

NEWS LETTER NO. 28

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Dear

Another year has rolled around; we are entering upon our fourth year of war. Few of us would have believed on that Sunday in December back in 1941 it could have lasted this long. We realize now that the road to victory is hard - very hard. And long. We've had to wake up to the fact that they are fanatics you are fighting. You fellows are doing a titantic job, you who were dubbed by the Axis countries some years back as carefree, jitterbugging, undisciplined youths - too soft to fight. We know you don't prefer your present occupations - they were forced upon you. But you've proven the stuff you're made of --- and we wonder what the enemy thinks of you now! We pray that '45 will see the end of at least part of this upheaval - mildly, timidly called "war."

High School

Basketball season has started at the high school. Opening the 1944-45 Bux-Mont league, Ambler won its first game by beating Hatboro 26-22, in an extra 3 minute period. In their second game, bowed to Sel-Perk, 27-50; nosed Springfield out in the third, 21-20, in the final minute; lost to Jenkintown in the next, 30-53.

Over 200 persons attended the annual banquet given to the members of the football, band and hockey teams. By Saam, well-known sports commentator, was the principal speaker. A leadership trophy purchased by the students, was given to Albert D'Elia for his outstanding leadership.

Presentation of "Junior Miss", just before the holidays, was a huge success. Approximately 1600 tickets sold. A Bazaar was held between the acts, netting \$136., donated to the Junior Red Cross. Report cards were issued at the beginning of the holiday season - extending from Dec. 22nd to Jan. 2nd. Which reminds us of the little boy selecting a belt for his father's Christmas gift. "Do you have a soft wool one? It may cost more now, but it will pay dividends when I bring my report card home."

Recent service men who visited the school included Cpl. Harry Wood, Sgt. Scotty McPhail; S2/C Martin McCanns; S2/C William Reimel.

Miss Anne McConaghie, girls' coach, is engaged to Frederick Volp, assistant boys' coach. Miss McConaghie is an All-American hockey player. Mr. Volp graduated from West Chester, January '41, and joined the army as a flying cadet. He was eliminated, down in Georgia, then joined the Canadian Royal Air Force. He was with the latter for five months, until Pearl Harbor, when he was able to



get back in the American army, in navigation flying. Developed gangrene in the intestines, operated upon, but received a medical discharge in October '43, when he came to Ambler High.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Penn Lodge, of Harvey Cedars, N. J., are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Dec. 11th. He has been named William Penn Lodge, the 2nd - not Junior and his father calls him Mike. Mrs. Lodge is the former Bernice Boyles of Ambler High.

Now for some news of the boys who are doing stateside duty:

Pvt. Richard Cragg received his paratroop wings at Ft. Benning, Ga., and earned a subsequent furlough. Sgt. Harry Wood, Camp Hood, Texas, enjoyed a recent furlough. Walter Sobers has been transferred to Officers Candidate School, Field Artillery, at Ft. Sill, Okla. Sgt. Scotty McPhail, who has spent over two years doing ground crew work in New Guinea, has reported for duty after a 30 day furlough at Richmond, Va.

George Linde was inducted into the service on Dec. 23rd, as were Frank DiRienzo, Robert Stuart, William Burrell, George Pulli and Donald Reed. Donald is receiving his basic in field artillery training at Ft. Bragg, N. C. He has been added to our News Letter list. Pvt. Jean Garritt and Pvt. Geraldine Spears are taking their basic training at the 3rd WAC Training Center, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. together. Carl Morgan graduated from the Naval Training School (electric) at Purdue U., Lafayette, Ind. Cpl. Maurice Childs Denver, Col. had a recent furlough; as did Daniel Stevens, with the Air Corps at Smyrna, Tenn..

If you were dreaming of a White Christmas back home - we didn't have it, even though a snow fall a few days prior made us believe we would. The day was foggy, rainy, slushy. We tried to make it as merry as we could, with so many of our boys away from home. Christmas won't be the same again until you boys are all safely back with us. It seemed almost too luxurious to be making merry, while you are fighting.

There were a few fortunate enough to be home. We felt happy for them and their families. Lt. Macomber arrived from Charleston, S. C., on the 22nd. Mrs. Macomber and Dick returned with him on Jan. 5th. They plan to be with him for several months.

Lt. Clifford Martin was home also. Parline and their baby, who spent several months in Ambler, returned with him to Selma, Ala. After a honeymoon in New York, and the Christmas holidays at his home, Ensign Bob Simpson returned to his duties at DeLand, Fla. with his bride. Allan Taylor, EC3/C was home for ten days. Has since been assigned to the USS Gen. Wm. Weigel, Atlantic Patrol. Jack Heath called his parents from New York the Sat. before Christmas to tell them he was coming home. He's just completed his first trip - England and Scotland. Christmas night he returned to New York, to help unloan the ship, then came back to Ambler to spend the remainder of his leave.



A/C William Lunn, from Decatur, Ala.; Cadet George Miller, U.S. Military Ac., West Point; Lt. Arthur Nichols, Princeton U.; Bob Cassel, S1C, Norfolk, Va.; Pvt. Jim Shelly, Va. Military Inst.; Franklin Wright, A.S., State College, Pa.; Pfc. Reds Walters, Rhode Island; Pfc. Alvin Neigut, Camp Mackall, N. C.; Ruth Wood, Y3/C, Cape May; Jack Holz, U. of Va., Charlottesville; William Erhardt, S2/C; Bert Johnson and Lt. Richard Mears were among the fortunate ones to be in Ambler for the Holidays.

Ralph Slutter was home for a few days over New Year's from the Mitchel Field Hospital, N.Y. This was his first visit home, after having been on duty for 27 months in New Guinea. Tom Elder, A.S.T.U. at the Va. Polytechnic Inst., Blacksburg, Va. came home just before New Year's for a week. A/C Hugh Gehman is receiving his preflight training at San Antonio, Tex. Bill Erhardt, S1/C, is stationed at Yorktown, Va., in the Naval Mine Warfare School. Bill Lindelow has received a medical discharge from the army. Clara Spencer, SPAR, Y3/C, has moved from Norfolk, Va. to Baltimore, Md.

Sgt. Chic Willox, Camp Livingston, La., made a visit back to his former base, Camp Wolters, Tex. for Christmas. On the train, on the way to Texas, he had a good time. Salvation Army lassies handed out filled Christmas stockings to the servicemen. Leave it to Chickie to have fun anywhere! Vincent Ferla, S2/C has completed his basic training at Great Lakes, and is now at the naval training center, Shoemaker, Cal. Sydney Buchanan, S1/C has moved from Norfolk, Va. to Port Hueneme, Cal. S/Sgt. Carman De Minico, Flourtown, who has been in the Pacific for 2½ years is home on the rotation plan.

Oscar Stillwagon, RM 2/C, left by plane on Dec. 17th for San Francisco, after spending a 30 day leave with his parents in Ambler and friends and relatives in Ohio. He left the states nearly two years ago and has been stationed on the USS Bonefish. For 14 consecutive months, he was on sea duty patrolling the South Pacific, during which time he saw plenty of action, the details of which he will have to give us later. Oscar looks grand and we surely enjoyed our chat with him. He has an interesting story to tell. He expects to be in the states for a while before returning to active duty.

Ensign David K. Hellings, of the U.S.S. St. Croix, spent Christmas with his uncle, Mr. Robert White of Glendale, Calif. Lt. Charles A. Deuchar is now at an Army Air Base at Great Bend, Kansas.

Lt. (j.g.) William Davis was home on a 30 day leave. Cpl. Henry A. Scholz, U.S.M.C. has arrived in California after spending some time in the Pacific area. On Sunday, Dec. 24th, Charles S. Hough, A/S, and his parents went to the Naval Base at Bainbridge, Md. to visit his twin brother, Bill, also A/S, who is in Boot training there. Pvt. Robert Stuart has been assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama.



News about people in Ambler.

We find that Cupid has been competing with Santa Claus again this Christmas. Helen Roesch and Harvey Heath have announced their engagement. Helen, graduate of '39, is employed at the Ambler Trust Co., and Harvey, graduate of '35, at the Phila. Savings Fund Society. Barbara Leslie and Herbert Garner, Ft. Washington, are engaged. Barbara is employed with the Aetna Life Ins. Co. Herbert is Boatswain Mate 2/C in the Coast Guard, stationed in New York. June Corson was married Dec. 20th in the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church to Pvt. William Duncan. William is with the Transportation Corps, Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., and expects to leave soon for overseas. Ruth Gambone was married Dec. 9th, to Pfc. Frank Rocco, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Frank recently returned from the Southwest Pacific, where he was in active service for 30 months. Julia Feckno's engagement to Anthony Grasso has been announced.

One of the worst fires which has occurred in years in Ambler, swept the Nesbit Apartments in the early morning Dec. 23rd. Eight families were forced to the streets in night clothes, in a zero temperature. The fire was discovered by a passer-by, who ran into the flaming building to awaken the tenants. Ironically, two of the local firemen, Ralph Tomlinson and Walter Butting, lived there. They helped the families to the street, then returned to fight the fire. Howard Martin rescued his 70 year old mother by carrying her down a swaying extension ladder. Then returned and rescued his sister and her child by breaking a window with his hands and putting them to safety on an adjoining roof. Neighbors offered the families protection. The two top floors were demolished, the lower floors ruined by smoke and water. Adjoining stores were also damaged, and had to remain closed for the Christmas business. All except Jimmy, the Greek. He managed to acquire one little light in his place, and business proceeded - almost as usual. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. Mrs. Heiss, the grand old lady who is always on her toes, started a collection among the business people to help the destitute families. Several hundred dollars were contributed.

Plans are afoot to form a local YMCA organization for Ambler - probably an outgrowth of the Recreation Council. A good idea - we'd like to see it go through.

The name of the Norton-Downs Jr. Post has been changed to Downs-Amey Post. The post was organized in Sept. 1919 and named Norton Downs, Jr. in honor of an Army lieutenant, an aviator, who was one of the first men from this area killed in World War I. Wanting to do honor to the men of this war, they chose Lt. Col. Herbert Amey, who lost his life Nov. 1943 at Tarawa, as a true representative of his fellow fighters from Ambler. Dedication exercises will probably take place on Memorial Day, 1945.

In no matter how tough a spot, it is typical of Americans to find something to chuckle over. Helps relieve the tension to clown a bit. We're offering you some jokes here - and if you think they're on the corny side - how about sending us some of your favorites to pass along. Tommy Hughes does occasionally. We



We only want the publishable ones, of course.

An officer was in a hospital visiting his wife, who had given birth to a son a few days previous. The physician with whom he had been chatting, arose to visit the nursery. "Take good care of that future president," the officer called to him. "What's the matter? Don't you like Roosevelt," snapped back the doctor.

Know what the man gave his pet flea for Christmas? - A dog.

Heard by announcer of East-West football game - a certain player ran so fast he was "as hard to catch as a flea under a girdle."

Don't know why we concentrate on fleas - but then there's the one about two hobos. One of them said to his buddy - "Let inflation come - it will be pleasant to ask a cook for a cuppa coffee."

A dean of women at a coeducational college announced: "The president of the college and I have decided to stop necking on the campus." Met by a gale of laughter, she continued, somewhat flustered: "Further, all the kissing that has been going on under my nose must be stopped."

Despondent old Gentleman emerged from his club, climbed stiffly into his luxurious limousine. "Where to, Sir," asked the chauffeur. "Drive off a cliff, James, - I'm committing suicide."

Then the one which isn't funny, but the bitter truth - it's a Victory Recipe: - Take one draftee, slightly green. Stir from bed at early hour. Soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix with others of his kind. Toughen with maneuvers and grate on sergeant's nerves. Add liberal portion of baked beans and Spam. Season with wind, rain, sun and snow. Sweeten from time to time with chocolate bars. Let smoke occasionally. Bake in 100 degrees, Summer, and let cool in below-zero Winter. Serves 130 million people!

#### HIT PARADE

##### Dec. 23

1. Don't Fence Me in
2. The Trolley Song
3. I'm Making Believe
4. There Goes that Song Again
5. Dance With a Dolly
6. White Christmas
7. Together
9. I Walk Alone

##### Dec. 30

1. Don't Fence Me In
2. The Trolley Song
3. There Goes That Song
4. White Christmas
5. I'M Making Believe
6. I Dream Of You
7. Dance With a Dolly
8. Always
9. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

##### Jan. 5

1. Don't Fence Me In
2. There Goes that Song
3. I'm Making Believe
4. Together
5. The Trolley Song
6. Dance with Dolly
7. I Dream of You
8. I Don't Want to Love You
9. Sweet Dreams Sweetheart



Announcement was made Dec. 30th that Frank Sinatra would not sing on the Lucky Strike Hit Parade Program "for a while." Laurence Tibbet is taking his place. A few weeks previous Vimms - vitamin tablet concern - concluded their contract with Sinatra because people, although they liked to listen to his songs, just wouldn't buy the nice pills which would give them rosy cheeks, produce pep and vitality. The market was glutted with Vimms. Wonder if the same correlation can be drawn on Lucky Strikes! Think the market will be flooded with the noxious weed?

By the way - how many miles do you really have to walk for a Camel these days.....How Lucky are you to Strike upon any kind of a cigarette.....Is your First Call For Philip Morris - or, "Do you have any at all.....Is the absence of them the New Thing which Has Been Added to Old Golds.....Now, you tell us some!

We know you are eager to hear about your friends overseas - Pvt. Bob Rainey has received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Award. He was wounded in July '44 and again in Oct. He previously received the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action. He is serving as a medical corpsman with the 1st Army. Pfc. Ralph Decembrino has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He is with the 26th Inf. Div. in France. Sgt. John Amy has arrived in France. On Christmas Day John met his brother, Howard, and they had a wonderful day together "Somewhere in France".

Bob Kriebel, Hosp. App. 1/c, has been transferred from the Naval Hosp. at San Juan, Puerto Rico, to the Naval Hosp. at Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. Lt. Walter Shaeff, with the 3rd Army Engineers in France, writes home that he has "learned to make himself scarce in a darned big hurry when those Krauts throw that stuff too close." Pvt. Ralph Bishop has been awarded an Air Medal upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft, for the period of service from March to June '44. The flights were made over the Hump, the dangerous and difficult India-China air route, which is recognized by airmen as the toughest in the world.

Congratulations to Winnie Stong, who has been promoted to corporal. He is stationed at an air depot bomber repair base where he modifies and welds skymarker smoke bombs in the maintenance division. Been overseas since Oct. '43. Pvt. Harry Landis has arrived in Germany. He is with the 102nd Div., connected with Gen. Patton's 9th Army. Cpl. Walter Gouak, Ft. Washington, was killed in action on Sept. 19th. He had previously been reported missing on that date. Was with an armored engineer division.

Lt. Ed Sage has recovered from the wounds he received in Oct. and has returned to duty. Recently he won a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal and was recently promoted to 1st Lt. Lt. Dick Slayton, co-pilot on a B-17 with the 15th Air Force in Italy, met



Lt. Stew Davis. Found Stew's tent was only 200 yards from his own. They've had time-off together and found a lot to talk about. Stew, by the way, has completed his 51st mission. He had at least one very terrifying experience - part of a wing of his plane had been shot away while in combat flying across the Alps. The crew sweated it out in some manner until they landed but Stew had to be detained in a hospital for a while. Dick has three missions marked up to his record to date.

A heavy bombardment group of the 15th AAF in Italy, of which Sgt. Carl Mastromatta is an engineer gunner, was awarded a unit citation. The citation was presented due to the fact that in May '44, a bombing attack was planned on oil refineries in Rumania. All other groups turned back because of extremely adverse weather conditions, but this unit continued and completed its mission. On one of their flights, Carl's plane was shot down over enemy territory. He parachuted out and was helped to escape by friendly Italians.

Pfc. Elmer Spence, with an aircraft repair unit and John Roach, S 1/c are out in the Pacific, as is Jack Charlton. Pvt. Thurman Wright, Pvt. Russel Huckle and Pfc. Lambert West have arrived in France. C. W. O. George Deens, with the 73rd Naval Construction Btn., stationed on Palau, went to the Hawaiian Islands by plane on an errand. Spent Christmas there. He met Lt. George Sandiford; Paul Jones, S 1/c; and Lt. Vera Haff, Army nurse. He telephoned his family on Dec. 19th - it took three days for the call to get through.

Pfc. Harold Moore has recovered sufficiently from his operation to be back on duty. Working with a ground force replacement pool in England. Stanley Weigut has been added to our list, as well as a married couple - the first time this has occurred; Alice Pennington, WAC, receiving her training at Ft. Oglethorpe; and her husband, Charles W. Pennington, M. O.M.M. 2/c U - on a LST in the Pacific Fleet. Bob Kleinfelder, ARM 3/c, is on the USS Altamaha. Staff Sgt. George Rue is an Army hospital in England. Lt. Don Betts left the country and arrived in England on Christmas Day. Our congratulations to David McKinnon who has been promoted to Corporal. Dave has been in the China area for several years. Cpl. James Dean now in Holland, met two Ambler buddies in his travels: Joseph Ashton and Elish Gransby.

Hugh G. Sivell, SK 2/c, with a CB Stevedore outfit, has arrived in the Philippines and is keeping a lookout of Amblerites. On his way in, much to his great surprise and joy he found himself on the Landing Craft to which his brother, John, is attached.



### High lights in Sports: - Football

Carroll E. Widdows, coach of Ohio State's undefeated football team received the award of coach of the year. The Western Conference would not permit Ohio State to accept the invitation to play in the Rose Bowl game, New Years Day. Widdows and his players were much disappointed. Ohio State's team was rated second best in the country. West Point's outstanding team, of course ranked first; they also won all their games this year.

On Dec. 16th the Randolph Field Ramblers, won the seasons service football championship by conquering the Second Air Force Superbombers 13 to 6. The game was played at the New York Polo Grounds.

