

## NEWSLETTER NO. 31

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Dear

You may remember that back in the fall Mr. Dunsmore quoted a seaman's version of the 23rd Psalm, and asked whether any of you fellows in other parts of the service might have a variation to fit his particular duties. Pvt. Calvin Ashton, serving on a Pacific Island, on aviation repair work, has replied with this, his original version: - "The Lord is my Leader, I shall not desert; He maketh me to travel in the wilderness, He leadeth me and bringeth me back to security. He keepeth my record, He guideth me through the rough terrain of the mountains for His Name's sake. Yea, though I travel through the gunfire and barbarous life, I shall anticipate no peril, for Thou art with me. Thy Love and Thy help, they shelter me. Thou preparest a foxhole before me in the home of immortality. Thou coverest the earth with Thy Beauty, my feet journey willingly. Surely; sunlight and moonlight shall follow on the travels I take, and I shall continue in the presence of my God incessantly."

### High School News:

Coash Meyers' thin-clads are getting ready for their track season at Ambler High, opening their full schedule on April 16th in a dual meet with Jenkintown on the Trojan Field. The Bux-Mont meet will be held on May 12th at Lansdale.

Miss Anne McConaghie, girls' coach, and Mr. Frederick Volp, social studies teacher and assistant football and basketball coach, were married March 24th at Audubon, J. J. Eleanor Morgan was maid of honor. The couple returned to their classes after the Easter vacation.

Pvt. Ernie Smith, F.O. Bill Hamilton, Grant Buchanan, Benjamin Schlagenhauer, Walter Sobers, and Bill Little were among the service men who visited their alma mater.

In the annual forensic contest, Francis Gloster, a senior, was the winner of the Gold Medal Award, his topic being "Small Town - The Biggest Thing in the Universe." He has won, in four successive years, two gold and two bronze awards - his name will be placed for the second time on the Gold Plaque in the Trophy Room.

On April 19th and 20th, the students will present their second play of the year, "Daddy Long-Legs", a four act melodrama.

### Ambler News:

As if to make up for the bitter winter we had, nature's given us one of the most beautiful spring seasons we've had in many a year. It is ironic to know a dreadful war is being waged when every-



thing is so beautiful and peaceful here --- grass so fresh and green -- flowers filling the air with their fragrance --- trees almost in leaf, births singing merrily ---frogs croaking peacefully when twilight falls ...

And, so, the young ones' fancies lightly turn to things utterly out of this world -

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Lillian E. Leslie and T/Sgt. Bill Little, who unexpectedly returned from England. We wish them both every happiness in the world -- Lillian, you know, with Dot Umstead, helps us immensely with the newsletter by cutting the stencils each month - working after office hours and bits of spare time in between. They are very willing - we are extremely grateful.

Doris Kalb and SM3/C William Sheldon, of Erdenheim, were married March 10th at St. John's Lutheran Church. The groom had a short liberty at home, after having served overseas. Announcement of Laura Amey's engagement to Air Cadet James Radcliffe, Pelham Manor, N. Y. has been made. On March 31st June Stevens became the bride of S/Sgt. Henry Wybranski, at Whitmarsh Chapel. Henry, who has returned from 12 months duty overseas, has a 21 day furlough, at the conclusion of which he will report to Miami, Fla., accompanied by his wife.

A suggestion has been made to have a big town clock, which will ring or strike loud enough to be heard all over town, to serve as a memorial to the men and women in the armed forces.

A daughter was born on March 28th to Lt. and Mrs. Bob Davis. Bob is a patient at Beaumont Gen. Hospital, El Paso, Tex. Dick Rohrman, who received a disability discharge last month from the army, is working at Wing's Field. Eleanor Morgan, senior at Temple, and captain of the Temple basketball team, has been named to the 1945 Phila. All-Star College Girls' Basketball Team.

Rev. Francis McDevitt, curate at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, for over three years, has been transferred to St. Michael's in Chester. He has been succeeded by Rev. Thomas Walsh, of Mt. Airy. Rev. Joseph McDermott, founder of St. Joseph's Parish, died April 5th at the Doctor's Hospital, Phila.

More than 100 animals were killed, when fire destroyed the large veterinarian hospital of Dr. Harry Steinbach, Blue Bell, Mar. 13th. Included in the loss were pedigreed dogs, cows, prize-winning bull, a famous mare trotter, x-ray equipment and irreplaceable drugs.

Fire, causing damage to the extent of \$24,000., destroyed the big wholesale produce warehouse of Alfred Rotelle, on Bethlehem Pike, Springhouse, on March 29th. The fire broke out in the tomato ripening room when the gas heater exploded.

News of your friends in the states - and by the way, Uncle Sam has found a few more to join you in the service: Frank Manno; Stanley Hayman; Samuel Lukens; William Hammerschmidt; Harry Phipps; Ralph Banes; in the navy - Frank Giordani; Earl Yoder.



Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Heeb Meyers visited Ambler during the month. He is stationed at Camp Peary, Va. A.M.M.3/C Samuel Rayne, received his wings upon completion of training in Grumman bombing planes, at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Robert Randall is in training at Sampson, N.Y. S/Sgt. Harry Wood has been transferred to Ft. Knox, Ky. Pvt. Geraldine Spears has just about completed her studies as dentist's assistant at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and expects to be sent to the 7th Service Comman in Mo. John Spears is attending basic engineering school, Gulfport, Miss.

Y2/C Mary Dickinson, stationed at Washington, D. C. spent a weekend at home. Charles Weir has been sworn into the Navy. Sgt. Anthony Chiriano, is stationed at a camp in Columbus, O. A.M.M.3/C Grant Buchanan, aviation mechanic at Pensacola, Fla. has a 16 day leave. Pfc. Charles Camburn has been assigned as water supply technician on the Mojave Desert airbase, Daggett Municipal Airport, Cal. This is the main gunnery base for the 4th Air Force. Joseph Hawkes, of the Coast Guard, spent some time with his parents. Marine Pfc. Reds Walters, Newport, R. I. spent a weekend at home.

Lt. Stew Davis, in a rest hospital at St. Petersburg, Fla. related some of his overseas experiences on the radio. Stew, you remember, served with the 15th Air Force in Italy, completed 51 missions, and returned to the states in January. His bomber group frequently traveled 1600 miles from England to Oran, - on one occasion in cooperation with invasion troops, traveled this same distance and were only two minutes late for their part in the battle. Once, while fighting over the Alps, his plane went into a tailspin 9000 ft. high, without a single casualty. Asked what he desired most of the time he was in action, he replied: "to get this war over with and get back home."

Marine Cpl. John Shoemaker and his wife dropped in to see us, during a week's leave which he had at the beginning of the month. He has been stationed at Corpus Christi for the past year and a half, but will report back to Cal. Mrs. Shoemaker, who had been with him in Texas, will remain in Ambler. Ensign Bob Simpson, with his wife, flew home from Ill. for a few days before reporting to his new station at San Diego, Cal.

We saw Walter Sobers on Butler Ave., home on a ten day leave from Ft. Sill, Okla. where he graduated from O.C.S. on April 5th as 2nd Lieutenant. A few weeks previous to his graduation, the Army made an announcement that they were going to discontinue instructing all officer candidates immediately. This news came on Walter's birthday - and he was 20 just that day. Says he will always remember his 20th birthday as one where he was particularly hot around the collar! Caroline Plumly has been promoted to Y 1/C at her station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Seabee S1/C Paul Jones, who had a 30 day leave, after having been on the Hawaiian Is. for quite a while, has reported to Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I. Pvt. Tom Elder, Va. Polytechnic Inst.; S2/C Bill Hough, Quartermasters School at Bainbridge; AS Charles Hough, Navy V-12, Swarthmore; were all home for the holidays and attended church Easter Sunday.



Bill Hamilton graduated on Mar. 11th at Spence Field, Ga., with the rank of Flight Officer. Was home for 15 days. Sgt. Alfred Renner, with the A.A.F., is at the base unit in Sioux Falls, S.D. Marine Pfc. Frank Berry is at Greeneville, N.C., doing duty as mechanic on airplanes. Pvt. Albert Fluck was home for 15 days from Aberdeen, Md. Pfc. Gilda Dragani was home in Mar. from South Post, Ft. Myer, Va. C. M. 1/c Frank Urban returned from the Pacific, having served with the Seabees for many months is stationed at Camp Parks, Cal.

Pvt. Albert Hurst is receiving his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. Lt. (jg) Bob Jervis was home on a leave - reports back to N.Y. A.M. 3/c Bob Kleinfelder's furlough is over. He was out in the Pacific, you know, for 7 months, on a carrier based plane. Has reported back to Jacksonville, Fla. Ensign Arthur Rau, who pilots a Corsair fighter, is stationed at the Green Coves Training Base, Fla.

Pvt. Jean Garritt, of the WACs, returned to her post at Camp Lee, Va., after a visit home. Chief P.O. Charles Houston, training at Great Lakes also came home on leave. James Seele has received his wings, and commissioned a second lieutenant, in graduation ceremonies at Hondo, Tex.

Sgt. Ralph B. Slutter, is now at MacDill Field, Fla. Pvt. Charles G. Hughes was home on furlough from Blacksburg, Va., where he has been with the ASTU.

#### Overseas

You boys in the Philippines! Hugh Seville is extremely eager to meet any of the Ambler boys in that area. He's in the cargo office of the 33rd Special Seabees. Look for him there, and he says if you can't find him in the office, he's probably bunking with the disbursing boys. He's already met S.F.3/c Don Angeny; tried to locate Ralph Amey and Donald Roberts - but they were in "too awkward a place." We've sent him addresses of fellows whom we know are on the Philippines and hope some meetings materialize - we realize what a joy it can be to see a well-known friend in a foreign land. Congratulations are due Hugh - he's been advanced to SK 1/c.

Lt. (jg) Paul James has left the states for overseas duty. Lt. James Boland was one of the thousands of Allied parachutists and glider troops who landed east of the Rhine during last month's action in that area. Congratulations to Dave Hellings - promoted to Lieutenant (jg)! Cpl. Paul Marincola is in Germany; his brother, George, in France. Pfc. Dominic Paone was wounded in action in Germany in Feb., - is now hospitalized in England. He has been overseas nine months, having seen action in major engagements in Holland, Belgium and France. Sgt. Joseph Chiriano is in New Guinea; his brother, Sgt. George in England.



Lt. Bill Hayward is in Belgium. F 1/c Ed Wind is doing Atlantic patrol duty on the U.S.S. Emporia. Congratulations to Bob Stevens, promoted to Mo. M.M. 3/c. Bob is on a P.T. boat in the Philippine area. Lt. George Brumbaugh is in England; Cpl. John Fluck, with the 7th Army in a field artillery battalion, is in Germany; Henry Deens has been assigned to the 315th infantry in Germany; Cpl. Parry Weiss, a messenger in the field artillery has visited France, saw the Eiffel Tower.

Lt. Ed Murphy, a new name on our list, is on a Marine base in the Pacific. Pfc. Harold Moore is in an Army hospital in Belgium. Michael Mastromatto, with a medical corps, was reported missing December 19th, is now found to be a prisoner of war in Germany - his family has received at least one letter from him. Sgt. Joe Urban recently based at Brisbane, Australia - is back to his old base with the air corp.

When last his mother heard from him, S 1/c Woody Woodward was in the vicinity of India. Pfc. Elmer Spence is with an air craft repair unit in the Philippines. Congratulations to Danny Stone, promoted to S 1/c - on the U.S.S. Walter X Young, Atlantic Fleet. Gloria, Ralph Davies' wife, was presented with his Air Medal and one Oak Leaf, at a ceremony given at the Signal Corps Base in Philadelphia. Nothing has been heard from Ralph since he was reported missing last Aug.

Sgt. Joseph Bender of the 7th Armored Div., has been awarded the Bronze Star, has participated in the Northern France and Germany campaigns. S/Sgt. Alberts Childs has been awarded the Air Medal for his work as a tail gunner with the 15th Army Air Force in Italy. The Army's 43rd Field Hospital observed its first year overseas, and its first month on Luzon, with the presentation of Philippine Liberation ribbons to all personnel - Sgt. Nick Melograna was a member of the group.

Cpl. John Smith, overseas 21 months, is company clerk of the 826th Headquarters in Belgium. While on duty overseas as a Chaplain's Assistant, Pfc. Carlton Myers came across Pfc. Ralph Lelii who was in a hospital recovering from wounds.

Jack Conroy, who for two years has been on duty in Russia doing radar work, has returned to his base in Trinidad. Lt. Charles McCracken has been promoted to captain in the 8th Army A.F. He is 728th Squadron Navigator, is now flying his second tour of missions from his base in England. Wounded for the second time in five months, S/Sgt. Stewart Rorer is now in a hospital in England. He was injured last November and hospitalized for a month; and again on Mar. 8th, in France, by a piece of shrapnel. He claims a box of rations which he was carrying saved him from a more serious injury. Another use for your rations, boys!



T/Sgt. Walter Hallowell, with the 8th A.F. in England is instructing in the rudiments of livestock production and dairy farming. While Pfc. Larry Monogue was on duty in the India-Burma theatre he met Al Farley who was about to be forwarded to a rest camp. Larry who had been gunner in the 124th mechanized cavalry is now with the Morris Task Force - location unknown. Pvt. John Barch is serving with the 4th Marine Div. in the Pacific.

