and the Japanese souvenirs worth hunting for, but he will be glad to get back to civilization. Tom spent about two years on Oahu, and misses the life he enjoyed there.

Paul Ferla, Mus. 3/c, after being stationed at Bainbridge, Md., for a long time, was recently transferred to California. Paul played in the band, and the entire band, composed of 21 men, were sent to the Navy's Fleet School of Music at San Diego. Here they are taking a refresher course, and upon completion, they will be assigned to either a ship or a foreign base. Paul found the train trip to California very interesting and when he arrived in San Diego, he was met by his friend Ralph E. Vandegrift, C.M.2/c. Ralph was at Bainbridge and had gone to San Diego before Paul. He is with the U.S.N.R.U. and they are both at the U.S. Naval Repair Base. They are planning a trip to Los Angeles and "Hollywood".

Pvt. William L. Kilson recently enjoyed a furlough in Ambler and returned to Keesler Field, Miss., where he expects to stay for some time. The weather down there is quite hot, with the temperature staying over 100° most of the time. William writes, "I'm glad to read that so many Ambler fellows have enjoyed leaves and furloughs in the last month, and hope that more will be granted the privilege. I also was interested in reading about two of my old school mates, Dick Slayton and Don Betts."

We were very glad to hear from Stewart Irvin Woodward, S 1/c, of the U.S. Naval Armed Guard aboard the S.S. Thomas F. Cunningham, with the Atlantic Fleet. There is very little Woody can tell about, except to say it is very hot. The temperature is about 120° in the sun and 110° in the shade.

In time, to be included in this Newsletter, we received a letter from T/Sgt. Newt Howard. The letter is most interesting and Newt made two drawings. One is of an LST landing and the other of his "home", which is a tree with an inflated air mattress under it. The mattress was made out of life belts brought along from the beach. The drawings are exceptionally good and professional looking. Newt is in the Hdq. Btry of the 110th AAA Gun Bn (MBL) and went over to France with the Invasion Forces. A reporter from

the Newark News went with them and Ernie Pyle spent two days with them after they got ashore, and gave them a nice write-up. Their battalion is credited with bringing down the first enemy plane on the Continent. They have continued to bring them down nightly, so "the skys aren't so full of them anymore." They are doing other things besides ack-ack work. In their spare time, they knock out bridges, which holds up the German retreat. Newt says "the kids are learning to speak English quicker than we're learning to speak French". They went for a ride in a jeep one day and before they realized it, they were too close to a bridge. The French civilians tried to tell them it was being shelled. Finally a woman said "Zing....Boom" and made motions with her hands. The boys gave her their French book and they picked out the words "heavy guns". Another day, Newt went through some of the German pill boxes along the coast. The walls are about four feet thick and are placed so that every spot on the beach was completely covered. He says "it's a miracle that we ever got in." Newt, like all of us, had always heard about the mud of France, and says "it is even worse than I thought it would be". The day Newt wrote this letter he reports they had "ice cream" for supper and a movie--"Shine On, Harvest Moon". The movie house--an old barn near by, and the seats--their helmets. Newt is on the look-out for Amblerites. We hope some of you meet as there are many in France.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman M. Dunsmore, their sons, Norman, Jr., and Jimmy, and Bernice Orne left Ambler on Monday, Aug. 7th and traveled by train to Pleasant Point, Maine, where they will spend their vacation. Rev. Dunsmore reports the fishing has been fairly successful so far. They have had two flounder dinners, with blueberry pie for dessert. He expected to go out and dig some clams and was planning to have a clam bake that night. The clams were to be cooked Indian style--with hot stones in a big pit.

Rev. Dunsmore sends his best wishes to you and the following message:

An ideal is something which, although hard to define, yet gives strength and courage to go on--especially when the going is hard. I have always admired Paul, and am sure you have too. He went ahead despite being beaten with rods, put in jail, stoned, shipwrecked, belittled and misunderstood. But Paul endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

You who now are in our nation's service strive toward a great ideal--that of a world of freedom and justice. Despite those who jeer and belittle, who say it cannot be done, keep on--have the ideal in your heart, and it will show in your life. "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, for the Lord God it is who doth go with thee."

Again, this vacation month, we are grateful to Nancy Walker for her help with the writing.

While concluding this letter today, Aug. 15th, we are listening to the radio news of the Invasion of Southern France. Reports of successes in these enormous, complicated endeavors make us glad, because it encourages us to believe the strides bringing peace are more rapid and the home-coming of our boys nearer.

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

News Letter No. 24

92 Bethlehem Pike,
Ambler, Pa.
September 16, 1944.

Dear

Here I am back in Ambler again saying Hello and sending greetings to you wherever you are. (I hope Eleanor won't sue me for I understand "Goodnight Wherever You are" has been dedicated to her").

There have been many changes and much action in the theaters of war since June when I left for my sojourn in Charleston. The war news is more encouraging every day. It is amazing to read of the undiminishing speed with which you in the Allied Forces are racing ahead. There are more and more signs of optimism everywhere. The fact that the lights are on in London after 5 years of blackouts and darkness is in itself a symbol of victory for those who have waited so long for freedom and peace. If all this continues you will not need the News Letter many more months for you will be home again. Then the tables will be turned and we shall expect you to do the narrating.

Time flies and it is difficult to realize that we mailed our first News Letter two years ago this month. Some of you no doubt remember that letter in which we explained the purpose of our project and asked for your reactions to the plan. It was very apparent that it met with your approval for immediately we began receiving letters of appreciation and gratitude. Our first letter was mailed to 34 men and women in the armed services who were members of the Presbyterian Church. This, our twenty-fourth letter, will be sent to 211 men and women who are members and friends of the church. It has grown into such a large project that it is impossible for any one person to prepare the Letter. The work is shared by many all of whom get much pleasure from assisting in its preparation. We are happy to know that you continue to enjoy its contents. We derive pleasure in getting it ready for you each month.

Ambler Schools opened on Wednesday, September 6, and morning sessions only were held during the first week. Most of the teachers remain the same. Mr. George Taylor of Philadelphia and a Temple graduate has been appointed to the high school faculty.