National League pro-football championship won by Green Bay Packers, when they defeated N.Y. Giants, 14 to 7. Attendance 46000. Receipts \$146,000.

Carl Snavely, head football coach at Cornell since 1936 returns as head coach of U. of N. C., where he was coach during 1934 and '35. On Dec. 30th the All Star Collegians of the North and the South played their annual game. South 24, North 7. Many colleges were represented. From Penn, Minisi, their 17 yr. old star, played half back. He kicked the point after the North's lone touchdown.

Jan. 1st, Southern Calif. beats U. of Tennessee in Rose Bowl Game 25-0. So. Cal. now has eight victories and no defeats in Rose Bowl Games. The college stars of East vs. West played their annual post season game at San Francisco. West 13-East 7. Savitsky of Penn played a tackle for the East. Jan. 1st Sugar Bowl Game was the real thriller of all the Bowl games. Duke's power and Alabama's passing kept 72,000 fans cheering throughout the game. Harry Gilmer, Ala., completed 8 consecutive passes. Alabama led 26-20 a few minutes before game's end. When they held Duke on the 2 foot line and took the ball on downs. Gilmer intentionally grounded the ball in his end zone, to give Duke a safety and 2 points, making score 26-22. This strategy backfired when powerful Duke returned the free kick following the safety and bulled it across for touchdown. Final score Duke 29, Alabama 26. Orange Bowl - Tulsa 26 - Geo. Tech. 12; Cotton Bowl - Oklahoma A. & M. 34 - T.C.U. 0.

### Basketball

On Dec. 13th, Penn defeats Swarthmore 64-35. Bucknell beats Villanova 43-42. Penn State 53, Susquehanna 12 and Muhlenberg 46 Princeton 40. On Dec. 14th Penn State beats Marshall 34-32. Dec. 16th Princeton beats Fordham 73-51; Cornell 50, Columbia 35. Valley Forge Hospital's powerful basketball team halted Ursinus 70 to 32. Tenth win in row for the army boys. Swarthmore 40, Villanova 39. Dartmouth 50, Penn 35. Temple beats Oklahoma A. & M. 46 to 44; Oklahoma's 7 foot center, Bob Kurland was a much discussed difficulty to overcome in pre-game sport columns. Dec. 20th Lafayette beats LaSalle 52-45; Swarthmore beats F. & M. 47-41; Temple 42, Princeton 25; Penn State 32, Bucknell 30.



Temple University and University of Tennessee, both undefeated this season, played a hot one at Convention Hall on Dec. 27. Temple scored a hairline victory 33 to 31. Valley Forge Hospital wins 12th in row on Dec. 29th. They beat Indiantown Gap 46 to 32. Dec. 30th N.Y.U. defeats Colgate 57 to 36. Temple unbeaten until tonight lost to University of Kentucky 45 to 44. Kentucky is unbeaten this season, now has 7 victories.

Jan. 1st Temple beats University of Wyoming 39-27. Jan. 2nd Valley Forge overwhelms 797th Bn. 78-0 for 13th victory in a row. Jan. 3rd. Muhlenberg undefeated wins 10th game beating Swarthmore 38-23. Temple 63 - Ursinus 39. Jan. 6th, Muhlenberg wins 11th beats Villanova 32-20. Valley Forge Hospital 74- Fordam 48. Temple 62 - Syracuse 33. Penn 55 - Cornell 47.

Jan. 10th Temple hands Muhlenberg their first defeat of the season by score of 58-47. Villanova beats F & M in last second of play 39-37. West Point routs Swarthmore 70-36. Penn defeats Ursinus 65-52. Jan. 11th - Valley Forge wins 16th in a row. Swamps England General Hospital 71 to 28. This game was the first meeting of the two Army General Hospitals in sports. A return match between these basketball teams will be played at Atlantic City on Feb. 22nd.

### Baseball

Because of the death of Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who had been the Czar of the major baseball leagues since 1921, an advisory council will officiate temporarily. A committee of three has been selected. The presidents of National & Amer. League & Mr. Leslie O'Connor long connected with baseball. It was decided that the all star 1946 game between the National & American Leagues will be played at Boston on July 10th.

A seven game spring series will be played by St. Louis Browns and Cardinals next April. A virtual replay of the World Series of '45.

Fred (Dixie) Walker of Brooklyn Dodgers won National League batting championship with 357 average. Last years champion star. Musial of St. Louis was second with 347. Bucky Walters star Cincinnati pitcher, led the league with 23 wins and 8 losses. Connie Mack celebrated his 82nd birthday on Dec. 23rd. Talks of better times for the A's next season.

St. Louis Cardinals set record for fielding in baseball. Committing but 112 errors during the season, they had the remarkable team fielding average of 982, a new high mark for both leagues.



Lou Boudreau of Cleveland with average of 327 lead Amer. League batting. Ted Hughson with 18 wins and 5 losses of Boston, Amer. League made best pitching percentage 783. Hal Newhouser of Detroit won 29 lost 9, for 763. Ted Hughson entered the Armed Forces in August, which cut short his brilliant season.

Almost 300 of the 400 big league ball players are 4 F in the draft. Their probable re-classification may make a big difference, even to the point of discontinuing big league ball. Developments, by Congress and draft officials are awaited, so decisions by the baseball authorities can be made.

#### Horse Racing

On Dec. 23rd the Federal Government asked that all Horse and Dog Racing be discontinued after Jan. 3rd. 1945. All tracks complied and the last races at the prominent tracks were held on Jan. 2nd. All tracks closed as of Jan. 3rd for an indefinite period, probably for the duration. Unless there is an unexpected change by next May there will be no Kentucky Derby this year.

#### Golf

McSpaden makes another record. Shoots 64 in Richmond, Calif. open Golf tournament, seven below par. Sam Snead won the match with score of 278 for the 72 holes. McSpaden finished with 280. McSpaden, 34 years old and is 4 F in the draft. Revision of the draft rules would affect him and several other prominent golfers.

Sam Snead won the Los Angeles open on Jan. 8th with 283. McSpaden & Nelson tied for 2nd with 284. Snead's score was one under par for the 72 holes, but the remarkable thing is that this is his 3rd straight win in 30 days against top-flight stars of golfdom, and he has just returned to the links after a two year pitch in the Navy.

#### Misc.

Melker Cochran of San Francisco won the three cushion billiard, world championship by taking the final match on Dec. 12th from Willie Hoppe 50-44. Hoppe the many times champion was defending his title.

Richard (Sheik) Rangel, from Mexico, often referred to as a jumping bean, was knocked out in 2nd round of 10 round bout by Sugar Rag Robinson from Harlem. Ike Williams takes decision in 12 round bout with Willie Joyce at Convention Hall.

#### Oddities in 1944 Sports

The Associated Press Sports Editors agreed the quecrest of all quirks was when the head linesman in the Army-Notre-Dame football



game was caught between the Army fullback and two big Irish tacklers. The linesman suffered a broken arm and had to leave the game. Other oddities such as 3 horses racing to dead heat, in the big \$10,000 handicap at Aqueduct. Tulsa's football team scored 67 points in 2 straight games and lost both. Georgia Tech ended up with minus 9 yards against Navy, but won the game. Four false starts, when the runners beat the gun, and two gun recalls, disqualified all six starters in the National A.A. W. 100 meter dash. The Hume brothers of Michigan, Bob and Ross ran nine consecutive dead heats, one in the N. C. A. A. mile run. Also the matches of a St. Louis fan were set afire by a foul ball hit into the stands.

### Correspondence Column

Note: The letters reported below, from the ETO were written early in December, before the German "push".

Pfc. Thomas Rue, wrote from "Somewhere in Germany", saying that he corresponds with John Ware, who is in Southern France and that he was keeping a look-out for his brother George (George is now in a Hospital in England). Tom has been overseas ten months - "three months in England, and June 12th (D-6) arrived in France. Has been around quite a bit with the 120th Infantry, part of the 30th Division. Was in the break through at St. Lo, then on to Tessy-sur-Viré. Then the big Jerry counter attack at Mortain, with one of the Battalions of this Regiment, the "lost" battalion, then on to Domfront, where we met the British. Thence to Evereux, on the Paris Casu highway. Across the Seine and then a long motor move to Belgium. Then into Holland and sight of the Siegfried Line. The Battle of Aachen and on into Germany. Tom asked for Charlie Deuchar's address and suggested we publish a list of addresses. We cannot give full addresses in this Newsletter, but if you will ask us for certain ones, we will furnish them whenever possible.

Robert F. Rex, CY, U.S.N.R., on the U.S.S. Waterman with the Pacific Fleet, says he would like to give us some news from the far Pacific, but thinks we will have to read about it in the papers.

Bob says he has been in the vicinity of Ambler fellows many times, but they don't stay stationary long enough to go visiting. Bob's total mileage is better than three times around the world. He has tried to contact Bob Davies several times without success. Bob was also surprised to learn Tom Weaver was at Espiritu, as he was planning to meet Tom in Tokyo. We think we had better tell the boys this, just in case Bob does meet them - Bob sent us a Christmas Card showing a picture of himself with a tremendous beard and moustache. If you will remember Bob's black hair, you can imagine the effect.

S/Sgt. Radcliffe H. Allen is stationed at Stoutfield, Indianapolis, Ind., with an Army Air Force Base Unit. In September, he joined the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and they were to sing Handel's Messiah on Dec. 20th with the Indianapolis Symphonic Orchestra under the direction of Fabien Savitzky. On Dec. 21st at Baerfield, Ft.



Wayne, Ind., a choir comprising military and civilian personnel of that base, were to sing the same oratorio and Radcliffe was to sing the bass solos. This is a new experience for him and he is, as he says, "Naturally, very thrilled with it all." Other singing engagements included a War Bond Rally held at a motion picture theatre in Bloomington, Ind., to which the Chapel Organist and Rad were sent to give a joint recital; and a broadcast from the Base Chapel Saturday morning preceeding Christmas and again, on Christmas morning.

Sgt. Sam Dailey, "Somewhere in England", is very busy with general routine work at his Air Base. While on a recent furlough, he met his brother John (Bud). Sam also tells us that he has met a nice girl and is keeping company with her. We are waiting to hear more about this.

Pvt. Calvin Ashton, in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, sends word that he is now with an Engineers Aviation Co. and feels sure he will like his new work. Later, on Christmas Eve, Calvin wrote again to tell us how Christmas was to be spent out there. Cocoanuts had been painted red and green and together with branches from trees, the mess hall had been decorated. Then, they had a Christmas tree made from branches of cocoanut trees. Calvin enclosed a copy of their Vesper Service Program. The Order of Service sounded very homelike, with Bible Readings, Prayers and selections by a Quartet and Glee Club. We found Calvin's name listed with the Glee Club. Calvin wrote, "I am enclosing a program, to let you know how a Christmas is spent over in the Pacific Zone, even though we don't have any snow."

We would like you to know that Andy Dressler is now a Navy Lieutenant - senior grade. We extend our heartiest congratulations to him, as we know he deserves every bit of advancement. He is very happy that he could spend the holidays with his wife and son this year - their first together. Probably by the time this letter reaches you; Andy will be at sea again, so be on the lookout for him.

Pfc. Alvin M. Fleck, with a Medical Detachment "Somewhere in France" says he would like to tell us some of the things he has seen. As that is impossible, he will say, "As far as France is concerned, it is just a very nice place to see." Some places are just as they were before the war, and "others you cannot see any more." "As for the people - they have some very nice girls in France.

Pvt. Nick Fanu, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, has completed his course at Notre Dame College, and is now at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He sends this message, "I see that the Class of '43 is pretty well dispersed over the globe. I would like to wish them and the other Amblerites a Merry Christmas and a New and Better Year to look forward to."



J. H. (Harry) Cullingford, S 1/c, is aboard the U.S.S. Estes with the Pacific Fleet. He recently went aboard and considers himself fortunate to be assigned to such a good ship. We hope Harry meets some of the other Amblerites who are out that way.

T/Sgt. Walter J. Wyrostek, located on Saipan with a Troop Carrier Sqd. writes, "Since you've last heard from me, I've recovered nicely from my fever, enjoyed a short rest leave at Oahu and received another promotion to 'Tech Sgt.'" - Congratulations. Walter says they have been receiving "loads of parcels and at least, enjoying a bit of the American Christmas spirit". He shares his Newsletter with Jim Rainey who is with him on Saipan.

Pvt. John W. Heywood, with the 36th Combat Engineers in France, writes that he had just received his first mail since August, and found a Newsletter in the lot. When John went overseas, he went to Africa, then to Italy and on into France. In France, he finally met a fellow from Ambler although he did not give the name. At the time of writing his letter, John was in a Hospital in France and feeling better. He is always hopeful of meeting someone from home.

Frank J. Urban, C.M. 1/c of the 35th Naval Construction Battalion, is home for a 30 day leave. He stopped to call and we were very glad to welcome him. He looks very well - still had some of his tan and his hair is also on "the salt side of salt - and - pepper." Frank spent about two years out in the Southwest Pacific.- New Guinea, Guadal-canal, Admiralty Islands.

A/T George D. Morrison, sent a card giving his change of address. George has completed his training at Bainbridge, Ga., and is now at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla.

Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., out in the Pacific with the Marines, says there a boy in the C. B.'s from Upper Darby and they share all the home news. They both receive the Phila. Bulletin and Inquirer. Jimmy says that Pughsley Lane is now in New Guinea. We believe Jimmy is stationed on Kwajalein and if any of you touch that Base, he would be happy to see you.

At last! Paul B. Jones, S 1/c with the CB's in Hawaii, sent us two pictures, taken on an Ambler Day last summer. One picture is of Lt. Vera Haff and a friend. The other picture shows Paul, Hugh Lynch and Al Dummeldinger. It certainly is wonderful to see them looking happy and smiling. Paul had an exciting piece of news to report. Chief W. O. George Deens had flown up from Palau on business, and after many trip, they finally met and talked for over an hour. Whenever you find yourself in the Hawaiians, remember to contact Paul, you will find him in the Disbursing Office of the 10th U.S. Naval Construction Bn.



T/5 Wilbert H. Landes, is now at Fort Jackson, S.C.; Christmas Eve, he called his Mother on the telephone. At that moment she was entertaining some carolers with her famous pies, so the group sang "Silent Night" over the phone to him. Then on Saturday before the New Year, he was given permission to come home for three days, much to his surprise and the surprise of his family when he arrived in Ambler.

Charles E. Kepler, Jr., A/S sent Holiday Greetings and a nice letter of appreciation. He is receiving his Boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

Pvt. Michael Lepore, "Somewhere in Italy", asks to be remembered to all his friends, especially Russel and Philip Benigno, and Albert Volpe. He says the weather in Italy is pretty bad, raining every day and soon, the snow will begin to fall. This is very bad for the boys in the front line and Michael hopes the war will soon be over.

Edmund G. Roberts, S 2/c with the C. B.'s writes, "The Marianas have treated me and most of the boys fairly well. It was tough for awhile down here, but living has improved a great deal. The boys are doing a great job here and are thankful to all those at home who are keeping the supplies and equipment moving."

Again, we have the co-operation of an Army wife. Betty sent us Bill Camburn's new address. Bill is now with an Army Air Force Base Unit at the Daggett Municipal Airport, Cal. Bill wrote later to say he is right in the middle of the Mojave Dessert. The sunset's interest him, as you who have seen the sun setting behind our Rocky Mountains well know.

Pfc. Chas. Charlton, arrived in India and received his first copy of the Newsletter. He says it is the answer to a GI's prayer, as it gives the information a fellow wants. Charles is attached to an Airdrome Sqd.

Pfc. Frank King, wrote from "Somewhere in Germany". When Frank went overseas, he landed in Ireland from there he went to France, Belgium, Luxembourg and finally Germany. He enjoyed his stay in France more than any other place. At a small town called Guissey, just outside Brest, he met a young Frenchman of his own age, named Christian. Christian spoke English very well, and had a lot of interesting stories to tell about how they devised ways to smuggle American aviators, who had been shot down, out of the country and to a boat waiting in the Channel and in that way returned to England. Through Christian, Frank became acquainted with a number of people and was invited to many French dinners, which were really wonderful and a welcome change from G. I. food. While Frank was in Luxembourg, he found that his brother Charles whom he had not seen for two years, was not too far away in Belgium. He was given permission to make the trip to visit with Charles. They had



a wonderful time together and Frank stayed overnight. With Frank's letter, he enclosed a Greeting card from the 8th Infantry Division which showed some of their high spots - Rennes, Crozon, Brest, Dinard, La Haye du Puits and then Luxembourg.

Pfc. Elmer Garwood Howard has been in England fourteen months, and says the climate is still the same, "cold, damp and rainy." He is doing the same work - sheet metal. Last February, he met his brother Newt in London. Newt is now in Belgium. The only other Ambler fellows Garwood has met are Charles Wagner and another fellow, whose name he has forgotten.

Cpl. Robert Roane, somewhere out in the Pacific Area with a Port Co., writes "It is very quiet out here on this little South Sea Island. - It is a beautiful sight as the sun lowers itself behind the western hills like a golden ball floating in the sky. - It is a few days before Christmas and I know the Kiddies are looking for Santa Claus, but we are looking for something a little different - that is Victory."

Robert J. Broughton, AMMF 3/c with the Naval Air Transport Service has made two trips out Pacific way. His first trip took him to the Hawaiian Islands for Christmas. He was sorry not to see Paul Jones, but hopes to contact him on another trip. If any of our boys are near the Air Bases where the NATS touches, keep your eyes open for Bob, as he would like to meet you.

A/C Bill Hamilton was home for Christmas and came to call one day while we were busy turning out our December Newsletter. He has finished his training at Bainbridge, Ga., and reported to Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., for advanced training with single engine planes.