Thurman Wright has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received when the Ninth Army crossed the Ruhr River in Germany. S/Sgt. Buddy Ziegler has written that he is now located in the Philippines and that he has taken part in every invasion. Paratrooper Pvt. John DeMaria, overseas for two years, was wounded in Belgium - now hospitalized in England. His brother, Frank, with the Army Air Corps, is stationed at Santa Ana, Cal., having been stationed in England for three years.

Cpl. Ralph Del Conte, was wounded in Feb., while serving with a paratrooper unit on Corregidor. One of his brothers, Pvt. Joseph is in England; another, Sgt. Louis, in the Marianas. Sgt. Alexander Rotelli, is in a hospital in England, recuperating from chest wounds received in Mar. in Germany, where he was serving with a Fourth Cavalry Div. Pfc. J.F. Bocchino met Micky Cresan on a battle field in Germany. They were in the same kind of outfits, but different batteries. Each unit engaged in a fight to bring down an enemy plane. Pvt. Robert Smith's battalion, the 817th Aviation Engineers, have received a unit citation, for participating in four major campaigns in both the European and Mediterranean Theatres. It was awarded on the eve of its 32nd month overseas. Pfc. Norman Mortimer has been transferred from the 108th Infantry Div. in Germany to a military police battalion.

Pfc. Anthony Decembrino was wounded in action in Germany Mar. 1st. Pfc. Jimmy Buchanan also was wounded in Germany on Mar. 12th, now hospitalized in France. Thirteen attacks on priority targets in Germany and the Balkans won a promotion for Dick Slayton. He's now 1st lieutenant. Congratulations, Dick! Earlier this month he had been awarded the Air Medal. Dick is serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Charles A. Meyers has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer. He has been serving with the Atlantic Fleet and took part in the Normandy Invasion. His brother, Jack Meyers also with the Atlantic Fleet, on the U.S.S. Nelson has been promoted to Fire Control 3/c.

This, particularly, is a section we like, to tell you about - boys who've come home.....To come home - isn't that fundamentally what you're fighting for.....We've run across a list of don'ts for wives and prospective wives of boys who come home: "Don't suggest taking a trip to the seashore. Don't say anything about going on a picnic. Don't suggest a movie. Don't mash the potatoes. Don't scramble the eggs. Don't serve Spam. Don't throw cold water on any of his plans - let him be boss. Think of it, boys. You're to be BOSS!



A.M.M.F.3/c Bob Broughton, who is in the Naval Air Transport Service in the Pacific, came home April 5th for two weeks - will report back to Alameda, Cal. Came around for a visit, especially, we believe, to show us his mustache before he shaved it off. It's rather a pity that he would dispose of this bit of glamour - for it really gave him a certain air. He was afraid his Ambler friends wouldn't know him. His brother, Sydney - with an air plane plant in Buffalo - was home for a few days during Bob's visit.

On Mar. 3rd, at Cherry Pt., N.C., where he is now stationed, Pfc. Charlie Kemmerer was married to Thelma Flipppo, Fredericksburg, Va. Charlie had a 30 day furlough, after having served in the Pacific area for 14 months. T/5 Tony Palermo, who served 21 months as Stock Record Clerk in the Alaska area, has come back to the states - now stationed at Aberdeen, Md. Pfc. Thomas Chiriano spent a furlough at home, after serving for almost three years in the New Guinea area.

Pvt. Robert Wood has arrived at Camp Shank, N.Y., having served five months overseas with an infantry division of the First Army. In November Robert suffered an injury to the knee cap, in Germany - was hospitalized several months. Pfc. Anthony Lusky, who has completed four years in the Army, having served 37 months of that time in the Hawaiian Islands, has returned home on a furlough. At its conclusion he will report to Ft. Dix. Pfc. David McFarland, who was listed as missing in action in Germany in Dec., while serving with an infantry unit, and later reported as being confined to a hospital - is spending a thirty day furlough at home. He is suffering from trench foot - will report back to a hospital at Ft. Sam Huston, Tex. His wife lives in Conshohocken.

T/Sgt. Bill Little arrived home from the ETO about the beginning of the month. He was a radio operator on a B-24 Liberator, with the 8th Air Force, has flown 34 missions, participated in many attacks on vital cities in Germany. Recently was awarded a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal.....Consult the Ambler news section for a romance connected with him.....Will report back to duty at Miami, Fla. O.S.2/c Kilbraine Newton has returned from submarine combat duty in the Pacific. He was on the U.S.S. Sailfish - the former Squalus. Mus. 1/c Albert Dummeldinger arrived home for a short leave, having served three years with the Navy Band in Hawaii. He brought his wife - a San Francisco girl - home with him. Will report to duty at Washington, D. C.

For the funnier side of life, try this one eating a cracker; A skunk sat on a stump. The skunk thunk the stump stunk, and the stump thunk the skunk stunk. (Heavens! It's hard enough to type.)

A True Story. - While leaning over the rail of a transport, a WAC dropped her diamond ring overboard. She was deeply grieved over the loss. Some weeks later, dining in a hotel in Naples, she ordered fish. What do you think she found in the fish? \*See footnote on next page.



More Daffynitions:

HITLER: A man who's learning that he can't win even with a Duce in in the hole.

BARGAIN SALE: A commando paid with petticoats.

FAT MAN: One who has a bay window because he didn't look out.

RATTLESNAKE: An eel with a craps game going on in back.

GAS STATION: Where motorists get air, water and information.

USHER: One who knows his ropes in a theater.

COMMISSION: What an army man gets instead of a straight salary.

MOSQUITO: A flying blood bank.

CATERPILLAR: An upholstered worm.

BIGAMIST: One who makes the same mistake twice.

OLEOMARGERINE: A food bought by people who have seen butter days.

The lady wished her servant to be pleased with her new place. "You'll have a very easy time of it here," she said, "as we have no children to annoy you." "Oh," said the prospective maid generously "I'se very fond of chilluns, so don't restrict yo'se'f on my account."

"Where did you get that black eye?" asked the sergeant. "I went to a dance hall last night and was struck by the beauty of the place," replied the rookie.

A lady in a mink coat boarded a Madison Ave. bus. "I don't suppose I've ridden on a bus in two years," she said as she paid the conductor her fare. "I usually ride in my own car. "Really! You don't know how we've missed you," said the conductor icily.

Customs Officer (finding a bottle of whiskey): I thought you said you had nothing but old clothes in this trunk?" Tourist: "I was right - that's my nightcap."

Carpenter, to his apprentice: "Didn't I tell you to notice when this glue boiled over?" "I did. It was quarter after ten."

HIT PARADE

<u>Mar. 17</u>	<u>Apr. 7</u>	<u>Apr. 14</u>
1.A Little on the Lonely Side	1.My Dreams are Getting Better all the Time	1.In deference to Mr. Roosevelt
2.Saturday Night	2.I'm Beginning to See the Light	only sacred music was broad-
3.Accentuate the Positive	3.A Little on the Lonely Side	cast this evening.
4.My Dreams are Getting Better all the Time	4.Candy	
5.More and More	5.Saturday Night	
6.Rum & Coca Cola	6.Rum & Coca Cola	
7.I'm Beginning to see the Light	7.Sweet Dreams,Sweekheart	
8.Sweet Dreams,Sweetheart	8.Let's Take the Long Way Home	
9.Don't Fence Me In.	9.Accentuate, etc.	

If song titles become any longer, we're gonna hafta use a code system.

\* Bones



Highlights in Sports: - Basketball

March 14th:

Muhlenberg 36 - Phila. Navy Hosp. 35

Lakehurst N.A.S. 49 - Cape May N.S. 45

Phila. Navy Yard 52 - Phila. Depot Marines 44

March 16th:

Lakehurst N.A.S. beats Phila. Navy Yard 45 to 44 to end season and win championship of the LaSalle College Annual Servicemen's tournament.

March 19th:

DePaul University 76 - West Virginia 52

St. John's University 34 - Muhlenberg 33.

March 26th:

DePaul wins National invitation tournament by beating Bowling Green 71 to 54.

March 27th:

Oklahoma Aggies wins National Collegiate A.A. Championship defeating New York University 49 to 45.

New York Coast Guard beats Valley Forge 60 to 55 in overtime game.

March 29th:

Oklahoma Aggies beats DePaul Univ. 52 to 44. Thereby wins the mythical, National basketball title as they had each won a championship.

Lukens Steel of Coatesville are main line champions. They challenged the great Valley Forge team and were licked 73 to 48.

Golf

Byron Nelson and Sammy Snead tied at 272 for 72 holes in the Charlotte, N. C., Open. Gene Kunes of Phila. third, with 279. Byrd 280, Jug McSpaden 281. In an 18 hole playoff Nelson & Snead tied again. Both shot 69 on the 72 par course. In a second 18 hole playoff Nelson wins with 69 strokes to Snead's 73. Nelson wins Greensboro, N.C. Open with 271 for 72 holes. This is 13 under par for the course. Byrd, 2nd with 279, then Revolta 280, Hines 285, Craig Wood 286 and Snead 287.

Nelson wins Durham, N.C. Open with 276 for 72 holes. He has now won 7 Opens this season. Snead who finished with 288 at Durham, has won 6 Opens.

Byron Nelson wins again with a record low score of 263 strokes for 72 holes. This tournament was played at Atlanta, Ga. It was the special "Iron Lung Invitational" tournament. Sam Byrd was second with 276, Hines 3rd with 278, Kirwood next 279, McSpaden 280, Snead 281.

Nelson played in 17 tournaments this winter, won 8 and only twice finished worse than 4th. His average number of strokes per hole was 3.83.

Baseball

Nine Cubans, well conditioned after playing winter baseball in Havana, have reported to the Washington Amer. League team.

Chief Specialist Bob Feller has just returned from 2 years afloat with the Navy. He will pilot the Great Lakes ball team this season. Before the war, he was, as you fans well remember, the famous



Amer. League pitcher, with Cleveland.

Now, March 21st, prospects for full scale big league ball, all season, including night games, look very bright. The rulings from Washington, permit the use of lights for night games, permit players to leave war plants for the season and in general give the green light. So unless rulings are reversed, the game will go on.

Phillies buy Whitlow Wyatt seasoned right hand pitcher from Brooklyn. 3 years ago he won 22 and lost 10 for Dodgers. Phillies get Vince DiMaggio, home-run hitter, from Pittsburgh for pitcher, Al Gerheuser.

St. Louis Browns as reported earlier signed up Pete Gray the one armed star out-fielder. Now they say the Phillies have signed Chet Morrissey, Jr. of Binghamton, N.Y. who lost his right arm at the age of 8. He has pitched and played in the out-field very successfully for high school and legion teams.

A's buy 215 lb., 6 ft. 2 in. Southpaw pitcher, Charley Gassaway. Last year he won 18 games for Milwaukee.

The Major Leagues begin playing their opening games of the season, Monday, April 16th. Close pennant races and a successful season anticipated by baseball officials and sports writers.

#### Miscellaneous

Gunder Haegg defeated 3rd time by Rafferty at Chicago on Mar. 17th. Time - Rafferty 4 min. 13.7 sec. Haegg, 4.14.5. Haegg, an outdoor track man, has run these races on the boards. On Mar. 23rd, Haegg wins mile run in 4.16.7 for his first victory in U.S. this year. Efaw of Bainbridge N.T.S. was second, 3 feet back. Bainbridge N.T.S., for two years undefeated on the football field, will not put a team in the field this year. 28 of last year's squad have gone to sea and there is no possibility of enough talent arriving to maintain high standar, says their athletic officer.

At Bainbridge, Stan Musial, star of the National League, now in boot training, plays center field, then Spence, the star center fielder of the Amer. League checks in. Well, they let him play first base. Baseball contributes \$185,000. to U.S. War Fund from proceeds of 1944 Word Series games. Gunder Haegg went to California to see his girl. On way back was put off the airplane by wartime priority and did not get to Buffalo in time for his last mile race, scheduled for March 31st.

#### Correspondence Column

Pfc. Herman L. Ashton, Somewhere in France, is still watching for his buddies from Ambler. Herman is on the road almost daily, and no doubt will see some one before long. He says he almost contacted Herbert Williams, but "failed by a nose." Herman says, "tell the fellows I said Hello."



Donald Paul Roberts, MoMM1/C, left Austrailia some time ago, and is now at a Naval Base in the Phillippines. He is "the engineer on the "L.C.M.", working on the "Gray Marine" Diesel engines. Ralph L. Amey, SoMH2/C, is at the same Base. Donald met Ralph aboard ship in January. Also in Januarv, he met Norman Buler in Hollandia. Donald has a favorite prayer for the end of the day which he sends to you: - "Lord, keep us safe this night, secure from all our fears. May Angels guard while we sleep, 'til morning light appears."

Major Alfred S. Martin, with an Engineers Construction Battalion, in the Philippine Islands, wrote on March 11th: - "My feet are getting itchy again and I long to be off on another pressure job. This outfit works at its best under pressure. We love it." So many things have happened since then, we wonder where Al's itchy feet have taken him. Last year, Al worried about his old friends leaving him, one by one, for married life. He says we need worry about him no longer, as his "marital splendor is stabilized at a flat zero. - Saves on postage, too."

Allan J. Taylor, F.C. 3/C, on the U.S.S. Gen'l Wm. Weigel, recently made a quick trip to England and France. Some day, he hopes to see someone he knows aboard his ship, or perhaps, look up his friends on the other side. When he returned from this trip, he enjoyed a few days at home.