Much interest is being shown in Night football, the first in the history of the school. Four night games will be played on Friday evenings. Installation of lighting equipment was

authorized at the August meeting of the Ambler Board of Education and the school is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the lights. John Meyers, who has recently been in foreign service with the Red Cross, will return as head coach. Fred Volp who joined the Ambler faculty a year ago will assist him. Sometime recently, Mr. Kunsman must have had a finger in the game for we notice that one finger is in a splint which is said to have been broken in football practice. A varsity, Junior High and 110 lb. team have been organized in football. Both varsity and junior high teams are being organized in hockey. The use of the high school football field has been granted to the Ambler Liberty Sporting Club for Saturday night games.

Miss Sara Pyle has been appointed principal of the Mattison Avenue school.

And now for some Local News:

T/4 Walter Dotts, Gwynedd Valley, arrived home August 20th for a 21 day leave. He was home on the rotation plan having spent 28 months in Australia, New Guinea and the Horne Islands. Most of the time was spent in the jungles of Australia. He was never fortunate enough to find anyone from Ambler. At the present time he is at a rest camp in Ashville, N. C. where he soon expects to be reassigned to another station.

Lt. James P. Keane of Penllyn, a fighter pilot and member of the Pioneer Mustang Group of the Ninth Air Force, is home on a 30 day leave. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross. He expects to be sent back overseas for further duty. T/Sgt. John Ganjamie is in Station Hospital, Camp Polk, La. with a broken neck as a result of a training camp accident. Flight Officer Francis J. McCabe is undergoing final training at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Col. preceding his assignment to a U.S. Army Air Forces fighter unit overseas. Pfc. Norman Mortimer was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge on April 23, 1944, while serving with the 180th infantry in Italy.

Ambler is one of the five communities in Montgomery County to receive an award for its protection of pedestrian traffic. The certificate was presented to Chief of Police, Lester J. Carpenter. We are very proud of the fact that Ambler has not had a pedestrian fatality in 7 years.

Lt. John J. Hatch of Whitemarsh has been missing since August 5, 1944. He was a Thunderbolt fighter pilot and held the air medal with one oak leaf cluster for "meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Europe." He is credited with the destruction of four enemy aircraft. His brother, Pvt. Lewis Hatch, Jr. is at Keesler Field to take examination which will determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

We congratulate Ensign Ben Towne on his engagement to Miss Ruth Herrmann of Ferguson, Mo. Ben has reported for duty at Jacksonville, Fla. after being home on leave for 11 days. He is to serve as an instructor in dive bombing. Major J. Ivan Dufur, Jr. has been awarded the Air Medal in recognition of "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of War." He is attached to a bomber wing in England.

The engagement of Corp. Lydia M. Snowden, WAC, Gwynedd Valley, to Pvt. Edward L. Bishop, Jr. U.S.A. of Bronxville, N. Y. has been announced.

Ambler's Salvage Collection of waste paper and rags totaled 13,000 lbs. on August 19th, 5,000 over the amount collected in July. Miss Helen Schule, former teacher at the Mattison Ave. school, who is now in the Red Cross, has been assigned to a position as recreational consultant in the Red Cross Office at Atlanta, Ga.

A special staff has been busy in Norristown mailing military ballots to those in the armed services. They will be mailed twice daily until the full 17000 have been sent. Ballots must be marked by November 7 and returned to the county election board by November 22.

James S. Meyers has been promoted to technician 4/C. He is an army cook who has served overseas since April 7, 1942. Sgt. Renaldo Rotelli has completed a special 4 weeks course at Barksdale Field, La. and after spending a week with his family returned to his former station at Gorven Field, Boise, Idaho.

Albert Brenneman has entered the Williamson Trade School. Before leaving, he was given a farewell dinner party by Harvey B. Allen, Jr. and his parents. "Bob" Broughton, AMF3/C after spending a 30 day leave at his home, left August 28th for the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Cal. Cadet Howard J. Dager, Jr., U.S. Military Academy, is back at West Point after participating in the annual maneuvers of West Point cadets held at Pine Camp, N.Y. Pvt. Robert F. Della Loggia has moved from Maxwell Field, Ala. to Courtland Field, Ala. There are now 585 names on the Ambler Honor Roll.

Miss Nellie Roberts of Ridge Ave. recently received a V-Mail letter from Dr. Daniel Poling, noted Philadelphia Baptist minister, telling about seeing her nephew, Petty Officer Donald P. Roberts, MOMM1/C. Donald left for foreign duty more than a year ago and has been stationed at Sydney, Australia, for sometime. Dr. Poling reported him as looking fit and fine and in very good spirits. Donald's name has just been added to our mailing list.

Recently some of us had the pleasure of seeing the D.F.C. and Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters which "Jerry" Davis sent home. The citation read as follows: "The DFC was cited for extraordinary achievement while serving as engineer gunner on a B-26 air plane in 25 bombardment missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Sergeant Davis' dauntless bravery and steadfast devotion to duty were of unestimable value in the successful culmination of these missions. His noteworthy skill and splendid sense of cooperation reflect the highest tradition of the Army Air Force." Jerry has made 37 missions in all. He is with the 9th Air Force in France and his last letter home was written by candlelight in old German barracks. The Germans had destroyed all electrical equipment.

Sgt. Albert Phipps is in the England General Hospital, Atlantic City recovering from stomach wounds received while in combat in the South Pacific. Harry Wood is now a Staff Sergeant. Joseph G. Boland has received his appointment as a Flight Officer. He graduated from the AAF Central Flying Training Command's Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Texas on August 4th and received the wings of the AAF Combat pilots. His brother, Lt. James Boland is in France. His sister, 2nd Lt. Julia Boland, is with the Army Nurse Corps in France. Lt. John Borwind, having returned from service outside the United States, is now at the Redistribution Station, Miami Beach awaiting his next assignment. As a B-17 pilot, he flew 31 missions during 5 months in the European theater, winning the DFC and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

We hear a few Moron Jokes occasionally:

There was the moron who thought a goblet was a sailor's baby.