Pfc. James J. Ward is somewhere in the Pacific Area and wants to know if any Ambler fellows are with the Combat Engineers. So far, he hasn't met anyone that lives closer to Ambler than Phila. He says he doesn't think they will have a "White Christmas" out his way.

Pfc. Russell Benigno, is with an Army Service Forces Band, stationed at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. He says they have been quite busy as their Band went on tour for the '6th War Loan Drive.

Pvt. Richard C. Schuler, Italy, wrote on Christmas Day to say he had "a delicious turkey dinner, with all the fixins." Dick says, "Unbelievable as it sounds--I have been in the same place for over a month." It is a beautiful spot - formerly a public park, just outside a small Italian village and directly along the shore. He can see part of the blue Mediterranean and the whitecaps gently roll up on the beach. His tent is "well fixed" for the winter and he is "as snug as a bug in a rug". He likes this spot so much, he



hopes he won't have to move again. Dick is, "believe it or not", going to school in his spare time. He is studying Italian and German. The German is coming along very well, but the Italian - "Whew!" says Dick. He is also trying to do as much sight-seeing as possible and has visited Naples, Rome, Leghorn and Pisa. He is planning to visit Florence next.

Pfc. Alvin Neigut, with the Airborne Engineers at Camp Mackall, N.C., met Ernie Smith, who is in the same Camp, one Friday night at a Service Club Dance. They are planning to spend more weekends together. Alvin sent us his brother, Stan's address, and asked us to send a Newsletter - which we are glad to do. As some of you know, Stanley is in the Hawaiian Islands with an Army Ordnance Co. Recently Stanley met Ted Dailey, who is also in the Hawaiians.

Thomas C. Hughes, ARM 3/c Somewhere in the Pacific is now at a new location. He is "enjoying" the rainy season and says he has had "clothes hanging on the line for a week, just begging for the sun to come out and dry them up." Recently Tommy had a letter from Charles Wagner, who is in England, and he says "Charles is getting a decided English accent. His letters sound very much like the ones my English cousins write. I'm going to write and kid him about it."

A/C William R. Lunn, was very fortunate to get home for six days at Christmas time. He is now at the Greenville Army Air Base, Miss., for Basic School, and is getting closer to his wings. We wish him success. He writes, "All I can say is to give my usual Greetings to all in the Service and best of luck to all. Hope to see them all in Ambler, but soon! The little town has not changed much since we left. It is still Ambler and home."

Benjamin B. Camburn, S 2/c is training as a Gunner, at the Naval Amphibious Training Base, Fort Pierce, Fla. They have four weeks of classes and eight weeks at sea. He asks to be remembered to all the fellows and especially, Paul B. Jones.

Sgt. John (Bud) Dailey, "Somewhere in the ETO" writes an interesting letter with his usual sense of humor. He says he is in good health, has gained six pounds - "Even if it doesn't show and I hope it doesn't." He is still losing his hair and his hands get cold in the winter time. And although he is working outside, he still can't see the sign of a muscle. He still lies down to sleep and is allergic to red beets. Also he likes poetry and sits down to write, "All this", Bud writes, "goes to prove the old saying that history repeats itself and as for me, it repeats everyday. Boy! am I gettin' in a rut." Bud apologized for his writing as "due to the fact that I'm writing on a board with a picture of Lauren Bacall on it, and a thing like that can be very distracting."



Pfc. Walter (Steve) Jones is in the Philippines with a Malaria Control Unit. At the present, his outfit is attached to the First Cavalry Division and "moving right along". Steve says the rainy season is over and it is getting hot, but they haven't much time to notice it. At the time of writing, his outfit was in a rest camp - "just resting." When Steve went overseas, he was in New Guinea for a time. However, he didn't know that Herb Luxton was on the same Base there, until after he arrived in the Philippines and received a Newsletter. Then it was too late.

Pfc. Herman L. Ashton, "Somewhere in France" is still watching for someone from home as he knows some of the boys must be very near him. Herman has seen a good deal of France and parts of Belgium. For a time, they were camped outside, but as the weather got colder, they were billeted in box cars or trains. He wishes to be remembered to his friends, especially, Jim Dean, Jim Coles, the Lane boys and the King family.

Pvt. Richard Cragg, was home for the Christmas holidays and when he returned to Fort Benning, Ga., he began his "advanced training and preparation for a fast and speedy trip." Dick is with a Paratroop Training Regt.

1st/Sgt. William Taylor, has arrived "Somewhere in England." He hopes he will be fortunate enough to meet someone from home and carries a Newsletter around with him in his pocket, as he is sure it will "have something in it for just about every GI within miles of Ambler." We hope Bill meets someone and expect to hear about it when he does.

Pfc. Hugh M. Bullard, sent us his latest address. He is still at Camp Crowder, Mo., and has finally been assigned to a Signal Service Company.

C/M Charles (Felix) Dager is stationed at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point, L.I. For the first three weeks he had indoctrination classes. Now he is beginning eight weeks of study. After this he will go out on the T.U. Gresham for two weeks. On board this ship he will get some practical training. Early in April, he hopes to be finished with his preliminary training then he will go out to sea for a period of eight months or a year. Charles says many of their Cadets were in all the past invasions.

Robert H. Davies, AMM 2/c "Somewhere on the Pacific" wrote on Christmas Day while "At anchor". Bob says "Uncle Sam really did right for his nephews aboard the "Anzio" for today. We had the traditional turkey with all the trimmings for chow. Of course it wasn't like Mom makes, but the dinner was most delicious and enjoyed by all hands." Chaplin Dunn held communion for those who wished to partake of it. Bob attended and said it was a very good Service.



Sgt. Thomas E. Weaver, is still "Somewhere in the Pacific". Tom has changed his position and is now working in the G-4 section of the 27th Infantry Division Hdqs. He writes, "We had a very swell Christmas and New Year's dinner. Turkey and all the fixings." Tom says he had a very "prosperous" holiday season this year, as he received all sorts of packages and cards--"In fact, more than I have ever received before." Note: - This may be because he was further away. Tom is now where Bob Broughton was last Spring and they may meet some day as Bob is now traveling out that way from time to time.

Ensign Benjamin D. Towne, is stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., as a VSB Instructor. Recently he saw a WAVE in a restaurant and believes it was Caroline Plumly and says, "although I didn't have time to speak with her, it sure was good to see someone from home." After reading the Newsletter, Ben went over to the Main Station and looked up Dr. Hoffa. They had quite a long chat about the Ambler folks. Dr. Hoffa has only seen two Amblerites--Ben and another fellow named Morris. Ben was expecting Bob Simpson to come to Cecil Field but to date Bob is still at Deland, Fla.

#### Some Church News

The December meeting of the Couples Club was a very interesting one. Mrs. Goldsmith of Penn Valley, who has a most interesting and rare collection of dolls, was the speaker. You probably are wondering why grown men and women want to spend an evening looking at a lot of dolls, but Mrs. Goldsmith brought dolls dressed in the costumes of the various Allied Nations and also some of our enemies. Then she told us the Christmas customs of the various lands. So you see we spent Christmas with most of you. You probably spent Christmas doing many different things and by next Christmas, let us hope that all you'll know or see of a foreign country will be a doll dressed in native costume.

The Senior and Intermediate C. E. Societies went caroling on Christmas Eve at the homes of many shut-ins. Following the carol singing the Intermediates met at the home of Mrs. Jean Folger and the Seniors met at the home of Mrs. Edith Rourke of Fort Washington.

A Christmas program was presented by the Church School Sunday morning at 9:45 A.M. The Senior Choir presented the cantata, "The Star of Bethlehem," at the 11 A.M. service. Anthems were sung by the Junior Choir. A candlelighting vesper service was held in the afternoon at 4:30 P.M.

A Christmas sermon was preached at the 10:30 A.M. service in the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, on Sunday, December 24. A candlelighting service was held on Christmas morning at 7 o'clock and the Christmas story was told in music and scripture.



The Church School of the Church of the Brethren presented its program at 9:30 A.M. Sunday and the choir sang at the 10:45 A.M. service. A vesper and white gift service was held at 4:30 P.M. and the play, "White Christmas," was presented and the singing was led by the choir.

The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church choir sang a Christmas cantata at 7:30 P.M. Sunday. A Christmas service was held in St. John's Lutheran Church at 11:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve.

The Trinity Memorial Church heralded Christmas Day with the traditional and colorful Choral Eucharist service at 12:00 Midnight, Sunday, December 24. An organ recital by Dr. Thomas T. Ridington, organist preceded the service. The Trinity Choir, under the direction of Charles R. Ridington, sang the beautiful "St. Cecilia Mass" or "Messe Solennel" by Charles Felix Gounod. Featured as soloists were Mrs. Ralph Klein, Mrs. William Howland, Miss Geraldine Steer, and Miss Eileen Urban, sopranos; William Vincent, tenor; and Walter Bastow, bass. Mrs. Klein, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Bastow comprised the antiphonal trio of the Creed.

At 7:45 P.M. the Ambler Youth Council met at the Methodist Church and a pageant "Christ is Born," was presented by the Methodist Dramatic Society.

Rev. Dunsmore sends the following message:

Maybe you have been tempted to think you must begin the new year on a note of discouragement. Many things would lead up all to do so.

An old legend to keep in mind as we think of this tells of the sale of the Devil's tools. The tool that bore the highest price was an innocent looking instrument marked 'discouragement.' When one who came to the sale asked the Devil whether the price were not too high, he answered: "By no means. That is the most useful tool I have." It is a story worth remembering.

Another story worth remembering is not a legend. It is found in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "When we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us." Paul was a realist who never shut his eyes to ugly facts. He saw his foes and knew their might. Yet he said, "Nevertheless God comforted us." Just as definitely there is a "nevertheless" for us, so there need be no fears that lead to despair. Our hearts can be tempered like steel to the Devil's tool of discouragement.



A glorious story of Luther fits in here. It is of the day when he stood, almost friendless, before the Pope's legate. "The Pope's little finger," thundered the Cardinal, "is stronger than all Germany. Do you expect your princes to take up arms to defend a wretched worm like you? And where will you be then? Tell me that!" "Then as now," was Luther's answer, "in the hands of Almighty God."

The year ahead can hold no fears for us if we will walk through its days having placed our lives in God's hands, trusting His love and care.

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.



354 Lindenwold Ave.  
Ambler, Pa.  
February 15, 1945.

Dear

Any time boys come home on furloughs, it is an occasion for the folks at home to rejoice. As you read this letter you will notice that a half-dozen or so boys have come back from combat. Parents' hearts are then particularly filled with joy, filled with gratitude, filled with humility. It is something for which to thank God. Francis Whiting Hatch - she must be a mother with a son in the service - has captured that feeling in the verse below:

Just to know that you are sleeping there  
In your own room, as though when dawn comes streaming  
You might be off to school without a care -  
Awakened from your breakfast-table dreaming.  
Your final years of boyhood snatched away  
With manhood's grimmest duty now your right -  
For these few hours in gratitude we say  
"Thank God you're safe at home with us tonight.

.....

Did you know that as of the middle of January there were 613 boys in the service? This total is for the Borough of Ambler alone, and does not include those who live in the immediate surrounding area.

#### Ambler High

It is nice when you fellows come home on leaves, that you go up to the High School for a visit. The faculty is always glad to have you stop in. Among those who have visited their old Alma Mater the past month are Pfc. Bernard Engle and S 1/c Kenneth Haldeman.

Did you know the Ambler Recreation Council sponsors a dance there every Saturday night? Music is provided by Mr. Geary's orchestra and a juke box. They are well attended and everyone has a good time. Recently the dance was preceeded by a basketball game between the Ambler A. C. and Marines from a supply depot in Phila. A big crowd was there - between six and seven hundred.



Students are selling "A" pins - sterling silver, painted with the school colors, blue and gold, the proceeds of which will go towards paying for the juke box, used at the Saturday night dances.

The Yearbook staff is working hard on plans for a more original and interesting book. Peggy Boulton is editor-in-chief. All sorts of ideas for financing the book are a-foot: a trained animal show, basketball concessions, a movie and a Valentine's Day Dance, which will introduce the senior class "Who's Who."

Mr. Meyers, (Isn't his pet name Hogan?) has carved a new role for himself. If there is time left from the daily morning assemblies Mr. Geary holds a singing contest. One day the boys of Room 15 challenged Room 29. Mr. Meyers, considering himself a 29'er, joined in with all the gesticulations and emphasis he could command - and won the contest for his room.

Ambler High has played nine basketball games since the last newsletter:

Souderton	29	Quakertown	27	Springfield	41
Ambler	31	Ambler	33	Ambler	25
Doylestown	28	Hatboro	28	Jenkintown	43
Ambler	16	Ambler	35	Ambler	33
Lansdale	53	Sell-Perk	33	Doylestown	37
Ambler	31	Ambler	14	Ambler	34

To date, Ambler stands in fifth place in the Bux-Mont League-- Sell-Perk leads. Sell-Perk set a record for the Bux-Mont League Feb. 9th in a game with Hatboro: Sell-Perk 107 - Hatboro 28.

#### Ambler News

There seems very little to report about folks in our town this month. We've been too busy battling snow and ice to get into the news. Weather bureau reports it's the coldest winter since the last war, the third coldest on their records. A heavy snow, which fell the 15th of Jan., lay for almost a month. Our best-loved neighbors were those who knew what to do with their ashes--sprinkle them on sidewalks. Literally, we've been in a rut since Christmas. We realize that this doesn't even begin to compare with hardships you have to endure -- we're merely making a report.

Romances have continued to flourish, though. Caroline Shelly and Robert Mack, of Cleveland, O., were married at the Presbyterian Church Jan. 13th. After a reception, they went straight to their apartment in Cambridge, Mass. Mary Ann Bardens was married to Lt.



Richard Winstead, Boise, Idaho, at an Episcopal church in Chevy Chase, Md. on Jan. 12th. On Jan. 26th, Ensign Jack Watson was married to Emily Ainsworth, at the bride's home, Lexington, Va. After a honeymoon at Hot Springs, they came to Ambler for a visit. Jack is assigned a crash boat command at Charleston, S. C. Anne Umstead's engagement to Nelson Watton, of Chalfont, has been announced. Anne is employed at the Presbyterian Board of Pensions; Nelson is manager of the Mortgage and Real Estate Dept. of the Board of Pensions. The engagement of Mast Sgt. Robert Anderson to Myrtle Houghton, of Lancaster, has been announced. Robert has been stationed in the South Pacific for 32 months. The marriage of Pvt. Edwin Miller to Florence Striffler, Patchogue, N. Y., has been announced.

To save electricity during an acute coal shortage, the town is browned-out at night - prohibiting the use of all lights in store windows and advertising purposes. Ambler's Great White Way is gloomy, indeed, after sun-down.

Rev. Luther Harshberger, pastor of the Brethren Church for the past several years, has left for Europe to do relief work for the Brethren Service Com. in the rehabilitation of war-torn countries.

The first officers for the proposed Ambler YMCA Council were elected: Mr. G. M. Deck, president; Mr. Kerschner, vice-president; Miss Evelyn Kulp, secretary; Mr. Wm. Deuchar, treasurer.

Ambler blood donors exceeded their quota of 400 pints, by thirty-seven. For many people it was their fourth and fifth donation.

After forty-one years as an employe of the Ambler Post Office, Sydney Horn will retire Mar. 1st.

### States

We are attempting to report the doings of the boys in the states in a separate group to make it easier for you. Lt. John Berwind has reported at the Lockbourne A.A.B. at Columbus, O., to attend instructors' school for B-17's. Formerly was a combat pilot in the ETO, where he won the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the D.F.C. Pfc. George Erhardt is stationed at Clovis, N.M. Cpl. Earl Wood is recuperating from an illness at base hospital, Orlando, Fla. John Spears, Fireman 2/c, transferred from the Naval Training Sta. at Sampson to Gulfport, Miss.

Pfc. James Serratore has graduated from the A.A.F. Flexible Gunnery School, Tyndall Field. Pfc. Jean Garritt transferred from Ft. Oglethorpe to Camp Lee, Va. Lt. Joseph Cassidy, who was wounded last November, has returned to this country and is a patient at



Lawson Gen. Hosp., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Helen Schule, a former teacher at Mattison Ave. school, now with the Red Cross, is recreation consultant in the hospital, and is able to assist Joseph. Coincidentally, Miss Schule was very friendly with the Cassidy family while in Ambler.

T/4 Walter Dotts, Ashville, N.C., had a 15 day furlough in Jan. He and his wife were at church one Sunday. Lt. George Brumbaugh, Alexandria, La., has joined the "caterpillars." In Dec. George left his base for a 1000 mile cross country flight. On the return trip, the crew was notified to land at Waco, Tex., where bad weather grounded them for several days. As they took to the air again, the plane caught fire and the crew of ten men bailed out. George's first thought was to call his parents and inform them of his safety, when he was asked where the plane was. Rather shortly he replied - "We haven't found that yet."

Marine S/Sgt. Ralph Schwager, has been transferred from Newport, Ark., to Miramar, Cal. His wife (Bernice Walters) who had spent five months with him in Ark., now has returned home. Daniel Stone S 2/c, is receiving amphibious training at Ft. Pierce, Fla. Charles Flannagan promoted to T/Sgt. Pvt. Albert Fluck, Ft. Bliss, Tex., has been accepted as a candidate for officer's training. Pvt. Norman Urback returned from Alaska to an assignment at Camp Clairborne, La. C.M. 1/c Sydney Buchanan is at Pt. Hueneme, Cal. Cpl. Ralph Priest is stationed at the Marine Barracks at the Phila. Navy Yard. Bill McKinney, ARM 3/c is at Carey Field, Pensacola, Fla.

Frederick Firman, Robert Shoemaker, John Prickett and William Hopwood were inducted into the service the end of Jan.