J. R. (Bob) Meyers, Fl/C, has been on a minesweeper, patrolling the Pacific Coast, since December. Bob says, "Give me the East Coast, I love it."

Charles E. Kepler, Jr., S2/c, completed his Boot training at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. He returned to this Base for further training and is in the E. M. School. He recently spent a weekend at home.

Pfc. James J. Ward, with an Engineers Combat Bn., is in the Philippines. We recently received a letter from him dated Feb. 26. We hope he is receiving his mail more promptly than this. He, too, reports that the Filipinos are welcoming the American boys, and that "a Filipino smile is really something to see."

Paul Ferla, Mus. 3/C, member of the Band, aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota, Pacific Fleet, writes that they have been operating in the Philippines: Leyte, Luzon and Manila; Formosa and the China Sea. March 20th marked the Third Anniversary of the commissioning of the South Dakota and a Crew Letter was printed, giving the history of the "old girl". Paul sent us a copy and we wish we could print it here. In the past three years, the ship has traveled 192, 423 miles; crossed the Artic Circle once; the Equator thirty times; operated in the American Area; the European Theatre and now the Asiatic-Pacific Zone, where they recently weathered the famous typhoon. It is a very interesting account of their adventures and activities and the crew members have been awarded many decorations for heroism and gallantry. Paul sends his regards to all the Ambler boys, wherever they may be and his special congratulations to his brother, Frank, and his division for receiving the Presidential Citation. Sgt. Frank Ferla has been in England since December, 1942, and is working with the Third Bombardment Division of the Eighth Air Force.



As a postscript to all this, Paul says, "I am gaining weight like mad."

Congratulations to A/C William R. Lunn. He finished his Basic at Greenville, Miss., and is now at Columbus, Miss., for his final Flight Training. We sincerely hope he will soon be receiving his Silver Wings. Bill sends his "very best wishes to all those on the fighting fronts."

Pfc. Frank T. Fertsch is stationed at the Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas. He is training Bomb Groups for B-29 planes. He writes, "At one time, I felt as though I wasn't doing very much to bring this war to a speedy conclusion, but recently we received reports from the B-29 groups now stationed on Guam and it made me feel good to know that I had helped to train a great number of those very men who are now bombing Japan itself and showing them just how soft and decadent the Democracies are. I feel now that maybe I am doing a little towards bringing this mess to an end." Recently Frank went to see his old friend, Lt. Charles Deuchar, who is an Engineer with a Bomb Group at Great Bend. Frank says he is still the same old Charlie -- a swell fellow to know.

T/Sgt. Walter J. Wyrostek and Jim Rainey, who work together in a Troop Carrier Sqd. in the Marianas, went down to Peleliu and visited Chief W. O. George Deens. They "enjoyed a swell dinner with him and came to the conclusion that the CB's are it." Reds also told of Bob Broughton's visit (reported in our March Newsletter). While Bob was there, the boys took a jeep and rode over to Lt. George Sandiford's outfit and had a wonderful Ambler Night together. Reds said that during the invasion of Iwo Jima they flew over and dropped supplies. Since the battle, they have been landing there. He asked for Cpl. Frank Mallozzi's address, who is on Iwo with the 4th Marines, so he can look up Frank some time. We have sent this and have added Frank's name to our Newsletter mailing list.

Pfc. Alvin Neigut, sent his new address. He is now with the Tank Corps, Fort Knox, Kentucky. He reports meeting T/3 Harry Wood there. Alvin asks us to send his regards to Bill Hamilton and Frank Wright, as he does not have their addresses.

\* Thomas J. Benzenhafer, AMM2/c at a Naval Air Station somewhere in the Pacific, says he gets time to swim and sun bathe almost every day. Says he is so tanned he looks like the natives. It reminds us of the pictures Tom Weaver and Paul Jones sent home from the Hawaiian Islands when they were stationed there. Tom says there are four of his family in Service. Besides himself, one brother is with the Marines. Charlie is with Patton's Third Army in Germany and Phil is at Denver, Colo., training with a B-29 Squadron.



We acknowledge receipt of V-mail Easter Greetings from Chief Warrant Officer, George J. Deens, with the 73rd Naval Construction Battalion. We hear from the other boys who have visited George that he is looking fine and hope he returns to Stateside duty in the near future.

Pfc. James McKinnon was with an Infantry Division, Alsace, France, in February. He asked for Ed Roberts address, which has been sent to him. It would be interesting to know where Jim is when he receives this Newsletter.

Cpl. Winfield N. Stong, stationed in England, had a seven day furlough and went up to Aberdeen, Scotland. Now, he is singing the praises of Aberdeen and its beautiful surroundings. Winnie says there are dances nearly every evening, ice skating and "other things to keep one fully occupied." We think, the "other things" must be very fascinating, as Winnie says "Tell George Fortsch that it may be a long train ride, but its really worth it." He writes, "I get plenty of kidding around the shop because I keep singing a version of "I left my heart at the Stage Door Canteen". I use some different words - "I left my heart at the Queens Bar last eve; left it there with a girl named Florrie", and so on. This should give you a hint as to the attractions." On second thought, we think our other boys in England, had better stay away from Aberdeen, Scotland.

Lt. Vera M. Haff, Army nurse stationed at a Hospital in the Hawaiians, would be glad to see any Amblerites who may visit the Islands. When Paul Jones was out there, they missed very few, as Paul was sure to contact everyone possible. The Hospital Vera is assigned to, is a distance from town, and as she is very busy and detests the heat, she says she just sits and waits for people to look her up. However, it is a very beautiful place and worth seeing.

S/Sgt. Victor Romendio, returned from service in the Aleutians, enjoyed a furlough in Ambler, and recently returned to Alaska. We wish to thank Victor's sister, Isabel, for sending us the new address. We appreciate this very much, as one of our great problems at this time, is new addresses for the boys who have been away for a long time and are now reassigned to new stations. We know they look for the Newsletter, but we cannot mail it without a correct address.

C/M Charles H. Dager has finished a course at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island. He will shortly be going out for a six to twelve months sea training. Recently, he and his brother, Cadet Howard Dager, Jr., who is training at West Point, enjoyed a weekend at home.

Pfc. Carlton L. Myers, is stationed at the 162nd General Hospital, in England. He is the Assistant Chaplain and his work



consists of helping out in services, playing any musical instrument available during services, directing the choir, acting as clerk, typist, janitor, fireman, carpenter, driver - jack of all trades and master of none. He answers letters from wives and mothers of patients. Carlton says there is at least one service every day in the Chapel - either Protestant, Catholic or Jewish. Some days there are four services. He often sings at services, as well as accompany any other singer he can locate. Whenever possible he arranges a duet or a quartet. Recently, Carlton has been a patient in the Hospital. He says, "Nothing serious, but two illnesses struck at one time and needed therapy." He asked us for the addresses of the following old friends and they have been forwarded: - Allan Taylor, Hugh Sivell, Robert Broughton, Dick Hoyt, Paul Jones, Richard Gump, Jack Davis, Willis Ware and Bill Kleinfelder.

Cpl. Ralph Del Conte, with the Paratroopers in the Philippines, has received the Newsletter, as he says, "Thanks to Vic Romendio for his thoughtfulness." Ralph has been overseas twelve months: - five were spent in Australia; three on Noemfoor Island and four in the Philippines. He also has two combat missions to his credit. Another Amblerite, Anthony Lelii is also in the 462nd with him. They have been together since November, 1942. At the time of writing, Ralph and Anthony were enjoying life at a good camp site where they could keep cool by swimming in a fresh running stream nearby. He, too, reports that the Filipinos are very friendly.

Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., Somewhere in the Pacific, is keeping an eye open for Harvey Eisenhard and Bob Broughton. Jimmy writes, "Say Hello to all the fellows for me - especially to the guys from the mighty Class of '43!"

Pvt. Richard C. Schuler, moved again. This time he made a big jump - from Italy up to France. Dick is very enthusiastic about the section of France in which he is stationed. He reports "the girls and women wear stockings and very pretty dresses, very pretty and chic hats, etc., etc." It seems to us that Dick was enthusiastic about the girls of Corsica some time ago. Before Dick left Italy, he spent a day looking for Dr. Henderson, but was unable to contact him; sorry he did not have time to see Michael Lepore; but did meet Jack Rainey one day and "had a swell chat about Ambler and all our friends."

Oscar H. Stillwagon, R.M.2/C, on the U.S.S. Bonefish, with the Pacific Fleet, sent us Easter Greetings. We appreciate his thoughtfulness and thank him for it. Oscar's engagement to Miss Anne Craft was recently announced.

Benjamin B. Camburn, S2/C, has moved from Fort Pierce, Florida, to Newport, R. I. He has been assigned to ship duty and the crew is having a final check up. Benny was very fortunate to get home Easter Sunday, April 1st, and again on Sunday, April 8th, and his friends in the Methodist Church were very glad to welcome him.



A/T Wilson Matthias, Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla., is waiting his turn to enter preflight training. He is receiving what is called "on the line training," which is servicing and repairing aircraft, as well as the duties of a Flight Engineer. Wilson asked for Calvin Ashton's address, which we have sent to him.

C. Walter Pennington, MoMML/C, on an LST with the Pacific Fleet, writes that they have participated in eight amphibious landings on enemy held Islands:- three of these landings were A-Day assaults on the first three Philippine Islands invaded.

Sgt. Daniel Signore has been in the Army forty months. He began his training at Drew Field, Fla., went to the Pacific, served his time out there and returned to the States last fall, and was sent back to Drew Field. Recently, the Battalion he had been with for two years, was broken up and the boys sent to other camps all over the States. Dan was sent to MacDill Field, Fla., which is only about eight miles from Drew Field. He has finally been given the job he asked for at the Induction Center so long ago. He is now working in the Ordnance Repair Shop, doing third Echelon Maintenance.

#### Church News: -

The Couples Club met the last Friday in March at the Manse for dinner. After dinner and a long business meeting, we played games. The business meeting was long because we discussed and approved a constitution drawn up by a committee appointed for that purpose. We are now a proper organization and everything is in order for you and your wives to take over when you come back. The games, of course, were "kid" games, such as jack straws, dropping clothes pins in a bottle, fish pond, etc. We had a hilarious time, it does us all good to relax occasionally. We ended up with a relay race of passing a grapefruit from shoulder to shoulder with the chin, you know man to woman to man, etc. This wasn't much of a child's game, (but lots of fun). It could have been very exciting if we hadn't been proper married people, understand what we mean? The next meeting will be a dance but more of that later.

#### Reverend Dunsmore's message: -

Perhaps some of you have seen the experiments in science we saw in a sound picture shown in our Church. This film, produced by the Moody Bible Institute, deals with the spiritual aspects of the war, and is called "They live Forever." Mr. Moon, a scientist, whom some of you may have heard in one of the camps, illustrates Bible truths with his amazing experiments. Hear him if you ever have the chance. Also appearing in the picture was Lt. Whittaker, one of Rickenbacker's party, who believes God answered his prayer for strength which enabled him to row against ocean currents, and reach a South Pacific Island with a life raft and two unconscious companions. During this experience he began his search for God, in whom he had never believed, and



as a result became a Christian, The picture ends by saying it is of such men who have found faith in God that it can be aid, "They Live Forever."

This month marks the beginning of a new Church year, and we know that this year will mark the end of the war in Europe, and we hope and pray it may also bring the end of the war with Japan. We learned Thursday, April 12th, of the President's death, and along with our sorrow know God will raise up others to lead our nation so that there may be a righteous and lasting peace.

Thus we enter a new phase in the life of our Church and nation with faith and hope, and look toward an early peace, and your return. May we all pray more sincerely - "Thy Kingdom Come!"

Sincerely,

The King's Daughters.



NEWSLETTER NO. 32

354 Lindenwold Ave.  
Ambler, Pa.

May 14th, 1945.

Dear

We thank God that the appalling tragedy in Europe is over at last.....It is not for us to celebrate. That right is yours. Yours, for the fears, the horrors, the miseries; for the nights spent in foxholes, the days without food, the weeks without normal comforts and conveniences. We extend our gratitude for a gigantic, loathesome task, courageously done.....Now we can give the job - our war - on the other side of the world undivided attention. The enemy can lose face and surrender now; or goad their nation to ruin. You know the Japs better than we, but pray that they soon recognize the hand-writing on the political wall. We anxiously await the day when we can welcome you all home.

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With all the changes evidently about to take place, please, please, if you want your newsletter, inform us of changes in addresses.

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Coupled with our joy over VE Day, we are thrilled to give you news of these boys, prisoners who've been liberated:

Pvt. Russell Huckel, first reported missing back in January, and later discovered to be a German prisoner, was flown to a hospital in France, is soon to be transferred to this country. He is suffering from malnutrition and a leg wound. Shortly after New Year's Day, Co. B of the 275th infantry, of which Russell was a member, was in action in Alsace. In attempting to stop the heavy Nazi counter drive to Phillipsburg, the company lost and retook the town four times in four days, but was finally cut off by the enemy. All communications were severed for several days until a patrol reported the company intact but surrounded. Contact was not reestablished and for some time it was not known whether the unit was captured or annihilated. Later the Red Cross reported the entire company had been captured. His family have heard from him, and understand he is coming along nicely.....Our very best wishes, Russell!