Also there was the little moron who didn't write a book about the modern bathing suit because he couldn't get enough material.

Three small boys were bragging about the prowess of their dads. The first boy said, "My dad writes out a few short lines on a paper, calls it a poem, sends it away and gets ten dollars for it."

"My dad," spoke up the second, "makes some dots on a piece of paper, calls it a song, sends it away and gets twenty-five dollars for it."

"That's nothing," declared the third boy, "my father writes out a sermon on a sheet of paper, gets up in the pulpit and reads it and it takes four men to bring in the money."

Dear Ma: I joined the Navy because I admired the way that the ships were kept so clean and tidy. But I never knew until this week who keeps them so clean and tidy.

Passing Parade: My tires aren't so good anymore, the air is beginning to show through.

Teacher: "A collision is two things coming together unexpectedly. Willie, give me an example."

Willie: "Twins."

Let's get back to the News:

Cadet Henry Deens graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy on Saturday, August 26.

Corporal Ralph N. Priest, Jr., Gwynedd Valley, arrived home in July for a 20 day furlough after spending 17 months in the Pacific. He was in Radio Communications with the 4th Marine Raid Battalion and saw much action. He is home with medical return and at the present time is at Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he is studying at a School of Advanced Radio Communications. Before returning to the States, Ralph spent two months in a Guadalcanal Hospital.

S/Sgt. Max Zebich, with the XIV Corps Service Command somewhere in the southwest Pacific, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He has previously served at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and in the Northern Solomons campaign. William Bowers, now stationed at Presque Isle, Maine, has been promoted to sergeant. John L. Hansell, with the American Red Cross, has been appointed field director at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. He will be in charge of the Red Cross activities at this base.

Rev. John J. Stoudt, Ph.D., newly elected pastor of Boehm's Reformed Church, was installed on Sunday, September 3rd. Rev. Stoudt, who formerly resided in Allentown, was a chaplain in the army until discharged for medical reasons.

We congratulate Clifford Martin, Jr. of the Army Air Forces on his promotion to first lieutenant. He is located at Craig Field, Selma, Ala. He received his promotion on his birthday, Aug. 28.

The wedding of Miss Verna Bock of Collegeville and Ensign J. William Ditter, Jr. took place Saturday, Sept. 2nd. at the St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe. Miss Mabel Ditter was maid of honor. Ensign Ditter, accompanied by his bride, will return to New Orleans on Sept. 18 where he is stationed at the Algiers Naval Station.

Lt. Edward Cope, who has served in the Army Ground Forces for the past 2½ years will be released from the Armored School at Fort Knox, Ky. on September 26 and revert to inactive status. He will be subject to recall if necessary.

Pfc. Donald Jones was killed while fighting with the Second Marine Division in the Marianas. As yet his parents have not learned the date of his death. He was sent overseas in February and came through the battle of Saipan safely.

Pvt. Robert D. Rainey was wounded in Normandy on July 14. He received injuries to his leg but expects to return to active duty soon. Sgt. John Rainey is in Italy and Corp. James Rainey is at Saipan. Pvt. Martin W. Morris has been wounded. He is somewhere in the Central Pacific area.

John Mullahy is attending V.M.I under the Army Specialist Training Program; his brother, George is taking advanced naval cadet training at Columbia University and another brother, Thomas, is a medical specialist at Rockford, Ill. The latter has been spending a week with his parents.

Y3/C Ruth Wood, who has been at Stillwater, Okla., recently left for her new assignment at Cape May Navy Base after spending a few days leave at her home.

It is with deep regret that we have learned of the death of Pfc. George Cottrell, U.S.M. who was killed in action on July 21 during the battle of Guam. He left for overseas duty six months ago and would have celebrated his 21st birthday on August 21st.

Pvt. Michael Mastromatto is recovering at a station hospital in England after being injured in France while he was giving medical treatment to wounded soldiers along the main road to St. Lo. He was struck by shrapnel, from an 88 mm howitzer shell. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He expects to rejoin his unit in a few weeks. His brother, Carl, was shot down over German held territory sometime before August 28th but through the aid of Italians escaped.

Ambler A. C. won the Softball Championship. In a recent game with Norristown, Coach Robert King stepped into the lime-light in the beginning of the seventh inning with Ambler trailing by a one run margin to hit a three baser which sent Miller home from first base. King scored later on a wild throw. The Ambler Club won 3-2.

Miss Claire Brenneman became the bride of William J. Kleinfelder, Jr. in a quiet ceremony performed at the Manse on Labor Day, Sept. 4th at 4 P.M. Rev. Norman Dunsmore officiated. After the ceremony, the bridal party had a wedding supper at the Howard Johnson restaurant. They spent a week's honeymoon at Ocean City, N. J. and are now residing at Forrest Ave. at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Albert Brenneman.

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Gear who has spent 27 mos. on the Figi Islands telephoned home from San Francisco on Sept. 3rd. He expects to reach Ambler Sept. 20th for a furlough. A/S John F. Keator has begun his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. Sgt. and Mrs. R. N. Deck are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, Carol Sue, on August 5th. They are living at Phoebus, Va. Sgt. Deck is stationed at Ft. Monroe.

2nd Lt. Donald Bett's has moved from Colombia Army Air Base, S. C. to Warrensburg, Mo. S/Sgt. George W. Rourke has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is one of the vital "Keep em flying" personnel commended by higher headquarters for support of the hard hitting mustang pilots. Grant Buchanan, S1/C AMM, stationed in Florida, has been visiting his parents. Franklin Wright, Sgt. Daniel Bruder, Ala., Corp. Domenic Ciliberto, S/Sgt. Charles Flanagan, Walla Walla, Wash. and Albert Friel have visited their parents recently.