Pvt. Jimmy Shelly, V.M.I., Lexington, Va., had a 16 day furlough during Jan. - was able to be home for his sister's wedding. 1/c William Erhardt, Yorktown, Va., spent several weekends at home. Anne Burton, Y 3/c, Arlington, Va., had a weekend, as did Y 3/c Ruth Wood and QM Albert Friel. Pfc. Daniel Stevens reported to his duties at Smyrna, Tenn. after a furlough. Cpl. Herbert Lindquist visited Ambler from Selfridge Field, Mich. Bertram Johnson was home after his boot training at Parris Island.

Sgt. Chic Willox came home on Feb. 9th from Camp Livingston, La., until the 20th. Pvt. Franklin (Bonnie) Smith was also home from Camp Wheeler, Ga. A/S Bill Hough finished his boot training at Bainbridge, was home for nine days. A/S Charles Kepler also finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. Vincent Ferla, S 2/c is now stationed at San Diego, Cal.

The War Dept. has notified Mrs. Ralph Davies that she will receive Ralph's Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. 2nd Lt. Ralph J. Davies was reported missing on a bombing mission over Germany on August 15th. His plane was seen going down between Coblenz and Weisbaden. To date, the family have received no information regarding him.



### Hit Parade

Jan. 27

1. Don't Fence Me In
2. There Goes that Song Again
3. I Dream of You
4. Accentuate the Positive
5. I'm Making Believe
6. Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart
7. The Trolley Song
8. Don't you Know I Care
9. Don't Ever Change

Feb. 3

1. Don't Fence Me In
2. There Goes that Song Again
3. Accentuate the Positive
4. I Dream of You
5. I'm Making Believe
6. Avalina
7. Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart
8. Sleigh Ride in July
9. More and More

Lawrence Tibbett is continuing to replace Sinatra on the Hit Parade. The quality of his voice is an improvement over Frankie's-- but still not the type for singing popular songs. Can you imagine him, for instance, singing "The Trolley Song?". However, the extras, which no doubt are chosen for him - "Ole Man River and Rolling Down the Rio" - are fine.

Did you know? About 30 years ago, in New Jersey, a wrestler who used the name of Marty O'Brien became interested in Bing Crosby and aided him in his career. Marty had a son, a frail boy, whom his father knew would never follow his footsteps. But the boy loved music, loved to sing. Marty asked Bing if he could help his son in a musical career. Bing did - and the boy became his most serious competitor in crooning songs --- Frank Sinatra.

### Jokes

We hear that some service men are objecting to the tag GI as applied to themselves. Can't blame the objectors - you ARE individuals and not government issue. But here's a GI poem you'll all approve:

Sitting on my GI Bed,  
My GI hat upon my head,  
My GI pants, my GI shoes,

Everything free, nothing to lose,  
GI razor, GI comb.....  
But GI wish that I were home.

Your son tips me more generously than you do, sir," a taxicab driver said to a wealthy man. "That's quite possible," was the reply. "He has a rich father. I haven't."

It was the student pilot's first flight, and his instructor was explaining every twist and turn to him. Coming out of a particularly wicked tailspin, the instructor yelled, "Betcha fifty percent of the people down there thought we'd never pull out of that one." "Yes, sir," gulped the student. "The same goes for fifty percent of the people up here."



An elderly woman strolled into a barn where a young man was milking a cow. With a snort she asked, "How is it you are not at the front, young man?" "Because, madam," answered the milker, "there ain't no milk at that end."

A detachment of Scotch Highlanders returned to their base after a dangerous sortie. Noses were counted and it was found that Jock McTavish was missing. "He was fair blown to bits by a bomb," reported one of the party. "Ooch," mourned Sandy McDermott. "Ya dinna happen to see his head, did ya? He was smoking ma pipe."

Out speciality this month is daffynitions:-

OLD MAID: A lady-in-waiting.

HILLBILLY: One who never uses his shoe coupons.

PRUDE: A good woman in the worst sense of the word.

ACROBAT: A Man with infinite chest.

METEOROLOGIST: A man who looks into a woman's eyes to tell whether.

ARMY BUGLE: An instrument that deals out some terrible blows.

CLUBHOUSE: Where you hear the chatter of little feats.

PUPPY LOVE: The prelude to an underdog's life.

ARMY CAPTAIN: A uniform with two chips on each shoulder.

FUR COAT: A garment that fattens the figure and slims the purse.

GOIL: The fair sex in Brooklyn.

SIESTA: A Spanish bicarbonate taken after dinner.

SYNONYM: A word you use in place of another when you can't spell the other.

TRUANT: One who plays hide and sick.

PUGILIST: One who makes money hand over fist.

SECRETARY: A woman who works until she marries her boss.

WIND: Air that's in a great hurry.

BRAIN: What's no stronger than its weakest think.

OLD-TIMER: One who remembers when history was made at half the price it costs today.

CROSBY: The man whose horses account for most of radio's nag gags.

#### Overseas

Now for the boys overseas - and there are a lot of them: Congratulations to Ed Sage, who has been promoted to 1st lieutenant. He is a bombardier on a B-17, with the 8th Air Force in England. Ed was wounded last fall, is back in action, has the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters to his credit. Sgt. William Marsden, with the 8th Air Force, is a gunner on a B-24. Recently downed a Nazi fighter when, during an engagement, a hundred enemy planes attacked his unit. Pvt. Martin Ronan is in Italy.

Sgt. Frank Ferla is in his third year of duty with the 8th Air Force. Earlier in the war his division, the Third Bombardment, won a Presidential citation for making a precedent setting shuttle bombing attack on Messerschmitt airplane factories in Germany, when England-based B-17s flew to North Africa and attacked a Nazi airbase in France



on the return flight. Pvt. John Wilson, radio operator serving in the ETO was wounded in Luxembourg.

Joe Niblock has been promoted to 1st lieutenant. Joe has been in the service six years. Lt. Charles McCracken and Sgt. Robert Sellers (Gwynedd Valley) met for the first time since their high school days. They had heard from their families that they were in the same area, so, through the Red Cross a meeting was arranged in Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk, Eng. Charles navigates a Flying Fortress, and Robert is a turret gunner on the same type of plane. Pvt. Joseph Organski, with an infantry outfit in Germany, has been wounded.

Sgt. John Amey was wounded in action in France on Jan. 10th. 2nd Lt. William Huber, pilot on a B-24, has left for overseas duty. Marine Cpl. Stephen Mallozzi is somewhere in the Carolines. Pvt. Michael Lepore, rifleman, is a member of the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment, Fifth Army, which recently shattered a vital point of the Gothic line, taking Italian peaks as high as 3400 ft. The Polar Bears have repeatedly captured strong cores of enemy resistance - rocky mountain peaks above cloud levels, minefields, barbed wire and earthworks. They got their name in the first World War, when they fought in waist deep snow along the 400 mile front between Archangel and Leningrad, battling on for five months after the armistice had been signed.

Congratulations to Dr. Henderson, serving in Italy, who has been promoted to major. His promotion came as a complete surprise one night, when he was having dinner with some officers. Dr. Henderson's superior arose to inform the group, in a very serious, military manner, that one member of the party was not in full uniform, and that, he was sorry to say, it was Dr. Henderson. Doc quickly surveyed himself to see what part of his uniform he had forgotten. At that moment his superior placed a major's insignia on his coat, and told him "he was now in complete uniform." Pvt. William Firman was wounded in Luxembourg. Pfc. Frank Serratore was killed in action on Dec. 7th, on Leyte.

Pfc. Jack Schoenberg, in Ireland, who has been hospitalized because of an accident which occurred last fall, has recovered and is back at work. Sgt. Leonard Normington is a new fellow added to our list - with the A.A.F. in France. Donald Roberts, M.O.M. 1/c, moved from Australia to a new base in the Pacific. S 1/c Joseph Monaco is also a new name - he is on a LSM in the Atlantic Fleet. Pvt. Thurman Wright spent Thanksgiving in England, toured France, had a two day rest in Holland, spent Christmas in Belgium and New Year's in Germany. Thurman has been making tracks!

Congratulations to Bill Little who has been promoted to T/Sgt. - with a bomb squadron in England. T/5 Herbert Luxton and Pfc. Kenneth West have moved from New Guinea up to the Philippines. They are with an army signal battalion. Pfc. Lambert West, with an anti-tank company of an infantry regiment, has arrived in France. Pvt. Robert



Parker, who had been in Africa, received a medical discharge in Jan. Cpl. Clarence Roane, died on Dec. 1st, in Italy, from injuries received in an accident. Pvt. Edward West, Marine, has arrived in Honolulu. He has met Willard Leh.

Pvt. Donald Gerhart is in Belgium with the 120th Infantry. F.C. 3/c Allan Taylor has come back from a shakedown cruise. He likes his duties very much - while on the cruise they encountered some very rough weather, making most of the boys sick - but not Allan. Cpl. Frank Wolf with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, is in Luxembourg. S 1/c John Ambers, who was taken sick in Portugal, is being treated in the Naval Hospital in New York. He is coming along very nicely and his family visit him once in a while.

Pfc. Frank King, with the 8th Inf. Div., sent a box of war souvenirs home from France. There was a Nazi flag, German officer's arm band, German bayonet, a wicked-looking German knife, shell clip and other trinkets. Pvt. Dick King in the ETO was transferred from his signal company to an armored field artillery battalion. Pvt. Russell Huckle is reported missing in action in France since Jan. 8th. Pfc. Alfred Kirk, with an armored infantry company was wounded in Luxembourg in the German counter-attack last Dec. Was hit in the thigh, is recovering in a hospital in England. A citation of merit has been awarded to Sgt. Norman Hibbs, with the 440th Armored Field, Artl. Btn.

The parents of Thomas Moll, who was reported missing in August, received a postcard from him, dated Oct. 26th. It read "am in a German prison camp, will be home for Christmas. Since then they've had no other word. Mrs. Russell Tompkins, mother of Kelsey - who has been an Italian prisoner concentrated in Germany for two years - had a startling surprise. She attended a meeting of mothers whose sons are prisoners, the speaker at which was a repatriated prisoner. As the soldier unfolded his story, Mrs. Tompkins realized that the events leading up to his imprisonment coincided exactly with those of her own son. Upon speaking to him it was discovered that the soldier and Kelsey had been in the same tank unit, wiped out by the German Panzers on Feb. 14, 1943, at Casserine Pass. The unit consisted of 53 tanks - Kelsey's was the third to go. Most of the men were killed but Kelsey was wounded by shrapnel. This was the first detailed information the Tompkins had had of the events leading to Kelsey's imprisonment.

Just heard that Lt. Ed Sage has completed his missions over enemy territory. However, "Uncle Sam" has a little job for him that will detain him in England for two or three months before he will be coming home.

#### Returned to States

These are your friends who have returned to the states:-  
Marine Sgt. Henry Scholz, who has been overseas for about two years, serving as a plane captain with the Fourth Marine Air Wing, in Hawaii, Samoa, New Hebrides and Guam. He will now be stationed at the Air



Corps Depot, Miramar, Cal. Lt.(jg) William Davis (Ambler Highlands) has returned from combat in the Pacific. He was pilot of a Grumman Hellcat, attached to the 19th Air Group. William flew a total of 26 combat sorties, is credited with shooting down four Japanese aircraft and destroying another on the ground, has been decorated with the Navy Cross, D.F.C., and Air Medal. The 19th Air Group played a major role in the Second Battle of the Philippines, raided a battleship task force in the Sibuyan Sea, helped sink four enemy carriers off Formosa, inflicted great damage to enemy shipping.

Pfc. Frank Rocco, after having been three years overseas, is stationed at Shephard Field, Tex. In Dec. he married Ruth Gambone, who is with him. Pfc. Peter Pulli has returned, is temporarily stationed with the Army Ground and Service Redistribution Sta., Atlantic City. Peter spent 46 months as Supply Clerk in the American T. O. Pfc. Edward Gradin is home on a 30 day furlough. Was in the Pacific for two years - having been with the Marines on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinnia. His unit was awarded a Presidential citation. Edward was married Jan. 20th to Jennie Flacco, of Jenkin-town, at the Immaculate Conception Church, of that town.

Lt. Stew Davis, who was a member of the 15th Air Force in Italy is home for three weeks. Stew completed 51 missions over enemy territory, has the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and recently was awarded the D.F.C. At the conclusion of his furlough, he will report to the redistribution station at Miami Beach. Pfc. George Cramer, Marine gunner on the carrier Intrepid, flew home for a 21 day furlough in Jan. He took part in seven engagements - among which were the bombing of Formosa, Luzon, invasion of Leyte.

### High lights in Sports:

#### Basketball

17th win in a row for Valley Forge General Hospital. Using their first team sparingly undefeated Valley Forge beat Ft. Hamilton 83 to 49 on Jan. 12th. Other Jan 12th games:

Penn State	57	Carnegie Tech.	22
Ursinus	55	Drexel	36
T.C.U.	30	Texas A & M	27
Northwestern	52	Minnesota	33
Kansas	48	Nebraska	33
Jan. 13th games:			
Princeton	49	Villanova	35
Penn U.	63	St. Joseph's	46
Univ. Pittsburgh	58	Penn State	41
Columbia	41	Yale	38
Muhlenberg	62	F. & M.	33
Brown	58	Darhmouth	51
Cornell	53	Hobart	33
Lafayette	47	Stevens	40
West Point	65	Colgate	38



On Jan. 15th Valley Forge scored 18th win, beating Villanova 61 to 31. Jan. 17th Valley Forge loses to Temple in overtime game 41-37. At end of regulation time the score stood 37 all. In the overtime, Temple kept possession of the ball, made sixteen shots at the basket, missed the first fourteen tries but the last two counted. Neither coach risked breaking up their regular combination. Valley Forge used one and Temple two substitutes. This was first loss for Valley Forge.

Other Jan. 17th games:

Penn	59	Princeton	41
Muhlenberg	46	Swarthmore	33
Indiana	51	Purdue	50
Penn State	53	West Virginia	27
Colgate	55	Syracuse	52
Lafayette	48	Lehigh	28
West Point	48	Columbia	31

Jan. 20th - West Point beats Princeton 67 to 34. Army is undefeated.

Penn	59	Columbia	43
Cornell	46	Dartmouth	28
Bucknell	53	F. & M.	45
Duke	50	N. Carolina	41
Lafayette	43	Swarthmore	35
Temple	45	Iuonset N.A.S.	44
Yale	59	Holly Cross	51
Purdue	52	Northwestern	48
Ohio State	61	Michigan	47
Indiana	48	Minnesota	46
Oklahoma	44	Kansas	43
Kansas State	70	Nebraska	48
Missouri	38	Iowa State	32
Annapolis	71	Villanova	28

Jan. 23rd Bainbridge Naval Training station defeats Valley Forge 51-49, in a game played at Bainbridge. Jan. 25th Annapolis beats Penn 61 to 41.

Ursinus	53	Drexel	21
Swarthmore	42	Lafayette	39
West Point	33	Penn State	28
Muhlenberg	46	Villanova	22
Columbia	38	Princeton	37

On Jan. 25th Valley Forge defeated Phila. Navy Yard Marines 52-42. On Jan. 26th Muhlenberg beats Lehigh 53-26. In an afternoon game on Jan. 27th Penn beat Dartmouth 41-39. Penn trailed 20 to 12 at end of first half. Penn now leads the Eastern Intercollegiate League!



On Jan. 27th - Bucknell beats Villanova 46 to 34.

Columbia	31	Williams	30
Cornell	27	Syracuse	25
Haverford	47	Drexel	37
Muhlenberg	59	Albright	34
Penn State	37	Colgate	26
Pitt	61	Carnegie Tech.	47
Yale	51	Princeton	28
Kansas	50	Iowa State	35
Bainbridge N.F.S.	57	Norfolk N.T.S.	51
F. & M.	42	Swarthmore	23
Temple	64	Mich. State	47
Annapolis	54	Duke	43

Jan. 29 Valley Forge wins again. Beats Atlantic City N.A.S. 60-44. A scandal in basketball. Five Brooklyn College players signed affidavits admitting they accepted \$3000 to lose to Akron Univ. in a game to be played at Boston on Jan. 30th. Also admitted to discussing a further fix for Madison Square Garden game on Feb. 10th. The five players suspended from team and faculty to determine further punishment. The alleged fixers, Henry Rosen and Harvey Stemmer held in \$25,000 bail. They denied the charge.

Jan. 31st Norfolk, N.T.S. beat Temple 66 to 49. 3rd loss this season for Temple.

West Point	73	W.Va. Univ.	47
St. Joseph's	45	Syracuse	37
Penn	75	Phila. Naval Hosp.	55

Feb. 1st Valley Forge wins 22 out of 24 games played this season by beating N.Y. Univ. 61 to 48. Feb. 2nd Valley Forge 61 Villanova 42. La Salle 95 - Drexel 34. Feb. 3rd Penn wins important game in overtime play Penn 52 - Cornell 50. These two teams fighting for Eastern Collegiate League lead. With but one minute to go Cornell led 49 to 44. Then Harmon & Dallmar dropped in long shots to make it 49 to 48. A foul was converted in last 2 seconds of game to tie score at 49 all. Then Penn went on to win in the overtime period.

Undefeated West Point was behind Yale 43 to 42 with but 40 seconds left to play, but West Point slipped a field goal thru the basket and ended up the winner 44 to 43.

Missouri	47	Nebraska	41
Ohio State	40	Wisconsin	36
Minnesota	56	Indiana	48
Iowa	50	Michigan	37
Dartmouth	59	Holly Cross	46
Lafayette	61	Ursinus	39
Muhlenberg	51	Bucknell	41
Princeton	72	Swarthmore	56
Temple	54	West Virginia	44



Feb. 4th Great Lakes N.T.S. beats Wisconsin 59 to 49 for their 24th victory this year. Valley Forge 41 - Harrisburg Knights 30.

Feb. 6th - Valley Forge 46 - Phila. Coast Guard 34. The soldiers now have won 25 out of 27 games.