Pvt. Donald Stillwagon, taken prisoner near Kasserine Pass in Feb. 1943, was liberated about a month ago. Pfc. Steve Mallozzi, captured just two weeks before the Germans surrendered, has been freed; as has S/Sgt. Nathan Stiver.



## HIGH SCHOOL

Coach Meyer's track team has been coming along. The first meet, held at Ambler, was quite a success: Ambler won over Lansdale by a score of  $72\frac{1}{2}$  -  $44\frac{1}{2}$ . Stars of the game were Joe Johnson, who won the 100 yd. dash; Harold Wolff, the 220; R. Thompson, the low hurdles, he also won the broad jump. R. Thompson piled up a score of 13 points; H. Wolff 11. The second meet Ambler defeated Jenkintown on Ambler Field, by a score of  $76\frac{1}{2}$  -  $40\frac{1}{2}$ . The third meet, with Springfield on their field, was postponed on account of rain.

The band presented its annual Spring Concert, and the Junior High School gave a play "Angel Face" on May 4th. The second play of the year, "Daddy Long-Legs" was given April 15th and 16th - a very enjoyable performance. Roberta Browne played the leading feminine role; James Cullingford, the male lead. A group of the Senior class visited the Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co., to obtain an insight on the workings of a large business organization.

## AMBLER NEWS

News of the German's surrender was celebrated very quietly in Ambler - churches conducted services, schools and stores closed, whistles blew, bells rang. Because Ambler's a little one-horse town? Not necessarily. We remembered. We'd heard those whistles before. Twenty-seven years ago.

A town meeting was held, when more than two hundred teenagers expressed a desire to establish a social center of their own. Sunday, May 6th, opened a three day celebration to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Founding of St. Joseph's Parish. A mountain of used, serviceable clothing - far exceeding the 25,000 pound goal - was collected for use in the liberated countries.

Betty Hagginbothom, studying music at Temple, is a regular vocalist heard on WFIL. Rev. Theodore Schneider, of Quakertown, has been assigned to the duties as pastor of the Trinity Memorial Church, to take the place of Rev. W. F. Lutz, pastor for twenty-one years. A son was born to Jane Morgan Bruckel on April 28th - her husband, Lt. William, is with the Navy somewhere in the Pacific.

Fear has been expressed that all the girls at home are becoming engaged, or getting married. There is still plenty of female interest around - and don't forget that those who seemed youngsters when you left for war three years ago, have grown up. Pretty nice, too.

Julia Ann Eckfeldt was married April 19th at the Presbyterian Church to A/C Hugh Gehman. After a honeymoon in the Poconos, Hugh returned to his station at Honda Field, Tex., and Julia Ann plans to remain with her parents. She is employed as a chemist at Leeds and Northrop, Phila. Barbara Leslie and Bm 2/c Herbert Garner, Ft. Washington, were married April 21st at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh.



The wedding of Jane Bussing and BM 2/c John Waldrum, of New Boston, Tex., took place on April 25th, at St. John's Lutheran Church. After a honeymoon in New York, they left for San Francisco, where the bridegroom awaits sailing orders. John was a friend of Kenneth Haywood's when they were on the Quincy. Kenneth, you remember lost his life when that ship went down in the battle of Salvo Sea. On April 28th at the Methodist Church, Thelma Renner became the bride of Roy Murray. They will reside in Pottstown - the groom's home town.

The engagements of Gertie Vandegrift and William Teller, Chestnut Hill; and Violet Heath to S.C.3/c Charles Hammell, Coronado, Cal., have been announced. Miss Ida Shaeff was married to Lt. Joe Cassidy on April 19th at St. Anthony's. After a honeymoon in New York, Joe returned to a hospital in Atlanta for further treatment. He lost his right leg when he was wounded in Germany, last fall.

#### BOYS WHO'VE COME HOME

We hope to see this list, boys who've come home, grow longer and longer as the months roll by -

Lt. Ed Sage arrived from England, having completed 30 missions and receiving a Unit Citation. Ed, you remember, was wounded last fall by flak, sustaining an injury to one of his knees, which seems to have healed nicely. After three weeks at home, will report to Miami Beach for redistribution. Sgt. Alfred Kemmerer is back from England. Pvt. Nattie Casalenuovo came home, after serving in Iran for two years with the Persian Gulf Command.

Pfc. Anthony Decembrino, now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., having served overseas for the past year in England, France, Belgium, Germany, is convalescing from wounds received in Germany. Pvt. Joseph Organski, home on a 50 day furlough after having been wounded twice in the ETO. His first wound was incurred when Brest fell - he was hit in the leg with shrapnel; the second, in the drive for the Roer River, when he stepped on a mine while out on patrol.

S/Sgt. Eddie Halligan, USMC is back on his second furlough from overseas - has completed four year's service. You remember he fought on Guadalcanal early in the war; is now with the Marine Air Force. Eddie visited us on his furlough. G.P.P. Jack Conroy, overseas for two years, enjoyed a leave with his wife, the former Marie Wolff, and their twin sons, whom he'd never seen.

The LaMelza brothers are home together again - the first time in three years. George, who served as Tech. Sergeant in the Army's 5th Air Force ground crew, has been out in the Pacific since Feb. 1942 New Guinea, Australia, Philippines. His brother, Joseph, formerly on convoy duty to Iceland, Newfoundland, England, is now on an air-craft carrier, operating from Norfolk.



S/Sgt. Carmen DeMinico is home from combat in the Pacific. On April 25th he was married to Peg Morris, of Willow Grove, and after a honeymoon in New York, reported to Ft. Knox, Ky. Sgt. James Bonfiglio formerly in the air service in India, has come home. Pvt. Frank Smith, who's served three years in India, is back. Lt. Bob Davis has been retired from service. Bob had his legs crushed in a jeep accident over a year ago in a southern camp. He's been in various hospitals ever since - one leg seems to be permanently injured. C.P.O. Charles Meyers, who's been on sub-chaser patrolling the French and English coasts, was in action in the invasion of France, arrived home - the first visit in 15 months. He will report back to Rhode Island for further study. His brother, F.C.3/c Jack, on convoy duty, arrived in New York just long enough for the boys to get a few hours together at home. Dick Tompkins, in the Merchant Marine had a 30 day leave from duty in the Pacific.

Angelo Pulli is back from the Pacific after serving 38 months of combat duty with the Army. He is now in a hospital in Virginia, but hopes to be transferred to Valley Forge.

One of you fellows liked the change we made, in segregating the boys doing overseas duty from those who are stateside. He suggested further that it would even be better if we separated the news of the ETO from that of the Pacific area...That is what we like -- please, what can we do to improve the letter. What do you like, what don't you like, what can we add, to make it more interesting, enjoyable, and useful? Jimmy McKinnon's suggestion, however, we'll have to discard. He wanted a newsletter every day!

Here goes for the ETO;

S/Sgt. Charles Mulvaney (Ambler Highlands) was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Germany as intelligence non-commissioned officer, "rendering valuable service in keeping the supply routes clear of refugees, insuring the flow of supplies to the front." Pfc. Horace Jones is with the 6th Army in Germany; Pfc. George Hastings, with the 9th. Cpl. Nicholas Palermo is serving as clerk of an air service command in England.

Frank and Salvatore Casalenuovo, serving in Italy, were extremely happy when they were able to arrange a meeting - but their joy was further topped when their brother, Nattie, burst in on them. The latter had served two years in Iran with the Persian Gulf Command, and flew to Italy to complete the reunion. Sadness attended their meeting, however, - a brother, James, had been killed in France on June 11th, while trying to rescue a wounded buddy under fire. In a ceremony, Lt. Henry Bussing's wife received his Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. Henry became a German prisoner Feb. a year ago.



Pfc. Earl Refsnider, and Pfc. Anthony Donato serving with the 9th in Germany, have been awarded Bronze Stars - the former for capturing a machine gun nest. The Purple Heart has been awarded to Cpl. Alex Buchanan for wounds sustained in action with Gen. Patton's Army. For his outstanding work at Forbach, France, Lambert West has been awarded the Silver Star, for "courageously setting up his heavy machine gun in an exposed position, and opening fire upon the enemy; thus enabling the troops to reroute at a moment when disorganization seemed imminent." He has also been promoted to sergeant.

Lt. Don Betts, pilot with the 9th Troop Carrier Command, who was with the paratroopers who crossed the Rhine in March, wrote his mother a very descriptive letter, a la Don Betts, of that courageous invasion. It was Don's first combat mission, and it was "a very secure feeling to get back to the base and see the ground officers, medics, grease monkeys, and even the chaplain all sweating you out." Pvt. Michael Mastromatto, who was wounded twice and then reported missing in Germany since Dec., is a prisoner. A brother, Tech. Carl, is with the Air Corps in Italy; another brother, Leonard, with the M.P.'s in Germany.

After being hospitalized in England for wounds received early in the spring, Pvt. Edgar King is back with his old outfit, the 272nd Inf. Div. Pfc. Michael Angellilis is somewhere in the ETO. Sgt. Henry Peirce, Ft. Washington, was killed in action on Apr. 1, in Germany.

Congratulations are due Alan Taylor, promoted to Fc2/c. Cpl. Hays Hoffman, with an ordnance H.A.M. Co., is in Germany; as is Pvt. Arnold Dragani; and T/4 George Charlton, with a combat engineer battalion. T/5 Kenneth Meng just arrived in France. Lt. Bill Hayward recently in Belgium, is back in England with his old Squadron. Cpl. George Rosenberger, a new name on our list, is in the ETO.

The Bronze Star has been awarded to Cpl. John Fluck for action under fire at Luxembourg, in determining the location of the enemy's battery, which was prohibiting our equipment from reaching the front. Lt. Dick Slayton, stationed in Italy, has been advanced to first pilot. James Little has been promoted to Major, in France. Pvt. Harry Landis and Cpl. Bob Lutz are both in the 102nd Div. - the former with the Ordnance Maintenance Co.; the latter, in the Headquarters of the Infantry. They see each other frequently. This division is the same which came to Philadelphia last summer to keep peace when the PTC went on a strike. They have made a big name for themselves, seen much action, and the latest reports showed they were deep in Germany.

Lt. George Brumbaugh, pilot of a B-17, has been awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal while participating in 8th Air Force bombings over Germany. William Lancaster has been promoted to first lieutenant in France. Sgt. Dick Hoyt, with the R. A. F. near Bath, had a furlough. Visited North Ireland, which he enjoyed very



much. The hotel where he had intended staying was filled. Was sent to a small recreation house, which he found delightful. Delightful, indeed! For they served eggs with the shell. He had nine! Nine poached eggs! Do you know, we believe Dick, in years to come, is going to remember as the high spots in his service career, the places where he was able to obtain shell-eggs.....We recall that he used to ask his mother if she couldn't think of anything more original than eggs for breakfast.

News of your friends in the Pacific areas -

Watch carefully, Hugh Seville! We believe there is one of your former Boy Scouts on your trail. If our nose for news serves us right, there are certain indications. You'll find him in a sailor's uniform: Tommy Hughes. For an heroic attack against the Japs on D-Day at Saipan, Marine Lt. George Sandiford has been awarded the Bronze Star. The citation tells how George, "separated from his company in the initial landing, immediately organized his platoon for attack and boldly advanced to his objective, although both flanks were exposed to the enemy." Lt. Albert Drager, first pilot on a B-24 has arrived in the Dutch East Indies. Cpl. Stanley Neigut is stationed at Oahu, in the Hawaiians. He recently had a visit with RM 2/c Bob Lindenfeld, who, when he arrived near Stanley's base, telephoned him and arranged for some time together.

Our hearty congratulations to Alfred Martin, promoted to Lt. Colonel! Alfred has come up the hard way, having entered the Army as a corporal. He is with Gen. MacArthur in the Philippines....He may be a lieutenant colonel to Gen. MacArthur, but we still remember him as a youngster mowing lawns for pin money during vacations! Pfc. Dave McCool, with the Headquarter Motor Pool on Saipan, for the past year, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Congratulations to Walt Dummeldinger, with the signal corps, stationed in India, who has been promoted to Pfc. Ensign George Mullahy, a new name on our list, is on a LCT in the Pacific. Ralph Bishop, with the Air Transport Command in India, has been promoted to sergeant. Lt. (jg) Terrence Cassidy was wounded slightly April 6th - when last heard from he was operating from the Russell Islands. Marine T/Sgt. Bill Gray was wounded on Okinawa. His brother, Francis, also in the Marines, is somewhere in the Pacific. Pfc. Carl Meyers U.S. M.C. has been in Panama the past two years.

We've heard that Lt. Dave Hellings has met Sydney Cohen and Pharm. Mate 1/c Roscoe Smith in his travels. Heard a funny story about Roscoe - on a transport, the James O'Hara, and who, by the way has been in six recent major battles. He has a candid camera, and when the ship crossed the equator used the whole film, 62 exposures, taking pictures of the ceremonies. Sent the film home to his mother to have developed and returned to him. It cost her \$4.20. A short time later, Lt. Pastorius, from Chestnut Hill, called her to relay a message from Roscoe. He'd love to have a set of pictures, too. All



right, she'd get them....Still later. A letter from Roscoe. A number of the boys on the ship would like sets - 89 boys, in fact! This involved quite an expenditure - figure it out for yourselves - which Mrs. Smith pointed out to him. A reply was received, with a money order for \$450.00, the boys would pay for their own. Another headache resulted when it was discovered the Eastman Co. couldn't print all 89 sets at once, but they would attempt to push the order through by printing a few sets at a time. We'd like to see those pictures, too. Wonder what would happen if we asked for a set!