Ensign David Hellings after spending a leave at his home has reported at Seattle, Wash. to go to Pre-Commissioning School. Allan Taylor, U.S. Coast Guard, has been promoted to Petty Officer. His rating is now FC3/C. At present he is stationed on the U.S.S. Muskegon at the Phila. Navy Yard. Pfc. Russell Benigno has been transferred from Camp Ross, New Orleans to a Pre-Action Training Battalion at Camp Gordon, Johnson, Fla. Roscoe L. Smith, PhM1/C received in June a citation "for meritorious service under enemy fire in his profession during an attack on an enemy held island in the West Central Pacific." It was signed by Admiral Nimitz of the Pacific Fleet. He has sent home a Japanese Battle Flag which he picked up. "Bob" Gerhart has been promoted to seaman first class. Frederick DiSantis with an AAG Battalion has moved from Long Island to Camp Stewart, Ga. Sgt. J. J. Bonfigillio who is with the air service in the ETO has been added to our list. Pvt. Robert G. ("Bob") Kern arrived home on furlough Sept. 10th.

Here are some of the High Lights in Sports:

Standings of baseball teams including games played on Sept. 16th:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
St. Louis	96	43	St. Louis	77	62
Pittsburg	81	57	Detroit	76	62
Cincinnati	78	59	New York	76	62
Chicago	64	73	Boston	74	65
New York	63	75	Cleveland	66	73
Brooklyn	57	81	Phila.	65	75
Boston	56	81	Chicago	63	76
Phila.	55	81	Washington	59	81

Note American League - St. Louis leads by half a game - Detroit and New York tied for second place. Boston in fourth place just 3 games behind St. Louis. These teams have 15 or 16 games left to play. Very interesting.

Baseball

The World Series will open in St. Louis, where the Nationals have the pennant clinched, on Oct. 4th. St. Louis, American Leag team is only big league team never to win a pennant. In 1922

they had a powerful batting team, led their league in batting and Geo. Sisler, an outstanding star was their first baseman with a batting average of .420. They lost to the Yankees by one game that time. This year, St. Louis Americans are in seventh place in league batting, do not have the leading pitchers. On the other hand, they have a well balanced team and all of their remaining games will be played at home. The Phillies last in the National League standing, 39½ games behind the league leading St. Louis Cardinals are talking of a new manager for next season. Freddy Fitzsimmons is well liked and may be retained. Many question if anyone could have done better with the line-up of this year. Club owners have not yet announced decision. The Phillies have signed two young players, one 16, another 17 years old. Chief Bender, st pitcher for A'S 35 years ago, now at 61 is batting practice hurler for his old team. Pitches half hour daily.

Football

Eastern Intercollegiate Football Ass'n changes rules of the game. Forward passing from any point behind line of scrimmage and advances on fumbles are considered most important of six changes. Coach Munger of Penn and Morrison of Temple foresee an opened-up, more colorful game, as result of rules change. The Phila. Inquirer Charities sponsored a football game at Shibe Park between Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh-Steelers-Chicago Cardinals combination. Eagles won 22-0. Bucknell defeats Muhlenborg, the favorite, 24-7 in football game, one of the early college games of the season.

Track

At Stockholm, Anderson defeats Haegg in 1500 meter run. Time 3 min. 49.6 sec. which is 6.6 sec. slower than world record. Anderson again beat Haegg in 2000 meter race. Time 5 min. 12.6 sec. The record held by Haegg is 5:11.8. Then in the 3000 meter race, Anderson topped Haegg again. Time 8 min. 21 sec. These races were run on different days.

Tennis

Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio, 17, wins National Junior Girls tennis championship at Phila. Cricket Club. She defeated Louise Snow of California in finals. Sgt. Frankie Parker. wins Men's National Singles Tennis Championship at Forest Hills, N. Y. He beat Bill Talbert of Indianapolis in the final. McNeil and the famous Pancho Segura were also contestants. Parker now an army sergeant stationed at Muroc Field, Calif. won the boys national title in 1931 and now can boast of being the only player who ever won all major events,

Golf

Jug McSpaden eliminated in third round of 26th Annual P.G.A. Golf Tournament by a newcomer, Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind.

McSpaden, top money winner of '44, caused surprise by his defeat but then in the final, Hamilton defeated Byron Nelson for the title of 1944 National P.G.A. Golf Champion. Hamilton, 28, was playing for first time in this tournament. The upset considered biggest reversal in the 26 championships. Byron Nelson later in August won the All-American Open at Tam-O'Shanter Chicago. Nelson's 280 was eight under par for 72 holes. Hamilton didn't play. McSpaden was ninth with 289. Byron Nelson wins again. This time the Nashville Invitational. Score 269-McSpaden 2nd, 270,-Bob Hamilton 3rd, 273. And again Nelson with 276 wins Texas Victory Open at Dallas. McSpaden second with 286. Hamilton didn't play.

Swimming

Ann Curtis of San Francisco sets U.S. swim meet mark by winning four titles. Described as lovely blonde, said to be only woman ever to win four national free style swimming titles. 100 - 400 - 800 - and 1500 meters were the distances.

Horses

Inspired by wins of his horse, Triplicate, Fred Astaire plans to start horse breeding farm. Garden State Park, Camden, reports successful season at end of 50 day meet. Over 58 million wagered in the mutuals. High was Labor Day attendance 30,167, with wagering record of \$1,881,335. State of New Jersey benefited to the extent of \$2,328,000.

Miscellaneous

Government lifts ban on ammunition for hunters because of wide spread damage in all parts of country to crops and live-stock by wild life.

After watching the Navy play all sports for 2 years, the Army steps up buying of sports goods. Army chiefs have set up special command to carry out far reaching plan. Sports in soldier camps will be emphasized home and abroad.

- HIT PARADE -

Aug. 9th

1. Amour
2. Swinging on a Star
3. I'll Be Seeing you
5. I'll Get by
6. Long Ago & Far Away
7. I'll Walk Alone
8. It Could happen to You
9. Is You. Is or Is You Ain't

Sept. 3

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Sept. 17

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Nonsense

"Why do mermaids always stay near shore?" "'Cause that's where all the buoys are."

The moon affects the tide and the untied.