Feb. 7th

Muhlenberg	40	Penn	35
Annapolis	55	Temple	47
Rutgers	56	Drexel	32
U.S. Coast Guard	46	Villanova	37
West Point	71	Pittsburgh	51

Feb. 9th - N. Y. Coast Guard upsets Valley Forge 68 to 42. The soldiers 3rd loss against 25 wins. Penn Charter is leading in the Interac. basketball League.

Feb. 10th:

Duke	51	Temple	46
St. Joseph	39	LaSalle	36
West Point	79	Rochester	42
Annapolis	60	West Virginia	40

Annapolis, unbeaten, have 9 wins and 4 more games to play.

Cornell	50	Dartmouth	35
Bainbridge	55	Norfolk N.T.S.	49
Haverford	55	Dickinson	23
Ohio State	36	Northwestern	32
Wisconsin	55	Michigan	44
Illinois	57	Minnesota	35
Iowa	45	Indiana	40
F. & M.	42	Gettysburg	31
Muhlenberg	47	Columbia	44
Penn State	51	Colgate	34

Feb. 11th - Bainbridge wins again in its 8 game contest with Norfolk N.T.S. by score of 41 to 39. Bainbridge has won 5 out of 6 so far played.

Feb. 12th -

Iowa	48	Purdue	43
Illinois	71	Indiana	48
Cornell	38	Syracuse	33
Tennessee	48	Georgia	38
Valley Forge	87	Phila. Navy Yard	
		Marines	45



On Feb. 12th Penn by beating Columbia 57 to 50 is assured of Eastern Intercollegiate Title. The first time they have won the championship since 1937. This game was closer than score indicates. Columbia was ahead 40 to 38 at the half and until the last 7 minutes of the game Penn's lead was but 2 points.

Pete Gray the one-armed outfielder brought one of the top prices for Southern Ass'n. ballplayers. The St. Louis Amer. League Browns paid \$20,000 for him.

Stan Musial, outfielder of St. Louis World Champions has been accepted for Navy service. He is third Cardinal played taken into armed services since season's end. The other two, Max Lanier, ace southpaw pitcher and Fred Schmidt also a pitcher.

Fred Fitzsimmons manager of Phillies returned late in January from U.S.O. tour of Persian Gulf Command and Africa. 14 lbs. lighter, says he's in better shape than any time since he pitched for Brooklyn. Pitched 6 games in Persia in 110 degree heat. Says ready to pitch for Phillies. With shortage of players looks like they will need him.

The great baseball empire of the famous New York Yankees has New owners. Larry MacPhail, Dan Topping and Del E. Webb are the buyers. The last 2 are known as millionaires. MacPhail controlled the Brooklyn Dodgers during their recent, spectacular days. The sale price is said to be \$2,800,000. Since 1921 the Yankees won 14 Amer. League pennants and 10 World Series. McCarthy, they say will be retained as Manager. On re-examination of 4 F's, Ron Northey star outfielder of the Phillies is accepted by the Army.

Jimmy Foxx former star first baseman of A's & Red Sox is going to play for the Phillies next season. He is 37.

Uncertainty as to whether or not big leagues will play next season. Re-examination of 4 F's will take some from ranks of players, perhaps many. Work or fight law, if passed by Congress, will deplete the ranks further. Still those in the know seem to think the games will go on. Further travelling restrictions has brought suggestion the Western teams play each other and the Eastern teams fight it out in the East, probably with a series play-off between East & West, instead of National vs. American League.

### Golf

Phoenix open won Jan. 14th by Byron Nelson with 274 for the 72 hole tournament. Denny Shute of Akron, O. was second with 276. Sam Byrd, third, 277. Bob Hamilton, Chicago, 4th with 278 then Jug McSpaden, 283. Sam Snead slipped to 13th with 289. Tucson open finished on Jan. 22nd with Ray Mangrum of Los Angeles the winner. His 72 hole score was 268. Byron Nelson, 269. Jim Gauntt of Oklahoma, 271. Jug McSpaden, 272. Sam Snead 273. Byrd in 10th position with



276. On Jan. 28th Sam Byrd wins Texas open at San Antonio with score of 268. Byron Nelson, 269 and Jug McSpaden third with 270.

Byron Nelson wins Corpus Christi open golf tourney. Score 264 Jug McSpaden next with 268, Ky Laffoon of Chicago and Sam Schneider of Corpus Christi tied with 269. Craig Wood 270. Sam Byrd 271. Nelson's score is 16 under par for the 72 holes.

New Orleans open ends in tie for first place on Feb. 12th. Jug McSpaden and Byron Nelson scored 284 for the 72 holes. A playoff of 18 holes will take place after this letter goes to press. Claude Harmon of Grosse Point, Mich. was next with 289. Sam Snead 4th, 290.

#### Misc.

Billy O'Connell, 17 swam 22 miles, non-stop. He made 1936 consecutive laps of the Coffeyville, Kas. high-school pool in 16 hours, 9 minutes.

Gil Dodds the Gospel student, holder of one-mile indoor world's record, decided to quit racing. He is leaving for West coast to take up ministerial duties. His one-mile record, indoors is 4.06.4. In his farewell race, a two-mile event at the annual Boston Y meet his time was slow 9.58.4. He had no competition. Joe Louis thinks he will retire after one fight. At Camp Shanks, N.Y. Louis says he is going to defend his title just once, after the war. He says Billy Conn will be his opponent.

Allan Ford, Yale swimming captain and former Mercersburg Academy star, smashed both the 100 meter and 110 yard records established by Johnny Weismuller in 1927 and 1928. He lowered the 100 meter time from 57 seconds to 55.7 and the 110 yard record from 57 to 56.4 seconds.

The Duke-Alabama Sugar Bowl film will be shown for the G.I.'s in India. This game was a thriller, the best of all, the New Year's Day Bowl games, this year.

The new bank clerk, unfamiliar with banking terms, turned to his stenographer and asked, "Minnie do you retire a loan." She replied, "No, I sleep with Momma".

#### Correspondence Column

Pvt. Edgar A. King sent a picture Post Card from England, dated Dec. 26, showing Westminster Abbey, St. Margaret's and Big Ben. Since that time, a message was received by his parents saying Edgar was "slightly wounded" in Belgium on Jan. 14th.



Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., U.S.M.C., Pacific Area, reports receiving a letter from Calvin Ashton, who is also in the Pacific Area. Jimmy also asked for the address of Harvey Eisenhard, E.M.3/c, as he believes they are stationed in the same group of Islands. However, we believe Harvey moves frequently.

Major Alfred S. Martin is enjoying the Philippines. He writes, "Came in on the initial assault waves. This made my third try at that and nothing more sensational to show than a duce of cracked ribs. That is something any healthy, normal Irishman gets in the due course of events anyhow. Funny thing about these first day jobs. You are all eager to do it and then every time, I, at least, wonder when I get there, what in the devil I'm doing there, when there are such nice peaceful places like home. I'm getting too old for this sort of stuff anyhow." Al says Christmas and New Year's were very good - "lots of food and even a bit of celebration. Our friends the Nips added a bit of fireworks for color and everybody was happy."

Pfc. Alvin M. Fleck, with the Medical Detachment of the 29th Infantry, is now in Belgium and likes the people. He sent us his new APO number, which we appreciate very much.

Cpl. William T. Weir, is "Somewhere in Belgium". He writes, "I have not met any of my Ambler friends, but I surely look forward to the day when we hash over the doings of Shinglotown.--Most of the people in Belgium and Holland are very nice and if one can speak the language, he can become almost one of the family. Many of the people have small English-French vocabularies."

Pvt. Bruno J. Pacos, returned to the States after spending about four years in the Pacific. He enjoyed a furlough in Philadelphia and Ambler. While here he met Bob Cassel, QM 3/c who was home on leave. Bruno then reported to Richmond, Va., and was assigned to the Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas. He writes, "Being so used to places out in the Pacific, this place looks like a Paradise--so far!"

Sgt. George R. Fertsch at Base Air Depot #2, Somewhere in England, after a period of twenty months was granted a seven-day furlough in the month of November. He spent all of it --"plus one day too many in Scotland." George went up to Aberdeen, Scotland and says, "It's almost as good as a trip to the States. Of course, the hamburgers and the milkshakes weren't there." However, he did have a glass of fresh milk for breakfast every morning. George was delighted with Aberdeen and the surrounding country. In fact, he forgot to return on time and the C.O. disapproved of this quite heartily! However, George again spent his Christmas weekend in Aberdeen and as he had only a forty-eight hour pass, he spent his Christmas day riding on the trains. We cannot understand why George traveled so far from his Base, just to visit Aberdeen and spend Christmas Day on the train. Maybe he will tell us what the real attraction is.



Cpl. Winfield N. Stong, with a Maintenance Sqd. somewhere in England, reports that on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, they planned to have a Christmas party for 300 English children in one of the hangars. They expected to have Santa present to distribute the toys and games that our boys had made in their spare time. They also planned to have ice cream and cookies. Winny and some of his friends made a small metal car, with push pedals, and sent it over to the paint shop for a coat of gloss. They had trouble finding wheels and thought they would have to use wooden ones. However, the little fellow they were making it for, found an old "pram" (baby carriage) with some good wheels, so the car was complete. We hope the Christmas Party was a success and enjoyed by everyone.

Sgt. John H. Dailey, (Bud), sent a report on the English weather. On Jan. 7th, "there occurred a sort of hash downfall. Some sort of large lumps penetrated the air. Don't know exactly what it was- kind of a mongrel mix of snow, sleet, rain and hail." The English call it "proper", but Bud calls it "cold."

Pfc. Allan H. Burroughs' wife sent us his new address. Allan is with the 1st Marine Division somewhere in the Pacific Area.

Pfc. Arnold Dragani, arrived in England, and sent us his new address. Arnold received his Basic Infantry training at Camp Croft, S.C. with Edgar King and Steve Malozzi. They went overseas in November and we believe they have all gone over to the Continent since this letter was written. Arnold writes, "Give my regards to all my buddies from Ambler in the Service."

Pvt. Geraldine R. Spears sent a card giving her change of address. She finished Basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was assigned to Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Hugh G. Sivoll, SK2/c arrived in the Philippines and met his brother one week after he landed. It was their first meeting in one and one half years. Hugh is with the 33rd Special N.C.B. Hdqs. Co. and is very anxious to have any Amblerites who are coming and going in the Philippines, to contact him.

Sgt. Harold L. King, is stationed "Somewhere in Africa" with the Army Transport Corps. He works with a Supply and Service Sqd. of an Army Air Field Base Unit. He has been at this Base about two years. Harold sends a great many pictures home and it looks like a very interesting spot on the coast of Africa.

Col. Carl G. Randall is with a Medical Detachment "Somewhere in Holland". He writes, "My job here is a 'pill jockey', but lately all my jockeying has been done in a jeep. We have a good bunch of fellows who pull together along with good officers, which means a lot. We've got a great team over here, and even though the competition gets a little tough now and then, I know, someday we'll come



up with the old Stars and Stripes right on top." So far, Carl has not met any Amblerites overseas, but he is always hopeful that someday, he will meet someone he knows.

Lt. Donald S. Betts, has arrived in England and writes, "Finally after two years in the Army and chasing from one end of the U.S.A. to another, during which time my address was changed 15 times, Uncle Sam caught up with me and sent me over here to fight a war." Don says the work is varied and extremely interesting. He flies cargo over to the Continent and evacuates the wounded. He has been over the Channel several times and has also visited Paris. After reading his Newsletter Don believes many of his old buddies are near him and asked for addresses; especially Ed Sage and John Dailey.

A/C William R. Lunn, stationed at the Army Air Field, Greenville, Miss., says that the weather has delayed his training many hours. It rains so much, he has not been able to get his solo flight checked. No doubt, this sounds familiar to all the former Aviation Cadets. Bill sends his "very best wishes to all in the Service, wherever they may be and hopes that this is their last year on foreign soil." A later letter received just before going to press tells "things are under control. On January 24th I solved this thing called an airplane. I mean to tell you it was some thrill up there in that big job all alone." No doubt, Bill means he had his first solo flight.

Ralph E. Vandegrift, CM2/c at a Small Boat Repair base, Albany, Calif., has been sightseeing in San Francisco whenever possible. He has visited Chinatown, rode on the cable cars and walked through the beautiful Park. Ralph and his bunkmate, Reds, went to the Mare Island Navy Yard one Sunday. While there they acquired some stainless steel out of which they expect to make bracelets. Ralph and Reds spent New Year's Eve at the Stage Door Canteen in San Francisco. They had a very nice time and enjoyed a dinner and some dancing. We often wonder about Canteens in other parts of the country and would like to know more about them. We know that Philadelphia is famous for its hospitality to the Service boys and girls, and we would like to hear how the rest of the country treats our boys. Ambler is doing a big share in this hospitality.

Pfc. William P. Clifton with an M.P.Bn., has been overseas about 30 months and in this time he has been to Wellington and Auckland, New Zealand. Then on to Sydney, Australia, and north to Brisbane and Cairns. Then British New Guinea and now in the Netherlands East Indies. He writes, "Our present camp is hewn out of the Jungle and I do mean Jungle. We have the queerest looking insects here you ever saw in your life. They look so fantastic it is hard to believe they are not just a bad dream. There are deserted Jap pill boxes and fortifications



very close to camp. There a few scattered Japs still in the hills. Occasionally one or two are captured. Two were captured recently at a camp about a quarter of a mile from ours." Bill says they had roast turkey "with some of the trimmings", for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As they have perpetual summer, it wasn't very much "like the good old holidays in the States."

Pvt. Thomas Queenan with a chemical Co., is now stationed in Italy. He wrote to give us his new APO.

Robert J. Broughton, AMMF3/c is making regular trips with the NATS over the Pacific. He writes, "I was able to see Paul Jones the last time I was in Hawaii and he was very much surprised. He had just read in his Newsletter that I would be coming out that way when I turned up." Bob hopes to see more "folks from home" on his future trips.

Pvt. Earnie T. Smith with the Parachute Troops at Camp Mackall, N.C. is no longer in the Personnel Office. He now has charge of a Private's Club called, "The Brown Derby". Here the boys can obtain necessities and refreshments. There are books and magazines, table tennis and a juke box. Earnie likes his new job and hopes it will last. He reports that due to training schedules and "other little elements", their Basketball team had to be set aside. However, their Regimental Team under new Management, has been kept intact and has games scheduled with some leading teams, including the University of North Carolina. Earnie and Alvin Neigut who is also at Camp Mackall, meet frequently and enjoy sharing conversation, fruit cake and cheese cracker sandwiches. Earnie writes, "Please remember me to all my friends wherever they may be."

Sgt. Sam Dailey with a Mustang Fighter Group, "Somewhere in England", writes about the snow. He says about five inches of snow fell and believes it is the most snow England has ever seen. When Sam and his brother Bud had furloughs recently they met in Reading. Sam says Bud has really changed but thinks it is on "the good side". They had a wonderful time talking about home and their outfits, went to a movie and had a good dinner at a Red Cross Club. He hopes to see Bud again quite soon. Sam has another leave coming but expects to spend this one with his girl friend's family. They live at Weston super Mare, which is over on the Bristol Channel. At the same time, Sam plans to visit the historic old city of Bath.

Sgt. Richard D. Hoyt, "Somewhere in England", also mentions the snow. Dick was assigned to an RAF school as an instructor last June and is located near the city of Bath. In a back issue of the Stars and Stripes, Dick saw an article by Carlton Myers in the "Blow it out your B bag" column. Carlton is a Chaplain's assistant with headquarters in an Army General Hospital somewhere in England. One



day while passing through the Hospital he met Pfc. Ralph A. Lelii, who had been wounded by a snipers bullet while in combat near Aachen, Germany. Carlton's name has been added to our mailing list this month.

Paul B. Jones, S 1/c in the Disbursing Office of the 10th Naval Const. Batt., somewhere in the Hawaiians, reports another call from Bob Broughton and plans to meet him in town the next morning. Paul is having night classes in different subjects for preparation at the front or nearer the front. We will be sorry to have Paul leave the Hawaiians, as it is very interesting to have our boys contact him on their trips in and out. However, when Paul leaves and finds himself stationed again, he may be able to renew his contacts. Paul wrote, "Would appreciate seeing anyone from home or near home that comes this way. Especially Andy Dressler or Bob Davies, as they are from the class of '37 with me."

Pvt. Walter Dummeldinger with a Signal Service Bn., has arrived in India. His unit is attached to the 20th Bomber Command. Walt says India is "truly a strange land". He has seen quite a bit of India and reports seeing the Taj Mahal "from a most interesting angle." In a local Red Cross States Register he saw the names of Jim Worthington and Louis Sylvester and will try to locate them. Walter says they had a fine musical program one evening. The guest artists were Miss Lily Pons, Mr. Kostelanatz, Mr. Paxton (Nelson Eddy's pianist) and Mr. Versaci, flutist from Philadelphia! The highlight was Miss Pons singing "Ave Maria." Walter said Miss Pons left the States about the same time he did as he saw her in one of the mess halls in Miami Beach just before he left!

Chief Warrant Officer, George J. Deens with the 73rd Naval Const. Batt., writes, "As you know by this time, I made another trip. This time to Pearl Harbor and Honolulu and had the pleasure of meeting Lt. Vera Haff. Lt. George Sandiford and Paul Jones. I also met a former Amblerite in the person of Lt. John Kelly, son of J.J. Kelly, Three Tuns. I had not seen him for 10 years but knew him at once." While George was away, two Ambler boys flew down from Saipan to see him. However, they promised to make another trip and when they do, George will write and tell us about it.

Sgt./T Thomas E. Weaver, wrote us on Jan. 16th from "Somewhere in the Pacific", saying, "Things out here are moving along quietly". On February 1st his Mother received a message saying he had arrived in the States and one week later he arrived in Ambler! Quiet, indeed!