After not hearing from him for three months, Pfc. Buddy Robinson's family have learned that he has been in combat on Luzon. Fighting for possession of a strategic hilltop west of Clark Field, the Japs made a total of ten attacks in two nights, Feb. 15th and 16th, the enemies being sometimes only six yards away. At present Buddy is in a rest camp.

Sgt. Shel Meyers has also been fighting on Luzon - is in the same division as Buddy - the 40th. So M. H. 2/c Ralph Amey is on Luzon, as well. Pfc. Charlie Charlton is with an airdrome squadron in India; his brother, Pvt. John, in the Marianas. USMC Cpl. John Shoemaker has arrived in the Pacific. Pfc. George Cramer, Marine gunner on the Intrepid, in the Pacific, says he is making his post-war plans.---"They consist of doing practically nothing, and I hope I'm not being overly ambitious!".....Any others of you making post-war plans? Let us hear what they are.

A joke is old only when it hasn't been heard before - we hope these prove to be new:

Boss: "You should have been here at 9 o'clock? New Stenog: "Why? What happened?"

Why did the Lord make women both beautiful and foolish? Beautiful, so that the men would love 'em; foolish, so that they could love the men. Incidentally we've found out why a modern girl is termed a "live wire" - she carries practically no insulation.

Extract from a non-commissioned officer's letter to his wife: "I have now been made a corporal, the first step up the Army's ladder of success. However, for the time being, please speak to the neighbors as usual and don't under any circumstances move to a larger house or buy a piano."

An applicant for enlistment appeared at the recruiting office and was asked for his special qualifications. "Well," he boasted, "I'm descended from Henry Clay on my father's side; from Peter Stuyvesant on my mother's side, my aunt was a Vanderbilt -" "That's very good," interrupted the recruiting sergeant, but we want you for fighting, not for breeding!"



Two soldiers named Wood and Stone were standing on a street corner. A pretty girl passed by. Wood turned to Stone, Stone turned to Wood. They both turned to rubber and the girl turned into a hat shop.

A thermostat that will open and close your windows is scheduled for post-war production. We can see this gadget and our regular heating thermostat engaged in a fight that'll keep us up all night. The house gets warmer, the heat goes off, the window goes up. Then the house gets cold, the heat goes on, the window goes down again.. The only solution we can see is a third thermostat to referee.

#### DAFFYNITIONS:

NOAH: The Biblical Frank Buck.

RHEUMATISM: What a man has when he's found stiff in some joint.

SWEATER GIRL: A sight for G. I. 's.

I. O. U.: A type of paper wait.

ENGLAND: Where Churchill visits so he won't lose his accent.

FURLOUGH: A combination of borrowed time and borrowed money.

WORM: A caterpillar that played strip poker.

K.P.: What a G. I. catches when an M. P. catches him.

PARATROOPER: A soldier who climbs down trees he never climbed up.

Heard down on Butler Ave. "Now that the war in Europe is over, we're due to get a little more gas, I understand. "Fine. Now maybe the Republicans can ride."

#### YOUR FRIENDS IN THE STATES:

Maj. John Stewart has been named commanding officer of a section of Kirtland Air Field, Albuquerque, Mex. S/Sgt. Henry Wybranski arrived at Miami Beach for redistribution. He had been overseas for a year, having flown 60 missions as bomber gunner on a B-25. He says the "Japs will go to any ends to get us, and you can't realize how good it is to be alive until you've been up against them". He described, for instance, how they planted explosives beneath a Burma railroad in an attempt to blow up his plane as it strafed the tracks at low level.

Pfc. Thomas Chiriano has arrived at the redistribution station in Asheville, N.C. He recently returned from 36 months duty in the Pacific, in the Quartermaster Corps. Sgt. Nicholas Donato is serving with the A. A. F. in Tallahassee, Fla. Pvt. Charles Hughes is with an infantry training battalion at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Cadet Midshipman Charles Dager is on a sea-training trip, on the Valverde. Leroy Jones was inducted into the service Apr. 27. A new name on our list is Pfc. Ed Bowers, Ft. McClelland, Ala.



Lt. Walter Sobers is taking an armored conversion course at Ft. Knox, Ky. F. O. Bill Hamilton, at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., is studying plane transition on P-40's. Pvt. Anthony Capuccio has arrived at Keesler Field, Miss., for examinations to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet. Pvt. Lillian Learn graduated from the Third WAC Training Center, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., reported to Valley Forge Hospital for duty. Pvt. James Gray is stationed in Fla.

Four boys have finished their boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and were home on leaves: - A/S Robert Conway; S3/c Carl Rainey, who's been accepted for pharmacist school and is going to the west coast; A/S Charles Baker and Pompeo Dragani, who were transferred into the Seebies and will train at Camp Endicott, R. I. Congratulations to Frank Fertsch, promoted to corporal! Frank is stationed at the A.A. Field, Victoria, Kan., as an instructor. S1/c John Ambers is stationed at Norfolk, Va. T/Sgt. Bill Little, who returned last month from the ETO, having completed his missions as radio operator on a B-24, is now stationed at the Army Air Center, San Antonio, Texas. He expects an assignment as Radio Instructor.

The following have been on furloughs during the past month: Pfc. Alvin Neigut, Ft. Knox, Ky.; S2/c Bennie Camburn; Sgt. Alfred Renner, Sioux Falls, S.D., and incidentally was able to attend his sister's wedding; Y2/c Mary Dickinson, Washington; Pvt. Geraldine Spears, of the WACs - reported back to her new assignment in Springfield, Mo.; F2/c John Spears, home the same time as Geraldine, - reported to Shoemaker, Cal.; Cpl. Dominick Scalafara, Scott Field, Ill - who returned six months ago from the Alaskan area, where he had spent nearly two years; Pfc. Robert Della Loggia, with the A.A.F. Courtland Field; Midshipman Franklin Wright, Ft. Scuyler; Pvt. Robert Wood, - reported back to the Army Hospital at Camp Pickett, Va.; Cpl. Albert Geyer, recently graduated from the Radar and Radio School, reported to Miami; Sgt. Donald Lapetina, Langley Field, Va.; S/Sgt. Harry Wood, Ft. Meade, Md.; Pvt. Donald Reed, Field Artillery at Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Pfc. Adolph Lindquist, Keesler Field, Miss., was home at the same time as his brother, Cpl. Herbert, Bluethenthal Field, Wilmington, N.C., - they had not seen each other for two years; Gilda Dragani, Ft. Meyer, who brought three WAC friends home for a spaghetti dinner. Congratulations are due Gilda upon her promotion to T/5!

Bob Kleinfelder, A.R.M.3/c at the Naval School in Jacksonville, Fla., recently ran into two Ambler fellows in a restaurant. The boys were from Camp Blanding, Fla.



## HIT PARADE

Apr. 28th

1. Candy
2. I'm Beginning to See the Light
3. My Dreams are Getting Better  
all the Time
4. Accentuate the Positive
5. Just a Prayer Away
6. A Little on the Lonely Side
7. The More I See You
8. Laura
9. There Must be a Way

May 5th

1. Candy
2. I'm Beginning to see, etc.
3. My Dreams are getting, etc.
4. Laura
5. All of my Life
6. Just a Prayer Away
7. Dreams
8. He's Home for a Little While
9. A Little on the Lonely Side

Try this to the tune of Mairsy Doats:

Spar swear blew and tar swear blew and little scoud swear caki  
A whacke wear caki too, wouldn't you?  
Gobz likz kertz, m'renes are flertz and little do-boiz wistle -  
A fo-reffle wistle too, wouldn't you?

## VISITORS

You fellows have various ways of contacting us - letters, telephone calls, messages through your families --whatever means you use, we appreciate them all. The following have visited us during the month:

Cpl. Harley Smith, home for a short time on delay-enroute. Reported for duty at the B-29 base, Alamogordo, N.M., which is the same base Lt. Bill Geddes is stationed. We were very sorry to have missed Mus. 1/c Albert Dummeldinger, who made three attempts to visit several of the King's Daughters. They were not at home. (We can sympathize, Al - some of the K.D.'s are mighty hard to contact.) He is now in Washington, D. C., just lately returned from the Hawaiian Is. Has completed four years in the Navy, with the band.

C. M. 2/c Ralph Vandegrift, with a ship repair unit, Albany, Cal. called during his 15 day furlough...On his way back, when he entrained at Chicago for the coast, he tried to find a place in the crowded dining car. He replied in the negative when a waiter asked him if he objected to sharing a table with another service man, an ensign. Introducing themselves, they each informed the other they were from Philadelphia. "Where, in Philadelphia," asked the ensign. "Well, not exactly Philadelphia," replied Ralph, "a little place in the suburbs, Ambler." "Ambler!" shouted the ensign. "Why, that's where I'm from - just coming back from a leave. It was Frank Melograna. This should be a good point to remember - Ambler has a place on the map!



Sgt. Chic Willox stopped in when he was home on a pass May 8th, from Camp Meade, Md. Asked if he rode home on his motorcycle, he replied that it was raining too hard, he shipped it part way...He's sold his little beauty, by the way, to the same agent from whom he bought it in Glenside.

Two Eddies, also visited us. You will find them mentioned in the "Boys who've come home". Eddie Halligan and Eddie Sage. They both look wonderful. They intended to come together, but social engagements interferred. So Eddie Halligan came one evening and Eddie Sage, one afternoon. To say we enjoyed them is putting it very mildly. Their stories were interesting and fascinating and we wish the boys had more time to spend with us.

## HIGH-LIGHTS IN SPORTS

### Baseball

As the season opens 76 sports writers pick the two St. Louis teams to win again this year. In the Amer. League their poll rated the "A's" to finish 6th and the Phillies 7th in the National League.

Because of rain the A's & Phillies settled the city's title in one game, played April 15th, the day before opening the regular schedule. The A's won 8 to 5. Jimmy Foxx now with the Phillies hit a 405 ft. homer, in his only time at bat, as a pinch hitter.

All games rained out in Major leagues on April 16th, opening day. On April 17th A's opened with Washington and lost 14 to 8. Phillies lost to Dodgers 8 to 2.

U. S. Senator, Albert B. Chandler (Kentucky) elected baseball's high commissioner as successor to Judge Landis who died a few months ago. Chandler to receive \$50,000.00 per year. He was formerly governor of Ky. He played in the minor leagues as a pitcher 25 years ago. He is now 47. Bob Feller, the ex-Cleveland star pitcher, after 2 years at sea, is now chief specialist at Great Lakes. On April 25th his ball team played Northwestern Univ. Feller pitched 3 innings. Gave 2 hits and struck out seven. His team won 12 to 2.

Denny Galehouse, who won first world series game for St. Louis Browns, last year, has been accepted by the Navy.

Walker Cooper, catching half of the famous battery of Cooper brothers, who have starred with St. Louis Cardinals for several seasons, has been inducted by the Navy. He is headed for Great Lakes, where, it is expected, he will play on Bob Feller's team.



Pitcher Raffensberger, one of Phillies starting pitchers, was inducted by the Navy on May 6th. He was their only experienced left hander. He pitched 3 games this season losing all 3.

High Commissioner Chandler decrees ball-players and umpires cannot visit race tracks. He's from Kentucky, the home of thorough-breds, and the race track interests call it a smear on their well regulated, supervised, respectable sport.

For a time all 4 F. Athletes were being re-examined and many classified 1 A. It is now reported (May 8th) that the rule to review the 4 F Athlete's case has been suspended. This means much to the major leagues as many are now free to leave war work and play ball. Also those 4 F ball-players and other athletes who's cases were reviewed, resulting in their induction, will now be reviewed again. If found below the physical standard for limited service they will be discharged.

Because of the re-deployment of troops, from European to Pacific Theater of Operations restrictions on travel will become more rigid. Today, (May 12th) they say, no world series, unless both pennant winners are from the same city. Football games, such as Army-Navy must be played on the home field of one of the principals. Attendance at events, such as Kentucky derby, restricted to residents of the vicinity.

#### Standings May 12th

##### Amer. League

New York  
Chicago  
Detroit  
Washington  
St. Louis  
Phila.  
Boston  
Cleveland

##### National League

New York  
Brooklyn  
Chicago  
St. Louis  
Pittsburg  
Boston  
Cincinnati  
Phila.

In the Amer. League, the A's are four games behind first place and 2 games out of last place. In the National the Phillies are 11 games behind N. Y.

#### Miscellaneous

Elmer Ripley basketball coach at Columbia Univ. has been named to that position at Notre Dame. He succeeds Clem Crowe who resigned to become basketball coach at Univ. of Iowa.

Penn Univ. will play 8 football games, all at home, next season. Their opponents, Brown, Dartmouth, No. Carolina, Navy, Princeton, Columbia, Army and Cornell. In a field of 68, Johnny Kelley, 37 yrs. old, finished first in the Boston Marathon. His time for the 26 miles 385 yards over a hilly course, 2 hrs. 30 min. 40 1/5 seconds



Kelley won the same race in 1935 and finished 2nd five times since. A crowd of 300,000 lined the course.

At the Penn relays Haakan Lidman the Swedish hurdling champ won the high hurdles by 12 yards. Time 14.4.