An ultra modern woman is one who, seeing a wolf at the door, is reminded that she needs a new fur coat.

S1/C: "And how do you like the Navy?"

S2/C: "Fine, it keeps your mind off the war."

You may have heard about the bride who cried all night because her husband was out shooting craps and she didn't know how to cook them.

Arithmetic Teacher: "If there were Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones and the baby, how many were there?"

Johnny: "Two and one to carry."

"And do you love me so much that you would do anything in the world for me?"

"I love you so much," he answered, "That, for you, I would tear myself away from a baseball game in the 9th inning with the score tied, two out, and three men on base."

Wee Small Hours

"What business do you think your son will adopt?"

"Can't say, but judging by the hours he keeps, I should say he was naturally intended to be a milkman."

Here is some more news:

2nd Lt. "Dick" Slayton, Jr. has been transferred from Pyote Field, Texas to Briggs Field, Texas. He is co-pilot on a B-17. On August 13, his cousin Corp. "Chic" Willox, stationed at Camp Walters, Texas, traveled 600 miles to vist him. "Chic" stayed at the officers' quarters with Dick the few days he was there and they had a grand time together.

The names of William Earhardt S2/C AOM and Pvt. Francis Earhardt better known as "Eagle" have been added to our mailing list. The latter is somewhere in the E.T.O. "Bill" is located at the Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn. Pvt. Donald Gerhart has moved to another hospital in England - his ankle is progressing very nicely. Pfd. Kenneth E. West has arrived in New Guinea. Pvt. Lambert West has moved from Camp Adair, Oregon, to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. A younger brother, Pvt. Edward West, is receiving his boot training with the Marines at Parris Island, S. C. Robert E. Wind, S2/C (Eddie) who is in the U.S. Coast Guard, is located at the Pere Marquette Firemen's School, Ludington, Mich. where he is in training on a boat for six weeks.

Pfc. "Ted" Dailey is now on the Island of Oahu and since being there has located Carlton Snyder of Gwynedd Valley who has been in the Hawaiian Islands nearly three years.

S/Sgt. John J. (Mickey) McFadden, former industrial league softball twirler at Ambler, carved his niche in the Hendricks Field Hall of Fame recently when he hurled a no-hit, no-run game against the Section C-7 Squad. His personnel team won 3-0. He has been at Hendricks Field 29 months. Mickey, who has charge of preparing the records for men about to be shipped overseas, was the Personnel outfit's ace performer during the Intramural Softball League season which has just closed.

One of the new names on our mailing list is Pfc. James J. Ward who is with the Engineers at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The following have visited their homes in Ambler recently:
Pvt. Hugh Gehman, Shaw Field, Sumter, S.C., Lt. Charles Deuchar, Bainbridge Air Field, Ga., Albert Janney, Corp. James McKinnon, Camp Howze, Texas, Sgt. Garland Childs, Alexandria, La., Kenneth Haldeman, S1/C, Mary Dickinson Y2/C, Washington, D. C., Albert Geyer, Jack Kayser, Garwood Constantine, Jr., Bainbridge, Md., Harry Cullingford, Bainbridge, Md., Pvt. Robert Wood, Ft. Meade, Md., Samuel Jago and Caroline Stott (WAVE) Hunter College.

Pericles Della Loggia, SM3/C, is on a Coast Guard boat nicknamed the "Green Hornet" off the coast of New Guinea in the southwest Pacific. He is very anxious to contact boys from Ambler.

Lt. Amos R. Davis, Jr., better known as "Bob", has left the Valley Forge Hospital and is now located at Camp Stewart, Ga.

One of the worst hurricane in years swept the Atlantic seaboard on September 14th causing \$53,000,000 worth of damage in its wake from N. Carolina to Maine. The New Jersey coast was hardest hit. Boardwalks were torn up and all of Atlantic City's piers were battered. For seven blocks south of Hackney's the boardwalk was stripped clean of planking, railing and lights, leaving nothing but the bare piling standing askew in the sand. Asbury Park, Long Branch and Ocean Grove suffered the worst storm damage in their histories.

Edgar King arrived home from Camp Croft, S. C. on Sept. 15th for a 10 day furlough. He has finished his basic training. Frank King has met a French fellow about his age with whom he has been very congenial. His family who are living in France invited Frank home for dinner recently and treated him quite royally. Frank can understand them fairly well, however, regrets that he did not learn more French while in school. We congratulate Charles King on his engagement to Miss Donna Wolfe of Tulsa, Okla. I believe they became acquainted while she was attending college at Dallas, Texas.

Mr. A. H. Englerth, 63, died Sept. 10th following a year's illness. Having been in the coal business for years, he was well known in this locality.

Louis Goldberg, who has been called twice before the War Price and Rationing Board for violating ceiling price requirements, has signed the pledge to adhere to same.

Felix Ireland has been promoted to first lieutenant. Charles Wittman, who is in the New Guinea area, is now Technician fifth grade. Edward E. Lafferty of Limekiln Pike, Jarrettown, has been promoted to Major. S/Sgt. Charles H. Lee, Gwynedd Valley, who was reported missing for 17 days in July, has been recently home on furlough. He is a nose turret gunner on a B-24 liberator Bomber and has participated in repeated aerial assaults of German Industrial centers throughout southern Europe. His bomber was shot down in Yugoslavia on July 15; the men bailed out but the plane burned. The men were 17 days getting back to their base. He has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, wears the good conduct medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

Albert Fluck, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. has been awarded the expert rifle medal in rifle marksmanship. Distinguished Flying Crosses were presented on Aug. 18 to the entire crew of the 8th AAFB-17 Flying Fortress "Mugwump IV" of which Lt. Charles McCracken is navigator. He is now spending a 7 day furlough in Edinborough, Scotland, after completing 35 missions over Germany. He has been overseas since April, 1944, and was recently awarded the Air Medal. Pvt. Edward Bowers, previously reported missing was killed in action in France on Aug. 13. He was sent overseas in February and was in England until June. Pfc. Frank Fertsch, of Laredo, Texas, is home on furlough. Sgt. Walter C. Sobers, has been transferred from Camp Bowie, Texas to Fort Sill, Okla. Lt. (jg) Heber Meyers, who is stationed at Camp Peary, Va. recently spent a weekend at the home of his parents.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