However, we are more than happy to welcome him back to Ambler. He enlisted in the 27th Division in January, 1941, and had not been in Ambler, since July, 1941. He served out in the Pacific almost three years. Tom is now at home for a 30 day furlough. He looks very well and to us he is the same old Tom.

Thomas J. Benzenhafer, AMM2/c heads his letter - "Someplace", and is in the Pacific Theatre of operations. He was recently added to our mailing list, and from the Newsletter learned the location of several of his old buddies and hopes to contact some of them. He says there isn't much he can tell about himself except to say he is in the best of health and so far, has succeeded in keeping himself unharmed. Tommie writes, "My happiest time since I left the States was last November when I met my brother George over here. He's a Staff Sgt. with the 4th Marine Division and has been in four invasions with that Division. George says Saipan was by far the worst."

Pvt. Charles G. Hughes, with the ASTU at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., reports meeting Tom Elder, who is also there. Charles is in Co. B and Tom in Co. A. Charles likes the work he is doing very much and wishes it would last.

Donald M. Angeny SF3/c with the 122nd N.C.B., has also arrived in the Philippines, and writes, "sure ran into a mess of rain and mud, but I guess I've gotten to a point now where I can stand any kind of weather and conditions." Donald says the Filipinos are very nice. Many have gone to school and speak good English. However they are in need of clothes and are eager to trade with the boys for their old clothes. When Donald was in New Guinea he met Norman Buler and shared the Newsletter with him. They met quite often and talked over old times back in Ambler.

We are happy to have received a letter from T/5 Hugh M. Bullard (congratulations on the new stripe!) which at last tells us something of what he has been doing the past year. Except for two weeks of "civilian" life sorting ammunition in Kansas, he has been learning the intricate mechanics of teletype and at the time of writing was involved in a three weeks command post exercise at Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he is attached to a Signal Service Co. Hugh slings a lot of Signal Corps lingo at us which leads us to the conclusion that everything is snafu with Corp. Bullard and company.

Sgt. Daniel Signore and his very nice wife came to call one morning this month. Daniel spent about two years out in the Pacific. Most of the time he was stationed on the Fiji Islands. He returned to the States last fall and was reassigned to Drew Field, Fla. Daniel says, "I started at Drew Field and I am right back where I started." He is with a Signal Bn. attached to the Army Air Force. They enjoyed a visit to Ambler and we appreciate having them call. It is nice to know the Newsletter is being received and enjoyed and the only way we can know this is by the letters we receive and the calls you make when you are in Ambler.



Pfc. Walter (Steve) Jones is "Somewhere" in the Philippines", with a Malaria Control Unit. He says living conditions in the Philippines are quite different from their former locations. They are near a town, where the Army has established movies for their enjoyment. Steve closed his letter by wishing "a Happier New Year to us all." Then he added this - "30".

Cpl. Bruce Singer, stationed at the Army Air Field, Kingman, Arizona, has completed gunnery training. He is on a Fortress and waiting for the "delay enroute" he will get when they receive orders. While waiting, he had his first visit to Los Angeles with a buddy who lives there. Bruce sends his best wishes to Bill Hamilton and hopes Bill can make it through advanced and get his commission. Brother Bill graduated on Jan. 16th and received his Navy Wings. He is now Ensign William G. Singer, and is staying at Bronson Field, Pensacola, Fla., for 6 weeks training in a Catalina flying boat.

We welcomed a letter from Cpl. Charles H. Wagner. His last letter to us was received about a year and a half ago. He says it is about two and a half years since he "walked on Butler Ave." Charles is doing ground crew work with a Bomb Sqd. somewhere in England. His work is very unglamorous as he is usually covered from head to toe with oil and grease when he is on the job as airplane mechanic. However, Charles finds it interesting work and says, "We ground boys learn to love our Libs as if they were our own flesh and blood and feel awfully proud when we see them coming back home after doing their days work." Charles doesn't think he will see Paris but London is a familiar town to him and when he has furloughs he goes to Edinburgh, Scotland. He says, "I love Scotland and the Scottish people--their habits and their humor." Charles is engaged to Margie Dougherty of Ambler and Tommy Hughes, "Somewhere in the Pacific", plans to be "Flower Girl" at their wedding when they all return for the happy day. Charles has been writing to Frank King who is in Germany and would like to contact Charles King who is in Belgium. He sends this--"Greetings to you Chick, how is the boy these days?"

Congratulations to Dick Gump who has been promoted to Pharmacist's Mate 1/c. He has been stationed in China for the past ten months and is quartered in a Chinese temple. He writes, "We had a very nice holiday season over here, considering how far we are away from civilization. We had our chow hall decorated for the Christmas Day right down to the lights on the tree. For lights, we used odds and ends of electrical equipment that we had and we dipped the bulbs in blue paint. For power, we used our hospital generator. For balls, we used cracked ping-pong balls and used flash bulbs that we painted. For tinsel, we used silver foil that comes around the X-Ray film. For snow, we used cellophane from



cigarette packages. We have a fireplace at each end of our chow hall and on one we had the words Merry Christmas and on the other Happy New Year. The letters this was made from were cut from the gold foil that lined the X-Ray film boxes. All around the room we had greens and holly. On each wall we had a scene--one was of the Three Wisemen and the other was a Winter Scene. To start things off with a bang at 4:30 P.M. Christmas Eve we had a very welcomed mail call. At 6:00 P.M. we had a dinner in honor of our Chinese friends. They gave us each an individual present of silk and canned goods. As a group they gave us 3 pigs, 1 bull, 4 quarters of beef, 3 baskets of tangerines, 3 baskets of peanuts, 15 ducks and 15 chickens. So even in China there is a Santa Claus. Christmas Day proper we had to ourselves and we exchanged serious and funny gifts and had our big meal. Nothing much happened on New Years, except another mail call. Then something we hardly believed on Jan. 5th we had another Mail Call. This brought quite a few of our Christmas packages, so that really meant we had two Christmases in gifts. But as far as the meaning of the day, that only happens once. The Navy gave me a present by giving me an advancement of PhML/c on Dec. 1st, 1944." Dick is teaching the Chinese Medical care and helping with some research work. He has been literally doing a walking marathon as the nearest highway is sixty miles distant and the nearest telephone five miles. He figures he has walked 425 miles--not including that necessitated while on duty. Dick says he still weighs exactly what he did when he entered the service--195 lbs. But he has an entirely different shape! Dick sends his regards to the following: Dick Hoyt, Jack Davis, Doug Brooks, Hugh Gehman, Bill Kleinfelder and Carlton Myers.

Lt. Vera M. Haff, Army Nurse in a Hospital, Somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands, writes that there isn't enough hours in one day to get everything done. She is very busy at the present time and has been taking care of some very interesting cases. Vera says, "It is quite difficult to follow up on a number of the boys who come to surgery every day. We really would like to show a special interest in all of them. We can certainly be proud of the fine boys we have fighting to give us peace again." Paul Jones who is nearby was in to see her for a short time the previous Sunday afternoon.

#### Some Church News

The Couples Club met Jan. 26 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Williams. The meeting opened with a dinner and 35 people were present.

The speaker was Judge George Corson of the Montgomery County Courts. There should be some very profound message to give you from his speech, but there is not. His talk was most amusing and he told quite a few jokes which surely wouldn't pass the King's Daughters censorship, so can't be repeated. It was gratifying though to find a man, who sees so much of the seamy side of life with such a grand sense of humor. After he talked for nearly an hour, he found the notes for his speech, so since it was time for his bus he couldn't



give it.

We heard the other day of a Couples Club with 150 members so you boys hurry back and get yourselves wives and join us,

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society planned a hayride for February 9 but due to the ice and snow they went bowling at Menlo Park instead. After bowling several games the group met at the home of Bill Mears near Hatfield where refreshments were served. The group plan to try another hayride early in the Spring.

The Ambler Youth Council held its January Worship in the St. John's Lutheran Church of Ambler. Mrs. Ralph Davies (Gloria Laughlin) had charge of the Worship and Reverend Martin Tozer was the speaker. About 35 or 40 young people were present.

Several young people from our church attended the first annual meeting of District 6 of the Westminster Fellowship which was held at the Grace Presbyterian Church, Jenkintown, Pa., on January 27. Several missionaries from India were the guest speakers who told the group how their Christian Endeavor Societies in India functioned.

Here is a message from Reverend Dunsmore:

There is a picture hanging in my memory, if not here in my study, that you have perhaps seen at some time. It is that of Washington kneeling in the snow at Valley Forge, praying earnestly for strength and guidance. Beside this picture hangs another which you have often seen - Christ in Gethsemane. Two prayers which we believe marked turning points. Without one prayer the nation would have been lost; without the other the world would have been lost. There can be a third picture - another kneeling earnestly in prayer--you. For your life, your present and future, are important to God. If you form such a picture you can find strength, and discover that God is "an ever present help." You will meet every turning point in your life with faith and power you have not known before. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Does that third picture exist?

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS



# NEWSLETTER NO. 30

354 Lindenwold Ave.,  
Ambler, Pa.  
March 15, 1945

Dear

After the cold, gloom, bleakness of winter, signs of spring appear - the sun is brighter, snow has gone, pussywillows blossom, robins have returned, a crocus lifts its yellow head among the dead leaves - hopeful indications of a brighter season ahead.....Is it just coincidence that Easter occurs in the spring, Easter, with its measure of rejoicing over the resurrection, following the darkness and despair of the crucifixion?.....Fitfully there is a gleam of brightness breaking through the clouds over part of this war-torn earth, a hint of victory. The storm is not over - but we hope for its quick termination, with its promise of a better world when you come home, its assurance that your struggles in the darkness and despair of the past three years have not been in vain.

## High School

The Ambler High basketball team finished their season with two games:

Ambler	41	Quakertown	38
Lansdale	39	Ambler	35

As a matter of curiosity, you might like to know the standings of the teams in the Bux-Mont League:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Sel-Perk	15	1	Springfield	6	10
Jenkintown	13	3	Quakertown	5	11
Doylestown	12	4	Souderton	3	13
Lansdale	11	5	Hatboro	0	16
Ambler	7	9			

Through the combined efforts of the Ambler School Board and the Montgomery Co. Tuberculosis Assoc., students were given a chest examination by X-Ray.

Sixteen new members were formally admitted to the National Honor Society. Julia Ann Eckfeldt administered the oath of membership; Mr. Kerschner presented insignia pins, and Rev. Tozer made an address.

Did you know Miss Gear is an enthusiastic newsletter fan? She often reports bits of news to pass along. She tells us of quite a number of service men who have visited the high school lately:

Bob Harsh, with the Navy at Dartmouth; Pfc. Nick Fanu, with the Marines at Cornell; Pvt. Arthur McCoy, attending a gunnery school; Jack Holz, with the Navy at U. of Va.; Cpl. Jimmy Byassee, who has been with the army in the Marshalls, now home on a 30 day



furlough; Sgt. Victor Romendio, home from the Aleutians; Sgt. Tom Weaver, home from the Pacific; S2/c Bill Reimell; A.M.3/c Bob Kleinfelder; Franklin Wright; Lester Myers and Russell Beningo. Alumni visitors included Vera Coombs; Jean Rile; Nancy Wilson, Dorothy Marple; and Arthur Bolton, who is attending U. of Pa., on a scholarship.

They all come in and ask Miss Gear what Room 25 is doing. Well, this month they had a very special party, on Mar. 9th, called the Spring Special. The decorations in the gym included a huge locomotive modeled in cardboard by the girls - it reached from one end of the room to the other. Invitations were written on cardboard cut in the shape of locomotives. The proceeds of the party go towards financing a juke box, used at the Saturday night Recreation Council dances. Result of the party - the Juke Box paid for.

#### Town News

Added to the brown-out, we now have curfew. All restaurants and places of amusements are closed at 12 o'clock...Boys and girls have no excuse for staying out late now - there is simply nothing doing.

The engagement of Anne Craft and R.M. 2/C Oscar Stillwagon has been announced. Oscar was home around Christmas, after having been overseas for two years. It is understood he has already left for sea duty again.

Jacqueline Singer became the bride of Pvt. Herbert Webster, of Willow Grove, on Feb. 17th, at the Presbyterian Church. After a short honeymoon, the bridegroom reported to his outfit. The wedding of Anna Umstead and Nelson Watton, of Chalfont, took place on Feb. 22, at Perkasio, Rev. Samuel Moyer officiating. After a honeymoon in Canada, they will reside in Chalfont.

After twenty-one years of service as rector of the Episcopal church Rev. Dr. W. F. Lutz will retire on May 3rd. Gloria Simpson who is studying to be a laboratory technician, has left State College, and entered Penna. General Hosp. for her practical studies. Nancy Walker, employed at Gimbel's in the Display Department, has been given charge of all the display counters on the first floor in the store. Imagine Gimbel's is going to be an interesting place for shopping henceforth.

Due to an acute labor shortage, K&M have imported about seventy Jamaicans to help increase the government's demand for greater output of vital materials. The building adjoining K&M garage has been turned into a barracks for them, several of their group performing housekeeping duties. Resplendent in their summer slacks, government-issued overcoats, government-issued knitted helmets, upon which they perch straw hats, and with bath towels wrapped around their necks, they've been a source of interest to Amblerites. Some have never worn shoes. A group were standing on a corner one night with their shoes tucked under their arms. A bus driver coming along, stopped and asked if they wanted to get on. "No, sir, we's just restin' our tired feet." They're learning their way around - discovered how to



buy cigarettes --- in the manner which is reminiscent of Bob Hope's quip: "He knows more about acting than the guy who's been in the same cigarette line three times!"

Buddy Dager recently married a Lansdale girl. Buddy, you will remember, was an army paratrooper, was wounded in action at the beginning of the Italian campaign. He received a medical discharge and is working at K&M.

The town is so devoid of young men one wonders how any more can be inducted into the service. Evidently as soon as a boy blows out the eighteen candles on his birthday cake, the Draft Board sends its congratulations. Among those lately inducted are: James Gray, Springhouse; Benjamin Lewis; Harry Reimel; Arthur Carr; Carl Rainey and Charles Baker, who entered the Navy; Carlin Taney; Edward McCourt; Albert Hurst; Salvatore Decembrino, Ralph Graziano, Salvatore Chiriano; Samuel Miller; Frank Rocchino; Leslie Brown.

Cpl. Earl Wood is convalescing in the Orlando Base Hospital, Fla., after a recent illness. Y3/C Ruth Wood, stationed at Cape May, spent a week-end at home, as well as celebrated her birthday at the same time. William Drake graduated from the Naval Training School, Chicago, spent a week at home, reported at the Shoemaker Naval Station, San Francisco, for assignment.

Pvt. Lillian Learn, is receiving her basic training in the WAC's at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. After completing her training she will become a medical technician at Valley Forge Hospital. She comes from a family very much represented in the war. Her husband, Cpl. Paul Learn, is stationed with the Army Engineers in the Philippines. One of her brothers, Pfc. Arthur Wood, is with an anti-aircraft battery in Belgium; another brother, Pvt. Robert Wood, is recuperating from wounds in a hospital in England. Her grandfather, the late George Wood, was a Civil War veteran.

Lt. Stew Davis' furlough is over and he has reported to a redistribution station at Miami Beach for reassignment. Stew, you will recall, returned from the ETO last month, after having completed 51 missions. Pvt. Albert Geyer has completed his training in electronics at Chanute Field, Ill. Pfc. George Erhardt is stationed at Clovis, N.M., training with a combat crew as a tail gunner on a B-29. T/Sgt. Walter Zerbenski spent several days with his parents in Springhouse. Walter is stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo. His wife and baby are living near him. Pfc. Alvin Neigut has been transferred from Camp McCall, N. C. To Ft. Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Sherman T. Wright, who is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, spent twelve days with his family and friends. Sgt. Wright has been in the Armed Forces for four years. He has been doing infantry work in the various camps throughout the U.S.

Sgt. Garland Childs was honorably discharged from the Army Air Force, Alexandria Field, La., on Feb. 13th. Garland was in the service over two years. Donald Smith has been promoted to pfc. at Patterson Field and awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon. Pvt. Edwin



Miller is stationed at Camp Upton, New York, with a military police battalion. S2/C Charles Kepler has returned to his base at Bainbridge, Md. after an 8 day leave.

A.M.M. 3/C Jesse Young, Ft. Washington, was killed in an airplane crash in Florida on Feb. 2nd, the day he was to have graduated from gunnery school. Sgt. Joseph Melograna, a member of the 660th Engr. Topographical Btn. has been commended for his share of the work involved in making maps for the invasion of Normany. The men he worked with kept the best guarded secret of the war - the place and date of the invasion. The mapping task was difficult, for a great part of the continent had not been mapped since Napoleonic days. Using aerial photographs, known topographical data and information supplied by the European underground, 2,500,000 maps were printed in the week prior to D-Day.

Dick Rohrman has received a disability discharge. A year ago, when he was with the army in Italy, he got trench foot, was sent to North Africa for hospitalization. His feet improved, went back into service and was with the army on its March to Rome in June. Dick was in the service just two years and one week. T/3 Nelson Deck was home on furlough with his wife and baby. He is stationed at Ft. Monroe, Va. Pvt. Jimmy Shelly, who was at V.M.I., is receiving his basic training in infantry at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

A/S Charles Hough, who is at Swarthmore in the Navy V-12 program, was home for 7 days the end of Feb. S2/C Bill Hough has finished his boot training at Bainbridge, has entered the quartermasters' school at the same base. S2/C Paula Flower, in the Coast Guard, has been transferred to New York. S2/C Vincent Ferla is at a naval base in San Diego. Pvt. Bonnie Smith is stationed at Ft. Meade. Arthur Rau has received his wings and commissioned an Ensign at Pensacola. Result: a nice leave at home. He returned to Jacksonville and is training on Corsairs. Ray Gear is at Camp Pickett, Va. Sgt. Scottie McPhail is with an army air force base unit at Miami. He returned to the states in December after more than two years in the Pacific. Wilson Mathias is a new name added to our list. He is an air trainee at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla.