Gunder Haegg ran the mile in the Penn relays. Time 4.12.7, the fastest ever run at Franklin field with one exception, that was Glenn Cunningham's record of 4.11.8 in 1934. However, Haegg finished fourth. James Howe, U. S. Military Cadet, finished first. He had 140 yard handicap. All Haegg's opponents, but one, had handicaps. Dan O'Leary refused any advantage and finished 8th. Coach Lawson Robinson said Haegg could have run a 4.08 mile. Haegg decided he couldn't win and eased up in last quarter. The winner, Howe did the shorter distance in 4.08.7.

With the event of V-E Day the government lifted the ban on horse-racing and the tracks will be in full operation this season.

#### CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Pfc. Carlton Myers, Chaplain's Assistant at the 162nd General Hospital, England, has been a patient at the hospital and reports a slow recovery. He writes, "What a good verse for we soldiers who complain - I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. (Phil. 4: 116)" It sounds as if his patience has been sorely tried and we hope he is in good spirits by this time.

We acknowledge change of address from Hugh Bullard and also wish to congratulate him for promotion to Technician, 3rd grade. We appreciate this very much as correct addresses are most essential and are a real problem.

T/5 Anthony J. Palermo, was formerly stationed in the Aleutians, was home on furlough and is now at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He writes, "It's surely a treat after spending 22 months in the islands, to see some green grass instead of tundra and snow." While Tony was home on furlough, his brother Nick was also home for 10 days. This was their first meeting since they both entered Service in October 1942. Nick is now stationed in England and his name has been added to our mailing list.

Pfc. Steve Jones, in the Philippines with a Malaria Control Unit, believes they will stay at their present location for some time. He located Herb Luxton, who is at an Ordnance Base, some time ago. Steve goes down to Herb's Base every Sunday and enjoys "the only real meal" he gets all week. He says "they have it all" at Herb's Base. Steve promised to send us a picture, but so far the pictures they took were "not worth the paper they are printed on". They are taking some more and we hope to see one very soon. Steve's weather report is that the rain has stopped and is now a great deal hotter and the dust is always with them.



Bob Meyers, on the U.S.S. Marvel with the Pacific Fleet, writes "I know many of the boys in the Service and it's good to hear, where they are and what they are doing." Being with the Navy, he asks to be excused for "writing such an empty letter." However, we note a promotion and we congratulate him for making a higher grade. He is now Mo M.M.3/3.

Pfc. Thomas Queenan, with the 26th Chemical Co., Italy, has visited Rome and Pisa, where the famous Leaning Tower is located. For 21 months he was looking for Sgt. John Duckett, and finally found him in Italy. Thomas also located David Robinson and the three fellows had a wonderful time talking over old times back home. Thomas writes, "Both Sgt. Duckett and Robinson told me to tell all the old gang, hello."

S/Sgt. Harry L. Hutchison, is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and writes, "Since meeting Al (Albert Hurst), I've run into a few other Amblerites. Among them are: Sam Miller who used to be one of the stalwarts of the Baptist's Softball team in the good old days; two of my Church Street neighbors - Ollie Spurlin and Leslie Brown, and a former K & M colleague, Stan Hymen." Hutch says "Camp Blanding seems to be rapidly approaching the proportions of Butler Ave." and if you know of any other Amblerites down there, he would appreciate having their addresses.

Harry W. Sailer, Sl/c, somewhere in the Pacific, says if any of the boys should accidentally run into a unit called Comm. 47, to look him up. Harry thinks his old gang are all in the European Theater or the States. However, we believe he will soon see them all out his way. He writes, "Today I had a little fun with some of the boys in the barracks, even tho' they did gang up on me. They were telling a few 'Salty' stories about their previous adventures at sea and I remarked that I was the only Sailer in the outfit. I held my ground for awhile, but the majority ruled." Harry ended his letter with this: "My favorite sport is just about underway and I'm betting that the St. Louis teams play the world series again, so you can just take that for granted. All the Brooklyn fans may as well take their radios down to the cellar and listen to the games. I'd better sign this letter post mortem after that statement. For now I'll say aloha."

Sgt. Sam Dailey, with a Mustang Fighter Group in England, is back with his outfit again, feeling great and worrying about alterations to his clothes, as he has gained weight. He had been in a hospital for 50 days. Sam goes to London on his passes these days, as his girl friend lives there. He says things are quiet in London now. He saw a few Buzz Bombs when they were being sent over. In fact, Sam says "some were a little too close for comfort." He has never seen any Amblerites in London, but hopes he will some day.



Sgt. John Dailey, has been stationed in France for several weeks and claims "some things seem kinda like home." For instance, there are a number of American civilian automobiles and they are driven on the right side of the road. Also the women drivers take the same kind of liberties. Bud has been to Paris and writes, "The women are much more feminine than those in England. They wear high heels and enormous hats. Their hair-dos are usually piled way up on the head. Fur coats are a very common sight. All I have to do is learn to talk to them." While in Paris, Bud met an elderly lady. He was sitting at a table with two fellows and she walked over and asked in very good English if he was from Pennsylvania. She was from Pittsburg; had married a Frenchman and gone to Paris in 1939. She introduced her husband to the boys and they all enjoyed a long talk about Paris, the occupation and the United States. Recently, we received a note from Bud giving us a new address. He is now with an Air Engineering Sqd.

1st/Sgt. William Taylor, has moved around a great deal since reaching the ETO. He is now in Belgium and "still looking for that familiar face on this side." He is with the 825th Qm. F. & B. Co.

Benjamin B. Camburn, S2/c stationed at Newport, R. I., while waiting for his boat detail, has been coming down to Ambler for his liberty weekends. Benny writes, "Say hello to all the fellows, especially Paul Jones." He also asked for Vincent Ferla's address, which will be sent. Benny and Vincent left Ambler together and went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. They were separated - Benny went to Florida and then to Newport; and Vincent went to California and is now in Hawaii.

J. Harry Cullingford, S1/c, on the U.S.S. Estes with the Pacific Fleet sends this report of his recent activities: At Ulithi, in the Caroline Islands, had liberty three times - the only time they had their feet on shore in the last three months. "Exactly ten hours of our feet on Old Mother Earth." At Saipan - no liberty. Leyte, in the Philippines - no liberty. Took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and saw the flag raised atop Mount Surabachi. It sounds as if Harry has been busy and we appreciate the grand letter he wrote.

Pvt. Richard C. Schuler, with the 562nd Signal A. W. Bn. says, "I'm still in the old groove, after moving out of Italy to France, I am now in Germany." He says the country is beautiful; all the fruit trees in blossom and everything "nice and green." Even the weather is nice. Dick also sent us a picture Post Card from Marseille, France, when he came through. On this, he wrote that France was a "swell country." We believe that Dick is an enthusiastic traveler and ought to connect with some Chamber of Commerce in his post war work.



After a long silence, we are glad to welcome Sam Worthington again. He continues as Warrant Officer at the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va., where he has been 13 months. Besides his regular duties, he has been given a new job. He now has charge of the Laundry. He writes, "It all counts up to more grey hairs and less spare time. The laundry employs 50 people and we do washing, etc., for over 3000 people a week, plus the linen for every purpose for this 2100 - bed hospital, its clinics and dining rooms, etc. Trying to keep everyone of this group happy is a real problem and of course production has to be kept up too! Naturally, I take a great deal of kidding about being the "washlady" from the other officers here. On a rainy day one office or another will call up and offer space for me to hang up clothes indoors." Sam still sings in the 1st Presbyterian Church Choir and tries to do something for the Hospital when he can. Each Tuesday and Thursday he plays a 20 minute program on the Chapel organ at 12:30 noon, which is broadcast to all the wards and dining halls. One Sunday a month, he conducts a 1 hour hymn sing for members of the Mess Hall Dept. Staff who never get a chance to go to Church. Also, once a week he has the little folding organ brought to his laundry during lunch hour and they have a 15 minute song-fest. Sam closes - "Well, I've some sheets to wring and socks to hang out, so I'll hurry along!"

We received a note of appreciation from Anne Burton who is a Wave and stationed in Arlington, Va. She gave us her new address which we are glad to have. We also note she has been promoted to Yeoman Second Class and we extend congratulations.

Pvt. Robert Shoemaker, a new member of our Newsletter mailing list, has been at Camp Blanding, Fla., for his Basic training. He promised to send us his new address. This is a great service to us--not only to give us a new address, but to tell us of an expected move, and we sincerely thank Robert for this notice.

After a long silence, we welcome Thomas C. Hughes again. He has attained the rating of A.R.M.2/c, after being 3/c for over a year. He says "Thought I'd feel like King Tut, but it's no different except on pay day." When Tom wrote this letter, he believed he was on the same island as Pfc. Bill Clifton, as Bill's description of the bugs was perfect. Tom says the weather is now hot and dusty. While riding from camp to the line, they wear a handkerchief over the mouth and nose. They "often kid each other about having to go back to those nasty old states where there are nice roads to drive on, and places to go." Tom has just finished a year out of the States and has six months to go. Like a great many fellows he has rigged up an itinerary for his liberties in the States. He writes, "My choice of foods for stateside meals range from Italian spaghetti and meat balls to a six course dinner at the Mark Hopkins on Nob Hill. All of this will do, 'til I reach Mom's cooking back in Spring House." Tom says when the opportunity presents itself he will look up his old Scout Master, Hugh Sivell.



Please note that Paul B. Jones Sl/C is no longer in the Hawaiian Islands. He returned to the States some time ago, and after spending a far too short month at home with his family he reported to the CB camp at Davisville, R. I. He writes, "I can't blame Hugh Sivell for not wanting to leave this camp. It is very handy to town, and also to come home on the weekends." However, Paul says he does miss Hawaii and looking for the boys who passed through and is looking forward to what Lt. Vera Haff will write us from there.

Pvt. William D. Pugliese, recently left Ambler to begin his Army Service. He is at Sheppard Field, Texas, for his Basic training in the Army Air Force, and hopes to be accepted for Air Cadet training. Bill writes, "The food is swell down here, but I sure miss the good Ambler water." There are two Service Clubs in the Camp and Bill says they are good and always crowded. We heard that Bill is playing in a Dance Band down there. We are not surprised to hear this, as Bill had a real good band of his own here at home, and was in demand at many parties and dances. Bill reports that the Chaplain at Sheppard Field is a very nice man and when Bill attended the Sunday Church Service, there were about 350 fellows present.

Pfc. E. Garwood Howard, stationed in England, sends us his new address. As we have said before, we appreciate this very much. Garwood has been assigned to an Air Engineering Sqdn.

Mrs. Andrew Dressler, Jr. writes from her home, 1333 W. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, 6, California, and reports that Lt. Andy is out on the Pacific with his new boat. We hope he will see some of his old Ambler friends again. Marion sent us a snapshot of young Andrew. He is certainly a fine looking, sturdy little boy, and blonde like his Mother. They have every reason to be proud of him. Marion also made a correction in her brother's address. He is S/Sgt. Ralph W. Schwager, with a Marine Service Sqd. in the Pacific.

S/Sgt. Victor Romendio, enjoyed a 45 day furlough at home in Ambler, and has returned to his base at Fort Richardson, Alaska. While in Ambler, the weather was wonderful, as we were having a premature summer at that time. Vic managed to play some golf. On his way back, he stopped at Great Falls, Montana; Edmonton; Ft. Nelson, St. Johns and White Horse, Canada; Fairbanks, Alaska; then his base. He arrived on April 28th and it began to snow. It was still snowing on May 1st and had reached a depth of more than 20 inches. We hope the snow stays up there for a long time; we would rather have tulips.

Robert H. Davies, AMM2/C, on the U.S.S. Anzio, with the Pacific Fleet, finally took pity on us and came through with a little of his adventures. Bob's ship, the "Anzio", also took part in the invasion and capture of Iwo Jima. He says this operation had several exciting moments when they were under attack. It also had its sad moments, as they witnessed the sinking of a sister ship, the "U.S.S. Bismarck Sea", by Jap aircraft. After the Iwo operation, they went to the Philippines and anchored in San Pedro Bay. They were given liberty at the fleet recreation center on Samar and Bob says, "a swell time was had trading with the natives for Jap occupation money and money of the Philippine victory series, as well as native mats, hats, etc."



woven from palm leaves." Bob was over one other time on Shore Patrol and this time it wasn't fun, as it "Rained."

John Kayser, Sl/C, on the U.S.S. Yorktown, with the Pacific Fleet, has his letter headed - "The Fighting Lady", so that ought to settle all controversies. He writes, "We participated in the Philippine invasion and raids on Formosa, China, and other China Sea bases. Our full campaign list would be about as long as a baseball bat. Heading the list, as it should, the strikes at Tokyo and the Yokahama Bay area. I might add the engagement at Iwo Jima." Jack has just completed twenty-four months of sea duty, with twenty-one of these spent in the Pacific. During this time, he has only met one fellow from Ambler and that was Bob Davies. This was over a year ago in the Hawaiians. However, he expects to look up George Cramer some day.

T/5 Wilbert H. Landes wrote from Germany the end of April. At that time, he said he was moving along. We can believe that, as Wilbert is with a Field Artillery Bn. and knowing now, all the events that took place in Germany, he was certainly "on the go." At one stop in Germany he had a big surprise. He met a number of fellows from his old outfit in Alaska and writes, "You know what followed for several hours. Sure was swell to see them again."

Ambler marked V-E day with Church Services. After the official proclamation was made over the radio networks by President Truman, whistles and church bells in Ambler and surrounding communities were sounded. Services of thanksgiving were held in Ambler churches on Tuesday evening and further services scheduled for Sunday evening, May 13. Tuesday evening services were held in St. John's Lutheran Church and the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. On Sunday evening, services were held at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church, Upper Dublin Lutheran Church and Calvary Methodist Church. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock services were held at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church.