We received two letters from Pvt. Calvin Ashton, who is "somewhere in the South Pacific" with a Casual Sqd. The first letter told us nothing, except that he was hoping for mail. The second letter came just in time to make this Newsletter. Calvin says his base is located in a wild jungle and naturally full of marshes. The climate is very hot, with occasional showers. There are all sorts of wild animal life, such as pigs, chickens and lizards. The lizards range in size from a pencil to about that of an M-1 rifle. Calvin claims they are harmless but not pleasant to find in your bed when you retire. He says the natives act shy, but are very experienced in getting what they want from the boys, and can "make change faster than a streetcar conductor". Another favorite stunt, is to ask "a dollar" for anything they wish to sell or barter. Calvin was very interested in reading that Edward West was in the Marines and "wishes him the best of luck in the Service", as they were "school mates and had many a fine day together."

Paul B. Jones, SI/C, with the 3rd U.S. Naval Const. Regt. out in the Pacific, sent two letters and a Special Seabee Labor Day Card. Paul located Sgt. Ed Amey in a nearby camp and had a visit with him. He says Ed "looks the same as ever." As you may remember, Paul tried to have an Ambler Day some time last May. It was not a success, as many of the Amblerites either moved or could not make it. So Paul tried again and as he says, "This one is something to write about." Paul and his cousin, 2nd Lt. Vera Haff, Army Nurse, made the arrangements. They picked Sunday, Aug. 20th, sent messages and had "Miss Fixit" put it in her newspaper column. Those present: - Al Dummeldinger, Vera Haff, Lt. Peterson, Hugh Lynch and Paul. Ed Amey could not come as he moved to another camp. They met at a hotel and the main topic of conversation was "how those in Service from different graduating classes were making out." Hugh Lynch asked especially about Al Martin and Wilson MacIntire. After leaving the hotel, they walked a few blocks to the King's Statue and took some pictures. Then, they took Al back to his camp by jeep, as Al had an early Band practice. They toured Al's camp and report it is "a marvelous place." Paul says, "We all had a swell time." And we believe they did, and wish more of you could do the same thing. If any of you reach Paul's port, just look him up, as he wants to see you. He says many of you come and go. Paul's special message to you is --"The Boys from Ambler are not slackers. Give them my best regards. Good luck fellows."

Thomas C. Hughes, ARM 3/C, was transferred to PATSU on another island in the Admiralty Group. He likes this work better than anything he has been in. As soon as he becomes accustomed to the new radio gear, he hopes to make some test hops. Tommy made a request for Sheet Music, which we were very glad to send him. His choice was a Spike Jones' classic - "Behind those Swinging Doors". Tommy corresponds with Charles Wagner, who is in England. Charles visits Tommy's English relations, who are nearby. Julia Boland, also in England, expects to visit with Tommy's folks. Charles Wagner please note: Tommy asks us to send his "very best wishes" on to you via this Newsletter.

Sgt. Dick Hoyt, stationed at an RAF Technical School somewhere in England, also requested the latest tunes on the Hit Parade. We sent him some and he passed them on to the English Sergeant in charge of the Orchestra. We were quite interested in their first selection for orchestration. It was, "Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't Mah Baby". Dick says our latest tunes are a little slow in reaching them. If any other fellows, or girls, are interested in the new tunes, our offer to send them to you is still good.

Pvt. John W. Heywood, wrote from "North Africa" to tell us he had just received his first Newsletter. He has been there five months and would like to meet someone from Ambler. Whenever John goes into town, he keeps his eyes open and we hope he will soon be rewarded.

We believe you will be interested and pleased to know that your friend, W.O. Sam Worthington, who is stationed at the Woodrow Wilson Gen'l Hospital, Staunton, Va., was guest organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton, three Sundays in August, while their regular organist was on vacation. This is the church where Woodrow Wilson's father was pastor when Woodrow was born. It is a fine big church and Sam says they have a magnificent organ. The people were grand to him. Sam had such a good time, he was sorry to leave. Father Ryan, whose stories "made" our Newsletter, the past two months, has been promoted to the rank of Captain, but, Sam writes, "is the same old lovable soul". Sam expects to spend the first week in Sept. with his folks in Ocean City, N. J. A final P. S. is added to his letter -- "Could I have pumpkin pie on the window sill instead of apple, as mentioned in the Newsletter, please? Two crusts on a pie is fattening and you should see me even now!"

Sgt. Walter J. Wyrostek is now on Saipan. He and Jim Rainey are with the 9th Troop Carrier Sqd. and do considerable traveling, landing on most every island in the Gilberts, Marshalls and Marianas. He has seen many Japs in Internment Camps and hasn't much to say for them. Walter asked for addresses of our boys who are in the Central Pacific area and hopes to meet some of you.

Thursday, Aug. 24th, we received a V-Mail letter from Robert H. Davies, A.M.M.2/C, stationed on the U.S.S. Coral Sea. The following Sunday, Aug. 27th, was a day the Davies family will never forget. At 9:00 in the morning, LeRoy, S2/C, of the U.S.S. Montpelier, walked into his home. The family went to Church and soon after returning, they received a telegram, saying Bob would be home Monday night. Can you imagine this, when the boys were thought to be many, many miles away, out in the Pacific area. But this was not all. A very short time after receiving Bob's message, another telegram came saying their brother, Ralph, a 2nd Lt. with the Air Force in England and a navigator on a heavy Bomber, had been missing in action over Germany since Aug. 15th. No further news has been received of him at this date. Bob and LeRoy were glad to be home at this time, and the fact they were home, seems to be part of our Heavenly Father's care. The boys have returned to the Pacific coast, but before Bob left, he announced his engagement to Miss Mary Hay, of Roslyn, Pa. We extend our very best wishes to the entire family.