Pvt. Edwin Miller, stationed at Indiantown Gap spent a 10 day furlough at home. John Hawkes started his training with the Coast Guard and is stationed at Manhattan Beach, N.Y. Fireman 2/C John Spears, who was confined to the dispensary at Gulfport, Miss. for scarlet fever has recovered. His sister, Pvt. Geraldine, with the WAC at Camp Atterbury, Ind. severely cut three fingers of one hand while on K.P. duty. 2nd Lt. Ruby Rose, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. took part in a panel discussion at the Post Theatre on "The Negro and Democracy Today." She was the only woman who discussed the subject. Pfc. Edward Gradin's 30 day furlough is over and he will be stationed in Washington, D.C. for the next few months. His wife accompanied him. Lt. Bill Geddes has been transferred from Columbus to Alamogordo, A.A.F., New Mexico. He hopes to find living quarters so that his wife, (Norma: Black) and baby can be near him as they were at Columbus. Pvt. Earnie Smith, with the Paratroop Regt. at Camp MacKall, N. C. was in Ambler enjoying a 10 day furlough. Pfc. Ralph A. Lelii, has returned to the States and is in the hospital at Fort Dix, N. J.



Boys Overseas: Before we give you the news of your friends overseas, we'd like to call the attention of the boys in the Philippine area to Mr. Charles Ward. Mr. Ward was formerly manager of the Phila. Stage Door Canteen before he joined the Red Cross about a year ago. He had been working as director of the recreation center at Mackay, Austrailia. Now he is Red Cross Director up in the Philippines. He wants you to know that if you get anywhere near a Red Cross unit ask for him and tell him you are from Ambler. He will do everything possible to make things pleasant for you.

Congratulations to Gerry Davis, who has been promoted to Sgt. Gerry is an aircraft mechanic in the Tiger Stripe B-26 Marauder group at an air force bomber base in France. Congratulations also to Stanley Neigut, in Hawaii, promoted to corporal. T/Sgt. Elwood Adams is a member of the 293rd bombardment group cited for distinguished and exceptionally outstanding performance on duty on 200 missions - the attacks having been in Germany, France, Holland, Norway, Belgium. George Lamelza, with the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines, has been promoted to T/Sgt.

Stephen Mallozzi with the Marines somewhere in the Carolines, has been promoted to sergeant. Robert Ambers on the U.S.S. Conowingo, has been home for a short leave. He recently was promoted to Sl/C. Cpl. Thomas Miller is with the army in Dutch New Guinea. Pfc. Larry Monogue, a member of the 124th Cavalry, serving in Burma, was injured while eating chow. According to reports his wounds were slight and he has returned to active duty.

It must have been a thrill for three Ambler boys, Joseph Friel, Earl Dinnell and Gaby Ciliberto, to have helped rescue a local missionary and his family from the Santo Tomas Prison at Manila. The missionary, who lives at Chestnut Hill, had been located in China; moved by the U.S. Government to the Philippines for greater safety; imprisoned by the Japs when they took the island. Joe wrote of the rescue to his parents, who immediately got in touch with the missionary's parents - they had not heard from their son for over three years. Joe, Earl and Gaby are with the 37th Div. - have been together ever since they entered the service 3 years ago, serving on New Zealand, Fiji, Empress Augusta Bay, Guadalcanal.

Congratulations to Drayton Robb who has been promoted to T/5. He is in the ETO with an Engineers Construction Battalion - probably building bridges over the Rhine by now. Sgt. Bob Compton, with the 1st Army, is hospitalized in England for a rest. Bob has been in all the major battles, beginning with the African Campaign - he well deserves a rest! The King family have received Pvt. Edgar's Purple Heart. He is hospitalized in England, and according to notice from the government, is improving steadily.

S2/C LeRoy Davies, on the USS Montpelier, with the Pacific Fleet, wrote his mother: "I can tell you now where I've been. Was in the Leyte and Mindora invasions and celebrated my 19th birthday (Jan. 9) in the Lindgayen Gulf invasion. It was a little rough," - a rather mild statement, no doubt. S/Sgt. Bud Zeigler, with the 49th Fighter Group is in Manila. Ralph Bishop, stationed at an air base



in India, was promoted from private to corporal. He was also awarded the DFC upon completion of 300 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over the Himalaya Mts. A telegram has been received by his father that Nicky Marincola was severely wounded in Feb. on Luzon. Sydney Buchanan, CMI/C, is now with a Navy unit serving with the Pacific Fleet.

Cpl. Parry Weiss is with a Field Artillery Battalion in France. Elmer Spence has arrived in the Pacific area. Pfc. Warren Fleck with an Engineers Construction Btn. is in Luzon. Pfc. Jimmy Ward with an Engineers Combat Btn. is in Manila. Congratulations to Charles Pennington, on an LST in the Pacific, who has been promoted to M.O.M. 1/C. Congratulations also to Alex Buchanan, promoted to corporal.

Pvt. Henry Deens, with an infantry company, is in Belgium. Some time ago, when Sgt. John Amey and Lambert West were in the same regiment, in the ETO, Lambert showed John his copy of the newsletter. The latter became so enthusiastic he expressed a desire to be put on our mailing list. We are very happy to include John - who is now in France. Pvt. Donald Gerhart is in Germany. Kenneth Royer, recently promoted to corporal, was awarded the Purple Heart. SI/C William Kalb celebrated his 19th birthday "somewhere in the Pacific."

Congratulations to George Sandiford, promoted to 1st lieutenant. He is with the Marines, and now believed to be on Saipan. Pfc. Anthony D'Elia, an M.P. somewhere in the Philippines, is wrestling with problems of traffic control and Army discipline in liberated areas. Cpl. Charles Wittman, also an M.P., is in the same place. Pvt. John Mortimer is with an engineer corps in Holland. Harold Naudasher, serving with a combat engineer battalion in Belgium, has been promoted to pfc. T/Sgt. Hermann Hagner, Ft. Washington, has been awarded the air Medal for service in the ETO.

Would Lt. Ed Sage and Lt. Don Betts ever have dreamed long ago, when they were studying geography in those flat, gray books, that London would be a place they'd meet and have dinner together in 1945? Ed went into the Oddinines Hotel in Picadilly Circus one evening, saw a fellow who looked familiar at one of the tables. Sure enough it was Don! Don had written as for Ed's address, but they got together before the address which was forwarded had arrived. Would Ralph Amey, Norman Buler and Donald Roberts have believed they would all be together somewhere in the South Pacific? Last month we reported Donald as being in Australia, but we understand he has moved. Don't know where the meeting of the three took place - may hear more about it later. Pvt. Dick Harris, marine, read in one of the newsletters of the death of Lt. Ben Bell, son of Mrs. Harold G. Knight, on Peleilu. Dick, being a neighbor of Mrs. Knight's back home, searched for Ben's grave, and found it in the Marine cemetery, marked with a white cross. Mrs. Knight said that Dick wrote her a very nice letter describing everything to her and that it has made her feel a little more contented.

We have just heard of another meeting. Hugh G. Sivell, SK2/C in the Cargo Office of the 33rd Special N.C.B., somewhere in the



Philippines, learned that Donald M. Angeny, SF3/C, with another NCB Company, was just "down the road", so he went over for a visit. This pleased Hugh very much and he would be happy to meet any one who may be passing.

Sgt. Harold L. King, has finally been permitted to say he is stationed at Accra, Gold Coast, Africa, and is working with an Army Air Force Base Unit. He had just returned from a very interesting 16 day trip into the bush country. Harold and another fellow made the trip in a 1½ ton truck. They traveled 1050 miles - 50 miles by paved road - and the rest dirt roads and tracks made by the natives. At one point, Harold said he "expected to meet Stanley or Livingston any time." One night, they stayed with an American missionary family where they ate the first waffles they had tasted since coming to Africa. Their mission was to rescue a disabled sedan. We are all wondering how it got there and why.

Pvt. Thurman Wright, with an Engrs. Bn. was wounded on Feb. 23rd and is in a hospital in Belgium. Sgt. Alfred Kemmerer's name has been added to our mailing list. He is doing ground crew work at a Bomb Base in England.

We are happy to report that a few more boys have returned from combat zones: Sl/C Paul Jones, with the Seabees, in the 10th Naval Construction Bn., arrived in Ambler from Hawaii for thirty days. We're very happy to see Paul home - but we must admit we're going to miss his ardent sleuthing down there on the islands. Paul was quite a detective you know. Read the newsletter earnestly for hints of boys who might have landed there. Was instrumental, too, in meeting a lot of Ambler boys, organized quite a few Ambler days. If any of the rest of you having the time and using the newsletter as a guide, could do likewise, you'd find it well worth while.

A.M.3/C Bob Kleinfelder has earned a 30 day leave at home. He was out in the Pacific for the past 7 months, as gunner and radio man on a Helldiver, a carrier based plane. Has earned four stars; one on the new Philippine Liberation ribbon, three on his China ribbon. Pvt. Joseph Tate has returned from the European African theatre of operations and is temporarily stationed at a redistribution center in Atlantic City. Sgt. Victor Romendio is home from Alaska for a few weeks - will report to the same base when his furlough is over.

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Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
1. Accentuate the Positive	1. Accentuate, etc.	1. Accentuate, etc.
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8. Sleigh Ride in July	7. More and More	8. A Little on the Lonely Side
	8. Sweet Dreams, etc.	9. I Dream of You
	9. Rum & Coca Cola	



Miss Helen Schule visited Ambler recently. She used to teach at the Mattison Ave. school, is now with the Red Cross as Asst. Head of the Recreational Program at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. She said it is a never-ending source of amazement to her the way the wounded boys who come in joke, laugh and make light of their wounds. Reminds one of the plucky paratrooper, who has his arm blown off in the ETO. As he was taken to the rear of the lines, he shouted: "Hey, one of you guys go back and find my arm. There's a wrist watch on it I wanta keep." It makes her very proud of the American boys, for in comparison the German prisoners, concentrated nearby, are doleful, sulky, cry-babies.

More daffynitions:

CARELESS EATER: One who gets a meal on the cuff.

BALLET DANCER: A jitterbug with a Russian accent.

SLEEP: The triumph of mind over mattress.

CIRCLE: A line which meets its other end without ending.

GLAMOR GIRL: One who has what it takes to take what you've got.

HOLLYWOOD: Where women are fond of nice clothes, but not entirely wrapped up in them.

NEWSPAPER: A portable screen to hide behind when a woman wants your seat in a bus.

BEER: A beverage that rises in the yeast and sets in the vest.

ARM: That part of the body which knows its way around.

DOATS: Formerly the popular diet of mares.

ORDERLY: What comes after a brigadier-general.

FISHING: A delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothing.

UMPIRE: A man engaged in pest control.

SNEEZE: The only thing most people do for a cold.

LT. COMMANDER: The wife of a lieutenant.

Merle Oberon, visiting a military hospital outside of London, asked one of the boys if he had killed a Nazi. He replied that he had. "Which hand did you use," Merle asked. "My right hand," he answered, whereupon she bestowed a kiss upon it. Coming to the next bed, she asked the patient the same question. "I killed hundreds of Nazis," he informed her. "Which hand did you kill them with?" The soldier leaned forward eagerly, "I bit 'em to death".

A Canadian troop train pulled up at the Callendar station. "Say," said one of the doughboys, "isn't this the place where that Dionne family lives?" His seatmate replied that it was. "I wonder what's happened to Mr. Dionne," mused the first boy. "What do you mean, what's happened to Mr. Dionne. I guess he's here with his wife and his quintuplets." "But he never had any more quints, did he," asked the first boy. "Of course he didn't, you poor sap." "Just as I thought - I always knew that guy was a flash in the pan."

Diner: Waiter, this soup is spoiled."

Waiter: Who told you so?

Diner: A little swallow.

Sign in a maternity ward: "No children allowed."

Then there was the absent-minded professor who sent his wife to bank and kissed his money good-by.



Highlights in Sports: -

Basketball - Feb. 13th games:

Phila. Dist. Coast Guard 55 - Drexel 43.

Bainbridge wins 24th victory out of 27 played by defeating Wilmington Bombers 58 to 41.

Kansas 43 - Oklahoma 27. These two teams now tied for lead in big six conference.

F. & M. 56 - Ursinus 55.

Great Lakes 75 - Marquette 65.

February 14th.

Temple and Penn State set what probably will stand for long time as a record for "extra period" basketball games. State led at half-time 21 to 16. At end of regulation game the score was 40-40. At end of first overtime period 44-44. After the 2nd overtime 52 to 52.

Third overtime, the same 52-52. Fourth overtime, 58-58. State suggested sudden death, Temple said play it out. Starting fifth overtime, Temple scored a foul goal, then State a field goal. Then Temple 2 field goals and that was all. Temple wins, 63 to 60.

Annapolis wins 10th game without a loss this season by beating Muhlenburg 40 to 33.

West Point wallops St. Johns 56 to 39. This is Army's 11th consecutive win this year and 27th over three year period.

Albright 47 - Gettysburg 44.

Lafayette 41 - Rutgers 29.

LaSalle 59 - Loyola 44.

City College of New York 60 - St. Josephs 49.

February 15th.

Valley Forge General Hospital won 28th in 31 games by defeating Atlantic City N.A.S. 58 to 38.

February 16th.

LaSalle 78 - Phila. Marines 53

Lafayette 59 - Ursinus 48.

N.Y. Coast Guard 56 - Phila. Coast Guard 33.

February 17th.

Penn won the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship playing their final game in the league about a week ago. Dallmar was the sparkling star of the team all season. He plays center. In Penn's last game of the season, with Dallmar starring again, in the season's greatest upset, they beat West Point 61 to 52. West Point's first loss in nearly 3 years. Dallmar, Penn's 6 ft. 4 in. captain, is a naval trainee and this was his farewell game with the team.

Annapolis 42 - North Carolina Preflight 38.

Penn State 53 - Pittsburgh 36.

New York University 64 - Temple 45

Albright 43 - Muhlenberg 40.

Cornell 27 - Columbia 33.

Ohio State 63 - Indiana 45.

Wisconsin 64 - Purdue 48.

Minnesota 43 - Northwestern 37

Marquette 56 - Notre Dame 55

On Feb. 18th Bainbridge beat Camp Shelton 58 to 55.

Great Lakes 70 0 Purdue 56.

February 19th

Muhlenberg 48 - Phila. Coast Guard 43

Valley Forge 56 - Olmsted Field 44

Iowa State 47 - Nebraska 45



Illinois 49 - Minnesota 48

Iowa 54 - Wisconsin 53

February 21st.

Temple 49 - Syracuse 31

Lafayette 48 - Lehigh 47

Muhlenberg 54 - F. & M. 41

Gettysburg 47 - Dickinson 37

February 22nd.

Valley Forge General Hospital wins 30th victory in 33 starts by defeating England Hospital of Atlantic City 63 to 58.

Phila. Coast Guard 61 - Princeton N.T.S. 50

Willow Grove N.A.S. 33 - Navy Receiving Station 31.

February 23rd.

LaSalle 75 - Drexel 46

Gettysburg 50 - Hanover 26

Duke 76 - Maryland 49

February 24th.

Army 54 - New York University 51.

Bainbridge N.T.C. 68 - Annapolis 60

This is first defeat for the Naval Academy this season. It was Bainbridge's 27th win out of 32 games this season. Annapolish won 12 before this loss.

Temple 39 - Penn State 28

Albright 74 - Lehigh 38

Kansas 64 - Missouri 33

Northwestern 57 - Illinois 45

Ohio State 85 - Indiana 52

Iowa 68 - Wisconsin 38

Valley Forge 50 - Indiantown 38

Lafayette 71 - Riders College 51

College of City N.Y. 85 - St. Josephs 47.

February 27th.

Valley Forge wins again. Beat U.S. Coast Guard of N.Y. 48 to 44 in overtime period. Valley Forge have now won 32 out of 35 games. One of the defeats was by this same coast guard team a few weeks ago.

February 28th.

Valley Forge 61 - Fort Story, Va. 40

New York Univ. 85 - Temple 54

La Salle 69 - Rider College 63

Rutgers 52 - Lehigh 36

Lafayette 96 - Drexel 30

West Point 54 - Maryland 34

Gettysburg 40 - Dickinson 21

March 1st.

Valley Forge 40 - Camp Patrick Henry 36

March 3rd.

West Point 50 Annapolis 48. When these teams met they both were primed to do their best. Each had lost one game this season. Army lost to Penn and Navy to Bainbridge. The game, fought at fast pace, saw the score tied 4 times, after tying the score at 35 in the 2nd half, Navy could do no more than keep the score close until the end.

Iowa 43 - Illinois 37

Minnesota 54 - Wisconsin 50

Final Standing of Big 10 Conference:

Iowa 1st, Ohio State 2nd, Illinois 3rd, then Purdue, Michigan,

Wisconsin, Northwestern, Minnesota and Indiana in that order.



Temple 72 - St. Josephs 47  
Okalahoma 52 - La Salle 38

March 8th.

In a double header for Red Cross benefit the College All-Stars defeated the Phila. Dist. Coast Guard 59 -41, and Valley Forge beat Main Line All-Stars 72 to 56.

March 9th.

Valley Forge loses to Allentown Professionals 49 to 48. A terrific tussel, the score was tied 15 times. It was the 4th loss in 40 games for Valley Forge.

Golf

As reported in our February letter, Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden were tied in the New Orleans Open Golf Championship, with 284 for the 72 holes. In the playoff (18 holes) on Feb. 14th, Nelson won with 65 to McSpaden's 70. Par for the course is 72.