Rev. Dunsmore's Message:

We rejoice in the peace that has come to Europe, and continue our prayers for a speedy end to the war in the Pacific. We hope that our nation which has had so prominent a part in this war will play a large part in the creation of an organization uniting the countries of the world to maintain peace. We feel that only in a world which is ready to sacrifice and share can we have peace. May America lead the way to such a spirit among the nations!

We know each of you will carry on loyally as you have in the past until the second and final day of victory comes. May I close with Lincoln's great words: "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away ... let us finish the work we are in ... and achieve ... a just and lasting peace among all nations."

Sincerely,

The Kings Daughters.



NEWSLETTER NO. 33

354 Lindenwold Ave.  
Ambler, Pa.

June 11, 1945.

Dear

Some of you may be about to come home; some haven't been home for a long time. Don't you often think about it, try to re-capture what home is like?.....It hasn't changed much - take a typical Saturday in spring. The day is sunny, warm, just right for dawdling. But no. Mother, head wrapped in a bandana, is energetically trying to finish up the spring cleaning, at the same time keeping a watchful eye on the rest of the family to see that they do their specified jobs. Little brother, scrubbing the porch or mowing the lawn, has visions of just how the contemporary Hoot Gibson hero will get out of his predicament in the 13th episode this afternoon. Sister is, well, helping - between shampooing her hair and manicuring her nails. Dad, working in the garden, turns over a worm. Looks towards the house, wonders if he could slip away and make use of the little creature. A mess of fish would taste nice, if he caught a mess of fish--Satan, in the form of a squirmy, wiggly worm. The fire whistle blows. A field fire, no doubt, but nobody can find out, for Mother is absolutely on the job today....Sound familiar? You see, Nothing has changed. Home. Ambler. They remain the same - except that we have to put the garbage cans out on the curb for collection!

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Again we are compelled to remind you of a little, but very important thing: please inform us of any changes in your address.

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We are happy to report another group of boys who have been liberated from German prison camps:

Sgt. Donald Leech, captured in Oct. 1943, was taken prisoner after a Flying Fortress raid over Germany and the Balkans - Donald was a tail gunner. Pvt. Thomas Moll, a German prisoner since last August. He enlisted in the Army over five years ago, went overseas about three years later, was with a tank destroyer outfit, later transferred as a motorcycle despatch rider, saw service in England, Africa, Sicily, France and Germany, - has now enough points to entitle him to a discharge. He is now at home on furlough.



Lt. Frank Haag, cabled his family that he was well and would see them soon. He was reported missing in action over Germany on July 7, 1944, when his plane was reported to have hit its target near Dresden and was downed by German fighter planes. Lt. Thomas Tressler, (Ft. Washington), who was reported missing while participating in combat in the Belgian Bulge with the 1st Army, in January. Recently he was awarded the Bronze Star.

A V-Mail letter from Tech. Sgt. Henry Hopwood, dated May 13th, informed his family of his release from a German prison camp. He was a member of a bomber crew, shot down over Germany on June 29th, 1944. Sgt. Kelsey Tompkins, taken prisoner by the Italians in the North African campaign, Feb. 14, 1943. A telegram received from the government by his parents indicates that he was released by the Russians on April 22nd, is now in France and awaiting transportation home. Capt. Henry Bussing, taken prisoner in Feb. 1944, when the B-24, of which he was pilot, was forced down by enemy fire, has arrived at home. T/Sgt. John Miller taken prisoner in March of this year, when he bailed out of his plane and came down on the east bank of the Rhine, is awaiting transportation home.

With the greatest of pleasure, we are adding a new section to the newsletter: Boys who have been discharged. What a thrill it must be to know that, for them, it's all over.

Lt. Ed Sage, who recently returned from England with 30 missions to his credit, reported to Miami at the completion of his furlough. He was immediately returned to Ft. Dix for discharge. After serving four years in the Army and receiving the Purple Heart, Sgt. Joe Friel arrived home from Camp Dix with an honorable discharge. He went overseas in May 1942, served in New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal, Vella LaVella, New Georgia and Bougainville campaigns - in the last mentioned place was wounded and hospitalized for some time. Later he went on to Munda and the Phillippines, participated in liberating the Jap-held prisoners at Manilla. He is the holder of numerous citations, as well as the Combat Infantryman Badge.

#### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

The Class of 1945 held its Class Day exercises on May 18th, consisting mainly of a play written by George Blount, "Sleep, Magic Sleep." The theme was the dream of a soldier, carrying the audience all the way from MacBeth's time through hilarious maneuverings to VE Day. Baccalaureate services were held on Sunday, June 3rd; the Rev. Paul Wertman giving the address.

Ninety-eight seniors, fifteen of whom are now serving in the armed forces, graduated in Commencement Exercises held June 5th. The speaker was Dr. Samuel Steinmetz, a well-known lecturer from Trenton. Sally Albertson was valedictorian; Robert Gump, Glynn Eisenhard and June Meyers salutatorians. Mr. Baker made the awards: The Alpha Nu Sorority Prize was given to June Meyers; three Faculty Prizes to Sally Albertson, Margaret Lynch and Joseph Signore; Ambler



High School Faculty Scholarship to Glynn Eisenhard; Beaver College Scholarship to Gloria Davies; Colony Club Scholarship to Florence Reis; Cosmopolitan Club Prize to Hubert McGee; Junior Colony Club Scholarship, Margaret Boulton; a scholarship of \$225 a year for four years to Muhlenberg College, Adolph Wegener; two Rotary Prizes to Jean Evans and Robert Gump.

#### NEWS OF AMBLER

Churches conducted Memorial Services the Sunday proceeding Memorial Day; the usual parade was held in Ft. Washington on May 30th, under the auspices of the Wm. Boulton Dixon Post, ending with ceremonies at Ft. Hill.

The Downs-Amey Post held a special Memorial Day service, beginning with a short parade; followed by an address by Lt. Com. Chewning, recently returned from the Pacific. Rev. Dunsmore gave the invocation; Rev. Thomas Walsh the benediction. During the day's program, the Post dedicated its new Post Standard Flag...The Norton Downs, Jr. Post, you remember, recently changed its name to Downs-Amey. In order to honor the veterans of the present war, Lt. Col. Herbert Amey, USMC, who lost his life in the invasion of Tarawa, was chosen as their representative.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church celebrated its 111th birthday at services on May 27th, at the original church on Mt. Pleasant Ave. Their pastor, Rev. Winfield Ramish, was ordained at special services May 28th. The eighth annual Red Rose service was observed in Trinity Memorial Church June 9th, when one red rose, the symbol of tenancy of a congregation, was presented by the church in lieu of rent to the Episcopal Diocese of Penna.

Ambler has a Baseball Team, inspired and coached by Robert King (Kingie, the cop) which is making quite a name for themselves. They play usually twice a week, over on Lindenwold Field, which is mowed and kept in shape for these bi-weekly games. The composes such old-timers as Dull, Fox, Macort, Robins, Hopwood, Urban, Douglas.

Relatives of service men were entertained by the Council of the YMCA at the high school May 24th - the purpose of the meeting having been to bring together those in the community who were interested in forming a local YMCA to anticipate the needs of returning service men and women. A meeting was held June 6th to discuss a war memorial for the town - Judge Knight acted as chairman....Say! Maybe some of you boys might have something to suggest. Tell us, we'll pass it on.

Julia Anne Eckfeldt Gehman has left for Texas, to be near Hugh stationed at Hondo Field.

Along with the thrill of being discharged, Lt. Ed Sage has another one - he and Betty Serral are engaged. The engagement of Rita Salvia, Conshohocken, and Cpl. Peter Bruno has been announced; as well as the engagement of Louise McCabe to Sl/c Paul Robbins, of Honolulu.



Bertha Brosz was married on Apr. 28th to John Fisher in San Francisco, in which town they will live. Lenore Weikert, Ft. Washington, and Charles Kaufman were married May 26th. Charles, who received a medical discharge from the Seabees in Feb. after serving in the Aleutians for two years, is employed by the George C. Lewis Co. Mr. Harmon Kinney and Miss Betty Dewees were married June 2nd, at Mr. Kinney's home.

A son was born to Pfc. Joe Ball and his wife, the former Ann Friel - Joe is in the Pacific. The Jerry Costellos are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a boy - Jerry is in the Navy; his wife, you will remember, is the former Edith Niblock. A daughter was born to Frank Berry and his wife (formerly Mary Jane Edwards) - Frank is in the Marines. A son was born to the Russell Hoaglands, who live in Germantown.

These are your friends who've come back from combat areas: Pvt. Donald Stillwagon, who has been a German prisoner since Feb. 1943, is home on furlough. Signalman 3/c Edward Kerns has a 30 day leave after serving in the Pacific for 21 months. He has five major battle stars - for participating in the invasions of Guam, Saipan, Marshall Is., Tinian, Okinawa. He is engaged to Miss Thelma Bishop of Dayton, O. S.S.M.B. Joe Gradin, home on a short leave after serving in Oran, Africa. This was Joe's third overseas trip. S 2/c Stanley Collier, who has been operating in the ETO on the USS Delta came home on a three weeks leave - has already gone back into action again.

Pvt. Harold Moore arrived at Camp Kilmer May 20th, and spent a week at home - saw his little son for the first time. Harold was wounded in action early in the fall, in France. Was sent to a hospital in England, but during the Battle of the Bulge in Dec., he had to go back into action again, and was sent to Belgium. He is now at a hospital in Martinsville, W. Va., receiving treatment for shrapnel wounds of the head....When Harold was hospitalized in England, the 162nd Gen. Hospital, he attended chapel one Sunday. He thought the organist looked familiar. Inquiring of a nurse, she replied the organist's name was Meyers, and he came from a little town outside of Philadelphia...Yes. You guess it - Ambler - and the organist was Carlton Meyers! Pfc. George Cramer, a Marine gunner on the Intrepid, has arrived in Cal. again - has a group commendation for assisting in bringing down ten Jap planes. Cpl. Charles Wagner, is home from England - he was serving with a bomb squadron; was one of the first fellows to go overseas early in the war. A.R.M. 2/c Wilson MacIntire and T/Sgt. Charlie Flanagan - see "Visitor's Column" for stories about these two.

ETO

What a wonderful feeling it is, to report the doings of your friends in the ETO, and to know that, on that side of the world at least, they are not fighting:

Pfc. Arthur Wood has been decorated with the Bronze Star for



courageous action against the enemy near Kalterherberg, Germany, on Dec. 22nd. He has participated in action in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Pvt. Salvatore Alio was killed on April 20th in Germany, while serving with an Infantry Division. Pvc. William Costello, serving with the 142nd Inf. experienced some bitter fighting in breaking through strong Siegfried Line defenses. All the way from Salerno, invasion of Rome, defending beaches in France, and the ultimate capturing of 10,000 Germans, this regiment has experienced mighty resistance.

Pfc. Dominic Paone, a member of a Field Artillery, has been released from an Army hospital in Eng., where he had been recovering from wounds received at Duren, Germany, Feb. 25, 1945. Pvt. Gordon Deck was recently awarded the Combat Inf. Badge for campaigns participated in Northern France and Germany. Dudley Deck has been advanced to Pfc. Dudley, you remember, had his feet severely frosted last winter, while taking shelter in a water-filled foxhole, when fighting in Holland. When the war ended, he was fighting with the 104th Inf. in Germany. Now he is back with his old outfit, in the 1st Army.

Sgt. Jerry Davis is in Maastrich, Holland. He frequently gets liberty to go to Liege, Belgium, and says he "gets all the ice cream he wants." The Croix de Guerre has been awarded to Col. Frank Howley by the French Army for his work in restoring civilian government and municipal operations at Cherbourg after the invasion. Pfc. Daniel Cavalier has been awarded a third Battle Star. He served with the 119th Co. of the 30th Inf., participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Germany; has also received the Combat Inf. Badge and a presidential citation. Pvt. Ronnie Smith is in Czechoslovakia; Cpl. Bill Weir, with the 84th Div., was as far as the Elbe River in Germany when the fighting ceased.

We have all the King boys accounted for: M/Sgt. Charles is with the 99th Inf. in Bavaria; Pvt. Edgar, with a Replacement pool in France; Pfc. Frank with the 8th Artillery Div., was fighting with the 1st Army but when VE Day was declared, wound up with the British 2nd at Schwerin; Cpl. Harold, who, we had a suspicion was on his way home when he heard his family had received several boxes of his clothing, missed out on the rotation plan, is at an Army Transport Base in Africa - just waiting; Pvt. Dick is in Czechoslovakia with an Armored Field Artillery Battalion. (If a few more boys turn up in Czechoslovakia we hope to be able to spell the name of that country without looking it up in the dictionary!)

Henry Deens has been advanced to Pfc. - he had gotten up to Essen with the 9th Army when fighting ceased. S/Sgt. Winnie Hibschan, formerly in the Medical Corps, has been transferred to an Armored Infantry Battalion in Austria. T/5 John Fluck's mother received a fine letter from his captain, of which she is modestly, but justly proud. The captain told her of John's bravery, who, while fighting with the Headquarters Battery of the 44th Field Artillery Bat., in Luxembourg, ascertained the location of the enemy's battery, which had been preventing our equipment from reaching the front. Cpl. Parry Weiss is with the 15th Army in Germany. He's been giving the mineral



baths a work-out - says they're hot stuff. S/Sgt. George Rourke, Ft. Washington, was married to Joan Mays in St. Mark's Church, London, April 26th. George was awarded the Air Medal last summer, after flying as a waist gunner on shuttle bombing missions to Russia.