Wilson S. MacIntire, ARM2/C, has been home on leave, after serving nine months in the Pacific as a member of "Rankin's Night Raiders," a "Black Cat" squadron of PBVs. He was awarded a Silver Cross with a gold star for completing more than 35 missions over enemy territory. Wilson had many experiences. They rescued seven downed aviators in open sea landings, destroyed 34 troop-filled Japanese barges, 23 supply-filled barges and 2 merchant ships. Wilson, his wife and infant son had lunch with Mrs. Herbert Amey one day while he was home, and called us on the telephone. He asked us to send "his best wishes to everybody." On Sept. 7th, he returned to San Diego for another course.

A/C Bruce Singer sent us his new address. He finished his primary flying at Dorr Field, Florida, and moved to Bainbridge, Ga. Here he will get his basic training in formation flying, instrument and night flying. Bruce and Bill's mother also sent us a note, giving us addresses and more news. Bill is now training at Pensacola, Fla, where he meets Bob Simpson and many others that he knows. Bainbridge, Ga. is 150 air miles from Pensacola, Fla., so the boys are planning a reunion. They are both working very hard for their wings; Bruce with the Army, and Bill with the Navy. We wish them success and hope they win their coveted wings.

Sgt. Sam Dailey, "somewhere in England" says he is working as hard as ever, although it is now more or less routine. He does not have P47's anymore, although he claims they are a hard ship to beat. He is now working with P51 planes. Sam is Armorer for these planes, which means he is responsible for the perfect working condition of the guns. Recently, a picture appeared in the Bulletin, showing Sam and the crew chief standing beside a Mustang fighter ship, which very plainly showed the names of the Pilot, R. B. Haller, Crew Chief, Sgt. O. Schaller, and Armorer, Sgt. S. Dailey. Sam, also, has two stars: - one for the Air Offensive over enemy territory and the other for the Invasion. In his spare time, Sam is interested in Archery. While in Scotland on a furlough, he bought some equipment from an old Bow Maker, who made archery equipment for the King's Royal Archers, there being twelve Archers in the Bodyguard. The old Bow Maker is also one of the six living King's Trumpeters. Sam does not claim to be an expert Archer, although he has a few rabbits to his credit. Rabbits are classed as "vermin" and Sam says "there are millions of the darn things here." However, it is necessary to have a hunting license, which costs ten shillings, or about two dollars.

Robert B. Kleinfelder ARM3/C somewhere in the Pacific area, is looking for some fellows from Ambler. So far he has not met any, although after reading the Newsletter he finds that several are located near him. We hope some of you meet Bob. He writes, "I see where Jimmy Coles sends his regards to the fellows in the Class of '43. We won't forget you either, Jimmy. Loads of Good Luck."

The wives are still co-operating with us. Betty Nice Claville sent us a card giving us Jimmy's new address. He is still in France and Pfc. James E. Claville is now with the 115th Infantry. We appreciate this help.

Pvt. William L. Kilson is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. He is hoping for another furlough quite soon. Buddy says that Charles Curtis is also at Keesler Field taking "Pre-aviation cadet training." If Charles qualifies, he will be sent to Tuskegee, Ala., for advanced training. Buddy hopes he will succeed, and we all add our hopes to Buddy's for Charles' success.

A/C William R. Lunn, Jr. wrote from Maxwell Field, Ala. a very fine letter of appreciation. It is letters like Bill's that boost our morale back here in Ambler. And, sometimes, we need it too. Bill is going right ahead with his aviation cadet training and said he expects to leave Maxwell Field. in about a week. Bill sent his new address and he is now in Decatur, Ala. Bill wrote, "I send my best wishes to all. Give my regards to all service men and women here and over there. God's speed for their safe return."

Pvt Richard C. Schuler, is in Sardinia and had just received a Newsletter and seventeen other letters. It made him very happy to be in contact with "civilization". He said "civilization" for two reasons. First he is "slightly out in the sticks, with just 'those thar hills' for company". Second, because it is "almost impossible to believe that a country that is thought to be somewhat modern, can be so many, many years back in modern methods in hundreds of things." Although Dick had not been overseas very long, he has been "getting around." First, he was Southern Italy, then Corsica, and now Sardinia. Dick doesn't speak so well of southern Italy, but Corsica is quite different. He says it was like Paradise after leaving Italy. The girls use cosmetics and wear beautiful clothes and after "years of reading about the French girls, etc., I am finally convinced they are pretty and dress nicely." Dick asked us to assure you he hasn't forgotten any of his old friends and wishes all of you the best luck in the world.

Congratulations to George Camburn. He is now a Sergeant and stationed somewhere in India with the LCD-ATC. George had some very good news to tell. One Sunday, while he was at work, George had a happy surprise. Pvt. Donald Rorer, walked into his office. George and Donald graduated from Ambler High together, and both entered the Army at the same time. Donald is located about ten miles from George. Of course, the boys celebrated by going out and having a "swell dinner" and seeing a show. They have been seeing each other every Sunday since their first meeting. In our Ambler Gazette of Sept. 14th, there appears a picture of George and Donald taken together in India. We are all very glad to see it.

We were very glad to hear from Cpl. John R. Ware. We wondered where he was. He is still with the 115th L.G.F. Band, at present somewhere in "Southern France." Johnny has been through Africa, Sicily and Italy. He used to meet Tuck Deck now and then, and as Tuck is also in France, hopes "to meet him about half way this time." We believe Johnny has a very good chance of meeting many of the Ambler fellows in France.

Pvt. Arnold Dragani, Camp Croft, S.C., wrote to tell us he had completed his Basic training and had two weeks of maneuvers. Edgar King, Steve Mallozzi and Arnold are together at Camp Croft and expect to be in Ambler on furlough sometime during this month. Arnold is anxious to see his brother, Valdo, who received a

medical discharge and is now at home. The boys have not seen each other for 18 months.