Gulfport, Miss. Open ends in another tie. Byron Nelson and Sammy Snead both score 275. Tony Penna of Dayton, Ohio, was third with 278 and Jug McSpaden fourth with 280. The tournament ended Feb. 18th. On the 19th Snead & Nelson held the playoff and at 18 holes were tied at 71 each. On the 19th hole, Snead took 4 strokes and Nelson 5. Snead won \$5,000. with the championship.

On Feb. 25th Sammy Snead won his 5th Golf Championship of this winter's tour, by capturing the Pensacola Open Tournament. Shooting 21 under par he won with 267 strokes for the 72 holes. Nelson, 2nd with 274, McSpaden & Harmon next with 275. On March 4th, Snead wins another, the Jacksonville Open by carding a 72 hole total of 266 strokes, this time 22 under par. Bob Hamilton 2nd with 270, then Byrd, Laffon and Coltart all with 274. Jug McSpaden next with 275.

Baseball

Walker Cooper, captain and catcher of St. Louis' World Champions, has been accepted for Military service. Honus Wagner, star shortstop of all time, at age of 71, signs again as coach of the Pittsburgh Pirates, the team he played with for many years. The All-Star game played annually between American and National Leagues is cancelled for this year. So are many of the exhibition games played by the big leagues, all to save travel, in accordance with official government suggestion. However, exhibition games with service teams are permitted. Connie Mack's team will play several service teams in New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Also to reduce travel, three instead of four, East-West trips will be made by the major league teams.

The A's started training at Frederick, Md. on March 12th and the Phillies at Wilmington on March 14. With all the newspaper comment, during the winter, doubting whether 4Fs will be allowed to play or ordered to work in war plants, whether teams may travel and this and that, it looks as if the big boys at Washington are going to ride along with the popular game (baseball). Yes sir, it looks as if the game will go on, and a world series next fall.



Miscellaneous

The foxhound, "Lena", whose first litter of 23 pups set a new record last summer is now the mother of 10 in her second litter. Lena is owned by Lt. Comm. W. Newbold Ely of Ambler. One of the 23 recently died. Most of the 22, all still owned by Comm. Ely, and the new ten will be sold.

Allan Ford ended his Yale swimming career, breaking another of Johnny Weismuller's long held records. Ford swam the 100 yard free-style in 49.4 seconds. Weismuller's record made in 1928 was 49.8 sec.

As you know horse racing has been banned since Jan. 2nd, supposedly for the duration. It is now reported that nearly 3 million dollars was invested in yearlings just before the ban was imposed.

In Salt Lake City, Sully Frantz was bowling for an all spare game. A mouse ran across the alley and deflected Sully's ball just enough to produce a strike.

Ed McKeever signs up to coach Cornell football team. Starts duties April 1st. He was head coach at Notre Dame. Last year he won 8 of 10 games.

Gunder Haegg, after 23 day boat trip to this country, entered a special one-mile race at Madison Square Garden just two days after landing. The race was held on March 3rd. Haegg, holder of 4.02.6 record for the mile finished last in field of five. He led for 8 of the 11 laps but then faded rapidly to finish 80 years back, as Rafferty of N.Y.A.C. won in the slow time of 4.16.4. Efaw of Oklahoma A & M. and Bainbridge N.T.S. was second only inches behind. Don Burnham, Navy, was close third, Rudy Simms, fourth.

On March 10th, Haegg finishes fifth in six man field in the mile race at Madison Sq. Garden. Rafferty wins 4.16.3. Simms & Efaw were second and third. Haegg time was 4.19.1, last week it was 4.31. If he continues to improve at this rate, he'll soon be winning as he did in 1943.

Correspondence Column

Sgt. John (Bud) Dailey says "the only thing dry about England is the weather." According to Bud's letters, he certainly meets the most interesting girls wherever he goes. Bud is now working from a base somewhere in France, and you will recognize him by a short hair-cut and a mustache.

Clara Spencer, Yeoman 3/C, with the U.S. Coast Guard, is now stationed in Baltimore, Md. She wrote a nice note of appreciation and says, "It's so good to know where and what everybody I know is doing."

Robert E. Kriebel, HAL/C, has served eight months in the tropics and believes he will probably serve another twelve. He is in a U.S. Naval Hospital, doing laboratory work and studying to be an ex-ray technician. The weather is very warm and the boys do a lot of swimming. Bob is also becoming quite a 'pool shark' as they have a pool



table in the barracks. When Bob was stationed in Porto Rico, he had the pleasure of meeting Anthony Urban, Jr., HAL/C.

Pvt. Calvin Ashton, in the Pacific area, is serving with an Engineers Corps. He is taking some practical schooling in carpentry, which he likes very much. Calvin plans to make cabinet work his "bread and butter" in the future. He closed his letter with this verse:-

The Long Hard Way

The way is hard and often seems long,  
But let not your thoughts lead you wrong,  
It is a terrific price to pay,  
Remember you or some dear one  
will reap its benefits some day.

Corporal Frank G. Wolff, is with the 3rd Army in Luxembourg. He works with an Ordnance M.A.M. Company. He reports, "News is looking good and we're all hoping - as every one is."

T/5 Herbert J. Luxton, Jr., with an Ordnance Heavy Auto Maintenance Co., has arrived in the Philippines. Herb was glad to see a little civilization for a change, as he was getting tired of the jungles and New Guinea natives. He says there were jungles in the Philippines, but sends this story he heard:- "A Filipino talking to a group of GIs made the remark - Filipino good jungle fighter; Jap come, he good jungle fighter; Americano come - no jungle." As Herb says - "that just about sums up what the Army does to a wilderness." Herb also says that Courtland Ross of Ambler and Joe Smith of Fort Washington are with him and have been since they all entered Service. Note:-Later, Herb and Steve Jones met at Herb's base. See Steve's letter for details.

Robert H. Daviss, AMM2/C, on the U.S.S. Anzio, with the Pacific Fleet, writes the most amazing letters. He wrote, "Recently things have been rather quiet with us, so we have been having moves, mostly of an old vintage with an occasional program by the ship's band and members of the ship's company thrown in. The program consists of music, a western serial, melodrama and commercials for the ship's soda fountain. The whole thing is presented in the form of a radio broadcast and is very much enjoyed by all hands." He would lead you to believe life aboard an aircraft carrier is quiet. Fortunately, we have movies like "The Fighting Lady" to see, and a radio to listen to. However, we appreciate Bob's letters and realize he is bound by a very rugged censorship.

Sgt. Chas. A. Willox, enjoyed a furlough in Ambler in February. Before returning to camp, he bought a motorcycle. It is an English make - "Triumps" - a beautiful looking job - all black and shiny, chromium metal, and purred like a kitten when he rode away on it. Chic came to see us before he left for camp on Tuesday morning, Feb. 20th. and we are sure the motorcycle fans would be green with envy if they could see it. Chic planned to ride back to camp, but he found the roads were covered with ice and snow. Then it began to rain, so he only made Richmond, Va. Tuesday night. It rained all day Wed. and he reached Charlotte, N. C. that night. Chic said he met everything on the road but Winnie Stong. As he had to be in Camp Livingston, La. by midnight Thursday, he wired for an extension of time, which was



granted. Chic then shipped his motorcycle to Camp by train, and went on to Camp by train also. The cycle arrived at Camp in four days. Chic has everything in order and he and the Triumph are doing the countryside.

Pfc. Herman L. Ashton is "Somewhere in France" with an Engineers General Service Regt. He is on the road a great deal, and although he is always watching, Herman has never seen any one from Ambler. Some time ago, he was stationed near Verdun and saw the trenches and some of the relics of the last war. Herman would be very happy to say hellow to any of the Ambler boys.

Hurrah! Bob Broughton hit the Jack Pot. We believe this will be hard to beat. Bob is AMMF3/c with the Naval Air Transport Service and takes regular trips from Alameda, Cal., out over the Pacific. We furnished him with the addresses of the boys out that way and on a trip in February, this is what happened: - Bob writes, "I looked up Al Dummeldinger when I was in Hawaii and then, Ed Murphy was a passenger on one of the planes our crew took out. On top of that, I looked up Walter Wyrostek when I was in Saipan, and as Jim Rainey is in the same outfit, saw him. Then Walt checked out a Jeep and all three of us went to see George Sandiford. It was quite a time, and you may be sure that the four of us held an Ambler night right then and there in George's tent." We were as thrilled and happy as we believe the boys were at the time of meeting. We wish more of you could meet and if we can help, please ask. However, don't forget to tell us about it when you do.

Sgt. Sam Dailey, with a Fighter Group in England, has been spending a few weeks in a hospital. He expects to return to his base sometime in March. Sam wrote from the hospital and said, "I'm in a heck of a predicament right now. I have a dozen bars of candy staring me in the face, and I am not permitted to eat candy."

Harry W. Sailer, SI/C, was "on one of those Hawaiian rocks" and said, "If I stay on this island too long, I'll be rock-happy or land locked." He is in a JCC until waiting for orders. JCC stands for Joco Combat Communications. Before going out to the Pacific, Harry served as gunner on merchant ships in the North and South Atlantic. Some of the trips took him to England, Cuba and the last trip, was the French invasion. He believes the North Atlantic is the roughest ocean and they always returned more or less battered. Harry says the communications sound pretty good, like this one picked up from the Axis, "The enemy's violent effort to hamper the Axis disengagement and interrupt our systematic advance to the rear, was successfully repelled."

Charles (Bob) Cassel, QM3/C, finished his course in Quartermaster's school at Norfolk, Va. He was home on leave in February and has returned to his old ship, the U.S.S. Robert E. Peary, a destroyer escort. He wishes all the boys, and especially the following - Ralph Aney, Bill Singer, Ed Sage, Don Betts, Buck Broughton, Dick Slayton, Chick Willox and Stew Davis - "wherever they may be as pleasant a stay as possible and a quick, safe journey home." Bob says he expects to be back again in about two months.



Edward Wesley Kerns, SM3/C writes that "Robert Kleinfelder has passed my ship many times and probably doesn't know it." Wesley is a signalman on an LST, and they take troops and supplies into the beach during invasions. He was at Saipan, the Marshall's, Peleliu, and seven minor invasions, and had just finished the Luzon Island invasion in the Philippines. He wished to be remembered especially to Earnie Smith and asked for the address, which we shall send.

Sgt. Joseph Niblock writes, "For the past eleven months I have been stationed here in India at a B-29 base. During this period, I have made numerous trips to China and for a short time was stationed there on a special ground duty. My regular job is that of a slight engineer - bombardier on a regular Superfortress crew." The explanation of Joe's double rating is that he is primarily a flight engineer and should anything happen to the regular bombardier on a mission he is qualified to take over those duties. The dual ratings originated before the B-29's were in production. Because of the airplane's great range, it was thought necessary to have every man on the crew trained to do more than one job. This enabled the boys to relieve one another for short periods. Since that time, methods have changed and it is no longer necessary for crew members to have dual ratings. Joe ends his letter with this - "Foreign service has taught me one important thing - there is no place like home. I recall the days when I considered Ambler an incurably one-horse town, but time and distance have altered those beliefs. Now, I wouldn't have it changed for anything." (Don't worry, boys, everything is the same - just waiting for you to return.)

Cpl. Winfield N. Stong, with the Maintenance Division of a Mobile Rep. and Rec. Sqdn., somewhere in England, writes, "Well, it seems like the jack-of-all-trades for me. I'm now assigned to the tire and tank shop - making repairs on bulletproof tanks and patching and vulcanizing tires of planes. It is interesting work and I enjoy it." Winnie was formerly doing sheet metal work.

S/Sgt. Leonard R. Normington, went overseas in June, 1943, to Casablanca. He was stationed for different periods in Tunis, Algiers, and Oran. Then, he spent about five months in Sicily. After that he was in Corsica. During this time, he managed to do quite a bit of sight-seeing - Naples, Amalfi, Rome and Toulon. Now, Leonard is in southern France and spends his time in and around Marseille. They have had some very good stage shows come to them - Katherine Cornell and Brian Aherne in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and the original cast of "Junior Miss."

Sgt. Daniel Signore, reports a change of address. He is still in Florida, and is now with an Army Air Force Base Unit, at MacDill Field.

Pfc. Allan H. Burroughs, with an Armored Amphibious Bn., U.S. Marine Corps., is "Somewhere in the Pacific". He writes, "At the moment I'm in a Fleet Hospital getting a few minor repairs, but expect to be back to duty in about a week."



Pfc. Alfred Kirk, has been in a hospital in England and expected to leave Feb. 24th and rejoin his old outfit, an Armored Infantry Bn. Alfred went overseas in Sept., 1944. He was with Patton's Army in Germany, and on Dec. 16th received a shrapnel wound in his thigh. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for this. Alfred says, "Have been around Europe a good bit since I last saw Ambler."

ANOTHER MEETING! Pfc. Walter Steve Jones, with a Malaria Control Unit in the Philippines and T/5 Herbert J. Luxton finally met at Herb's base on Feb. 21st. Steve says, "It was a day! Herb got the afternoon off and we went to his tent and talked till chow time. I ate there and then went back to my outfit. We are going to meet again on Sunday." Steve plans to take his camera and we are hoping they will get some good pictures and send us one. We think these meetings are really wonderful and are very happy to hear about them.

Mrs. Andrew Dressler, Jr., wrote to give us Andy's new address, so the boys in the Pacific will probably be seeing Lt. Andrew Dressler's new ship, the U.S.S. Clinton. Marion also sent her brother's address and asked us to send him the Newsletter. S/Sgt. Ralph W. Schwager is with a Marine Service Sqd., somewhere in the Pacific. Before Ralph left the States, he was able to visit the Dresslers twice - their first visit in sixteen months.

Pfc. Alvin M. Fleck, somewhere in Belgium, says it is a very nice place, and although the people are very nice, they can never take the place of the girls back in the States. He says the boys over there are all hoping to get back home to the girls they love. We think Alvin is pretty nice to say this and know the girls here at home certainly appreciate these sentiments.

Pfc. Wm. (Buddy) Kilson, wrote to give us a slight change in his address and we were glad to note the new pfc. We offer him our congratulations, although he says he was just "lucky." Buddy is still at Keesler Field, Miss. The weather is turning warm down there and he is "afraid to think of what it will be like in about a month from now." Buddy was home on furlough not so long ago and adds, "it was my pleasure to see the first snow in almost a year." Buddy sends "many regards to my friends and all the fellows overseas."

Harry R. Hendery, Fl/C, somewhere in the Pacific with the Fleet, is a newcomer on our mailing list, and hopes to meet some of the Ambler boys as he sees them mentioned in the Newsletter. Harry says he never knew how close he was to many of his old friends at his last base. At one time, Harry worked for Chief W.O. George Deens and could have easily met him when Mr. Deens was on his last plane trip. Harry says, "My present location isn't exactly paradise, but it isn't the worst place in the world either. We haven't any civilians here. Every effort is made to keep us happy. We get lots of movies, and since it is impossible to "go over the hill", we have lots of freedom. Fishing is a popular pastime and parties go out in boats for the big ones." Harry is in the same line of Navy operations as Oscar Stillwagon who as you all know, is on the U.S.S. Bonefish.



Pvt. Thomas J. Elder, is continuing his studies at the Virginia Institute, Blacksburg, Va. He says "They really keep us going", but so far, he has been fortunate to "make the grade," and we hope he continues to do so. He reports meeting "Chuck" Hughes, who is also training there, but the boys are too busy to do much visiting.

William G. Singer, Jr. received his wings, and commission as Ensign at Pensacola on Jan. 16th. After his thirty day leave, he will report to Jacksonville, at the transitional school, for training on PBY's, or amphibious Catalinas. Bill stopped around for a visit, and to tell how much he appreciates the newsletter. Said he didn't write very much to tell us so, but he would surely miss them if they didn't come. Asked if he thought they were too long, he replied: "Gosh, no! I'm always sorry when I reach the end." (Bill said he felt sleepy, the day he visited - explained that he'd gotten in late. "How can that be, with curfew at twelve," he was asked. "Well, you see, the lights on my car wouldn't work, every time I inserted a new fuse, it blew right out." Any of you ever think of that for an excuse before?)

T/5 Wilbert H. Landes, is out of the country again. This time he wrote from France. He says the country where he is located looks very much like home - farm land and rolling hills. The wheat is coming up and "spring must be around the corner." Wilbert adds, "at the same time along with the beauty, we have also seen the destruction that has come from this war."

#### Church News:

The Couples Club held a "musical evening" in February at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mottshaw in Flourtown. A musical program followed a short business meeting. The program consisted of musical games and a few solos by Betty Boehner, the church soloist. Your correspondent is not musical so this was not a too interesting evening for us, therefore the short write-up. We did have refreshments and enjoyed them a lot. We'll try to do better next time when the program will be a game night, preceded by a dinner at the Manse.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society presented a Service Flag to the church in honor of all its members in the Armed Forces. It is placed in the narthex above the honor roll and represents 106 members in the Armed Forces from our church. The flag also bears two gold stars.

For recreational activities, the Senior C.E. Society enjoyed several Saturday evenings bowling at the Stenton Avenue and Green Tree bowling alleys.

#### Reverend Dunsmore's message: -

Though the war has brought personal loss of loved ones to millions throughout the world, there are some who walk with peace and serenity among the others who are cast down with grief. They are people who have faith.



Perhaps you have seen your buddies killed by your side, or have experienced the loss of brothers and friends. Yet this triumphant peace may be yours, too, at this season of the year, if never before. For now we renew our faith as Christians declaring that there is within human beings something which lives forever and never dies.

We believe this as a result of seeing the effect of the Spirit of our Lord upon the lives of men throughout the ages. Such a One is not dead, but living --Christ's presence, through faith, steadies, calms, encourages, and strengthens his followers today.

If you do not have that peace and trust reach out for it wherever you are during this Easter season. You need it each day of your life.

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With our very Best Wishes until next month,

Sincerely,

The King's Daughters.