Congratulations to William S. Little, who has just been made Staff Sergeant. He is with the Army Air Corps somewhere in England. He has not met anyone from Ambler as yet, although he came very close to seeing George Haag. Bill thinks many of our boys have "moved across the channel" and hopes they give them a little help when they pass over on their "visits." Bill was able to do a little sight-seeing and visited Cambridge on a recent short leave. He visited Fitz-Williams Museum and several of the Colleges. Also, he was fortunate to be part of an orientation tour of Kings College, especially Kings College Chapel. Bill asks us to "Say hello" to the gang for me both at home and in the service."

S/Sgt. Wendell H. Hibschman is with a Medical Section somewhere in France. At the time he wrote his letter to us, his outfit was located in some large buildings which the Germans had used two weeks previously. He found a couple of stamps with Hitler's picture on them, which he sent to an uncle who collects stamps. Winnie says there are dozens of French girls cleaning up the place, and all the boys try to talk French with them. The people of the town were very glad they had come and threw tomatoes, apples and flowers at them when they passed in their trucks. It made them feel like the real soldiers did who originally took the town from the Germans. There are hordes of bicycle riders on the roads who stand aside for our soldiers. However, our boys are not allowed to roam around the town except on business.

More co-operation from the Service wives. Ruth Sivell called to tell us Hugh had moved from Camp Endicott, R. I., to Camp Rousseau, Hueneme, Calif. He also has a new rating, Hugh G. Sivell, SK2/C.

S/Sgt. H. L. Hutchison, Jr. at Camp Blanding, Fla. says he had three purposes in writing. First - to prove that servicemen, as well as their wives, especially in this Theater of Operations - correspond with us. Second - to request the address of Lt. Hoffa, who is now stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. Third - to give us a new name and address for our mailing list. It is Pfc. E. Allen Buzby who is in India. We are very glad to add Allan to our list and thank Hutch for doing this. He closes with this - "Regards to all the Amblerites in Ambler and elsewhere."

Pfc. James L. Cole, Jr., U.S.M.C. is now at Camp Pendleton, Cal. He recently moved from Camp Lejeune, N. C. At the new camp, Jimmy met a T/Sgt. Cassel from Souderton. He graduated in '40 and was captain of the Souderton football team. Jimmy has a good time claiming the Ambler team was the best and Cassel surprisingly agrees with him. Jim seems to be one of our lucky boys and meets people he knows. Back in Camp Lejeune he saw the

Lane boys and Lt. Edward Murphy. Now, in California, het met a fellow who lived near him in Ambler and also has some friends stationed in San Diego. He has been to Los Angeles twice and visited the Hollywood Canteen. Jim is getting a typical "rugged" Marine training; living in tents and doing his writing by candle-light. He says "I went on a twenty mile hike again today. We went up and around and down these darn mountains in California. Am I tired, or am I tired?" On Sat. Aug. 26th, Jim celebrated his nineteenth Birthday and this one will stand out in his life, as on this day a cousin was born and his Aunt honored Jim by naming the new baby after him.

Pvt. Winfield N. Stong "Somewhere in England" has been going to school in the evenings and expects to get another "spec" number. Winnie had just returned from a 24 hour pass and found lots of mail waiting for him, so instead of going to a dance at the post with the fellows, he was writing letters. Winnie says he "never did go in much for stamping around and around on a dance floor." He had a letter from Chic Willox, in which Chic said he expected to get a motorcycle as soon as he got home again and that he had also been down to see Dick Slayton and had a wonderful time. Winnie told us the following amusing stories: "Seems that one of the older boys lost his set of "choppers" and blamed everyone for taking them. So all day, he looked here and there without success. The evening came and everyone turned in. After 'Pop' crawled in down between his blankets, he let out a loud expressions 'I've found my teeth!' to had everyone in an uproar." Also this: - "Another little fellow we call 'Shorty', got a new set of choppers also and he is having a nice time with them. Carries them around in his pocket most of the time." Winnie says Big Crosby was at a nearby base recently and they were invited over to hear him. Winnie did not go but the boys who went enjoyed it tremendously.

We were very glad to hear from Pfc. Charles P. Vera again. He returned from the Aleutians, where he had been stationed for a long time, and arrived in Ambler on July 9th. He is now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. Charles is with the School Troops and is instructing the soldiers who have just entered the Army.

Paul Ferla, Mus. 3/C, at the Fleet Music School, San Diego, Cal. had a very pleasant weekend recently. Paul and his friend, Eddie Mittleton, went to Hollywood and were fortunate to visit the Universal Studios and later the Hollywood Canteen. Here, Paul made a recording which his folks have received. Paul and the band of which he is a member have been assigned to the U.S.S. South Dakota.

Cpl Franklin C. Walker, on duty at 132nd General Hospital, in New Guinea, says there is very little he can tell, except to say he is well and "eating well." They have movies every other night and the USO shows visit them regularly. The weather is very hot and they have not had as much rain as usual.

We are very sorry to have missed seeing Michael Lepore who called one day while home on furlough. We hope that he will try again and have better luck next time. We are always glad to see you folks when you are in Ambler.

The churches in Ambler have organized religious classes, whereby children from the first six grades of the Public Schools will be released the last class hour each Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Platt, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Charles A. Platt, Jr. Rev. Platt was formerly pastor of the Ambler Presbyterian Church and is now located at Ridgewood, N. J.

Rev. and Mrs. Dunsmore and family have returned from their vacation in Maine full of enthusiasm for the coming church year. He sends you the following message:

The days roll quickly by - but then for some of you, no doubt, they pass all too slowly. We realize how fortunate we are in enjoying the peace we have, which is possible only because of the sacrifices you are making.

Vacation days are past. The fishing was good; there were many pleasant things to do, and now we have renewed energy for the work of the months ahead. As world events move on so fast we want to be faithful in that small part of God's work which is ours. We who are on the home front wish to live up to the ideals for which you are fighting. And remember that no matter how far away you may be, and no matter what your surroundings are, we can still be bound together by our Christian Faith. Even though we are far apart, we can work together for Christ. Ours is a fellowship of belief and hope. In all you are called upon to face and to do, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might!"

Sincerely,

The King's Daughters.

Helen R. Macomber