News about your friends in the Pacific:

Lt. (jg) Carl Kleinhofer, navigator on a B-29, has been reported missing over Guam since April 16th. S 2/c Wayne McLaughlin participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Lt. Joe Niblock has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal - he is a member of the Billy Mitchell Group of the 20th Bomber Command. Ed Amey, serving as chief clerk of the Personnel Section of the 6th Air Service Command, in the Central Pacific, has been promoted to Tec. Sgt.

Pfc. John Lynch (Spring House) is with the 38th Inf. Div. He is a radio operator, has been overseas more than a year, having served in Hawaii, New Guinea, and recently on Luzon. Cpl. George Erhardt, serving with the 62nd Bomb Squad. of the 39th Bombardment Group, is on the Marianas. B. M. Francis Callahan is serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned invasion transport in the Pacific; has participated in the landing on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Formerly he was in the Atlantic on convoy duty, took part in the invasions of Normandy and Southern France.

Pvt. Edmond Catanzaro is recovering from wounds of the knee incurred while fighting on Cebu. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Recently he met an old buddy, Mickey Marincola, while attending a movie. Mickey is also recovering from a wound. Lt. (jg) Bill Ditter is operating in the Philippines with the Naval Supply Corps, on the USS Amycus. Several new names on our list, of boys in this area, include: Gilbert Rayne, operating on VC 79; S2/c Martin McCans, on the Begore; Ensign Winfield Murray, with Fleet Service Force, Hawaiian Islands.

Cpl. John Shoemaker is in the 5th Marine Office of Division Paymaster, somewhere in the Pacific. S2/c Vincent Ferla, on a LCT, is doing barbering during his spare time. He's been set up with chair, tools, and all the rest of the tonsorial works, and is doing a thriving business....Don't shave those precious mustaches off, Vincent. Think how long it takes to get them that way! Pfc. Warren Fleck, with the 349th Engineers construction battalion, in the Philippines has gotten himself a puppy. It's now three months old, and, he claims a wonderful watch dog. Warren asked a buddy to fetch him his drinking cup out of his tent. The puppy growled and prevented the boy from getting it. Warren went for his cup.....the puppy wouldn't let him have it either!

S 3/c Perc Della Loggia, on an LST, has seen a great deal of action - participated in fifteen invasions, assisted in shooting down six Jap planes. He went ashore in the Philippines. Not having run



across any of his Ambler friends previously, he hit the jack-pot. First he ran into Lt. Col. Al Martin - they got into a jeep, for a little privacy, toured the island and discussed old A.H.S. They had been in the same class at school. Then, one day he sent a friend over to the post office to arrange for a money order. He received a note: "Hello, Perc. Are you the same Della Loggia from back in Ambler?" That note was from George MacIntire, who, evidently is doing postal work in the Navy on the islands. Pfc. Allan Burroughs is with the 1st Marine Div. on Okinawa. Lt. Harold Knight, Jr., has been killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area.

Marine Sgt. Freddie Serral wrote his parents that he was at Iwo Jima. As he was writing, using Jap stationery, he was sitting on top of Mt. Suribachi, where the famous flag-raising photograph was taken. Said the fighting had been the toughest encountered yet; that "Eddie Steer is here, but I can't look him up."

T/3 Hugh Bullard is in India.

Now for the activities of your friends who are doing duty in the States - and by the way, a couple of them found time for romance on the side. Your old friend, Ensign Bill Singer, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., was married on April 27th, at the Base Chapel, to Jane Terry, of Yeadon, Pa. Jane is a sister of a very close buddy of Bill's. When he was home this past spring, Bill called on his buddy's family, and there he found the girl of his dreams. He came home around the 1st of June on leave, and, of course, brought his wife along.....Then there was Ensign Art Rau, home from Green Cove Springs, Fla., who surprised us all when he and Janet Fry went to Elkton on June 2nd, and were married.....We extend our best wishes to both these boys.

Pvt. Bob Stuart is at Ft. Meade; Ensign Bob Simpson receiving the final phase of his training near Monterey, Cal. Bob and his wife are keeping house in a cottage at Capitola. Pvt. Donald Reed is at Ft. Meade, Md.; A/S Jimmy Gelbert has been hospitalized at Bainbridge with scarlet fever; S 1/c Johnny Ambers has been assigned to a destroyer, the USS Boyle; Sgt. Alfred Kemmerer, who completed 35 missions over Germany, while serving with the 8th Air Force, will report to Santa Ana A.A.F., Cal. after his furlough.

Cadet Jimmy Dager graduated from West Point June 5th - the graduating class being the largest in the 143-year old history of the Academy. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. in the Corps of Engineers. USMC S/Sgt. Eddie Halligan reported for duty at Cherry Point, N. C., after a 30 day furlough. Eddie just previously returned from combat in the Pacific. S2/c Thomas Reeves is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

New names on our list include: A/S Charlie Weir, Sampson, N. Y.; F. O. Harold Maskery, three years with the Air Force in this country, stationed at Perry, Fla.; and Pvt. Doug Brooks, inducted May 27th, at New Cumberland. Doug wrote his mother that for the meal he received before he left Phila. the day he was inducted, he had hot dogs. When he arrived at New Cumberland - his first meal was hot dogs. Hot Dawg! Also wrote that he was up early enough every morning



to see the sunrise, and that it was really worth seeing....A few more sunrises, and he won't consider it anything worth writing home about, will he? Before going to press, we learned that Doug is at Camp Lee, Va., for his Basic training.

Pompeo Dragani, S 2/c, finished his boot training at Sampson and has been transferred to the Seabees; Camp Endicott, R. I. - working at his trade as baker. Arta Snyder, formerly in training at Abington Hospital has joined the WACs, is receiving basic training as medical technician at Des Moines, Ia. Congratulations to Bill Geddes, promoted to Lieutenant. Bill is commander of a B-29, stationed at Alamogordo, Tex., - his wife, the former Norma Black, is visiting him. C. P. O. Jack Conroy, who has been on leave after two years overseas, returned to Annapolis. We hope his little twins became used to having a father before his leave was ended. You know he'd never seen the little folks and when his wife (Marie Wolf) knew that he was due home, dressed the children up in their Sunday best and went down to North Phila. to meet him. They took one look at their father and screamed - cried all the way home.

The following have had furlough during the past month; Cpl. Albert Geyer, graduate of the Radio and Radar School, Miami; S 2/c Bennie Camburn, home from Newport, R.I. for a weekend; Midshipman Franklin Wright, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.; Pvt. Albert Fluck, home on several occasions from Indiantown Gap, and who since has been transferred to Camp Beale, Cal.; S/Sgt. Harry Hutchison, Camp Blanding, Fla. His wife, who accompanied him, resides near Harry's camp. Lt. William Huber arrived home for a 20 day furlough, during which he and his parents went down to Quantico to visit Gilbert, in the USMC.

Cpl. Bruce Singer, home from Kingman, Ariz., had a furlough at the same time his brother, Bill, was home. The boys hadn't seen each other for sixteen months and Bruce was looking forward to a good time with his brother. But he was disappointed, for now that Bill is married, he has to "wolf" it alone. M. O. M. 3/c Bob Meyers on leave from the Pacific coast - returned to the U.S. Naval Receiving Sta. at Seattle, Wash. Lt. (jg) Oak Hoyt was home for five days with his wife and little son, Johnny. Oak is doing experimental work in the Flight Test Section at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md. Cpl. Harley Smith was home from Alamogordo, Tex; Lt. Stew Davis who had been recuperating from operational fatigue at St. Petersburg, Fla., was home for a week - has been reassigned to Boca Raton Army Air Field, Fla.

The following have been inducted into the service during the past month: Darwin Smith; Anthony Mascola; Henry Eustace; Patsy Mallozzi; Gesidio Maffei; John Dull; David Walbert and Jimmy LeClare, just graduated from high school, have enlisted in the Navy.



John Merritt was appointed a Flight Officer at graduation exercises at Aloe A.A.F., Victoria, Tex. He was granted a fifteen day furlough, but was no sooner home than he was ordered to report to Brooks Field, Tex. immediately. Lt. George Haag, having completed his missions in the ETO, returned to the states in January, is now at Keesler Field, Miss., for training with an emergency rescue squadron.

Ensign Ben Towne was killed June 5th, in an airplane crash at Jacksonville, Fla., where he had been serving as instructor in dive bombing. - His wife, the former Ruthe Herrmann, of Ferguson, Mo., to whom Ben was married in November 1944, had resided near the base. Lt. Charlie Deuchar was sent to March Field, Cal. for permanent duty - his wife and baby have gone with him.

#### VISITORS

At last Mus. 1/c Al Dummeldinger found one of the King's Daughters at home. - he had made several attempts last month without avail..He brought his wife along, Betty Charters, from Glenside. Al, you remember, had been in the Hawaiian Islands for quite a long time with the Navy band, - his new assignment is in Portsmouth, Va.

SM 3/c Wesley Kerns called, and we regret to say nobody was home again. Don't let this state of affairs discourage you, boys, once in a while we stay home to do the dishes and darn the socks! Wesley, who was on a LST in the Pacific, brought his girl home with him - a little lady from the Middle West.

Sgt. Chic Willox came chugging up to the door on a motor cycle. He's down at Ft. Meade, - not expecting to stay there, he sold the motorcycle which he had bought around Christmas time. He now thinks he acted a little too hasty, for he's been able to get home a number of weekends, so goes down to Glenside and borrows one from the dealer from whom he bought his original one. Can't hold Chickie down - he's gonna get around - and on a motorcycle!

We had a big afternoon when three boys called: F. O. Bill Lunn - whose story you will find in the "Correspondence Column"; and T/Sgt. Charlie Flanagan and T/Sgt. Ray Gear, who came together. Charlie arrived in the states June 2nd, for 30 days. He was a radio man with the 827th Bomb Squadron, based in Italy. He made 25 missions - over S. Germany, Austria, Yugo Slavia. The whole group flew the plane home and made a sight-seeing trip of it over Africa, across the Saharra Desert, Dakar, South America and up to Savannah. When his furlough is over, he will report to Fla. Ray was home for fourteen days from Camp Pickett, Va.

A.R.M.2/c Wilson MacIntire called one afternoon with his little son, Richard Stewart, while his wife, Chris, kept a dental appointment. Wilson back from the Pacific, last fall, has added another citation from Ad. Nimitz to his collection. Reports back to his Base at Banana River, Fla.....He asked us to say "hello to all the guys, and in particular that ole 'batch' - Al Martin. You know,"



he said with an impish twinkle in his eye, "my wife used to be an old girl friend of his."

### Hit Parade

<u>May 19th</u>	<u>May 26th</u>	<u>June 2</u>
1. I'm Beginning to See the Light	1. Dreams	1. Laura
2. Candy	2. Candy	2. Dreams
3. Sentimental Journey	3. I'm Begging to See, etc.	3. Sentimental Journey
4. All of My Life	4. Sentimental Journey	4. All of my Life
5. Just a Prayer Away	5. Laura	5. Just a Prayer
6. My Dreams are Getting Better all the Time	6. All of My Life	6. Candy
7. Laura	7. Just a Prayer Away	7. I Should Care
8. Dreams	8. I Should Care	8. My Dreams are, etc.
9. I Should Care	9. My Dreams are getting, etc.	9. A Friend of Yours

### JOKES

Our collection of jokes this month is on the service man. Don't you agree that the best joke of all is the one on ourselves?..... Why don't you reciprocate, and tell some on us back home?

An Army recruit wrote to his wife: "It was so sweet of you to knit the socks for me. One is very nice and I'm using the other for a duffel bag."

While drilling a bunch of recruits for the first time, a Marine sergeant noticed that one man was always out of step. Falling in beside him, he said sarcastically: "Do you know that they're all out of step but you?" "You're in charge," said the private. "Why don't you tell 'em?"

A pharmacist's mate was getting ready to fingerprint a recruit. "Wash your hands," he ordered. "Both of them?" asked the boot. The pharmacist's mate thought a moment. "No," he said, "just one. I want to see how you do it."

A brand-new ensign was drilling a group of sailors on a battleship deck far out at sea. He gave the command "To the rear, march," and then gazed, fascinated with horror at the sight of the men approaching the edge of the deck. His tongue refused to give the order for recall. Just as the first man was about to go over, he turned to the ensign and implored: "Say something, sir. Even if it's only good-by!"



A pair of Texas recruits were taking their first plane trip cross-country. They landed in St. Louis, a little red truck dashed out to refuel the plane. At Cleveland, the second stop, a little red truck appeared for refueling. At Albany, the same thing happened. The first recruit looked at his watch and turned to his companion. "This plane is sure making wonderful time." "Yep," answered the other, "and the little red truck isn't doing bad either."

Then there was the MP down in a South Sea island who told a soldier to button up his shirt. "What kind of an impression do you want these natives to get," he roared.

#### DAFFINITIONS:

HOMELY GIRL: One who may be all dressed up but has no face to go.

CRITIC: A man who likes to go places and boo things.

GRASSHOPPER: A cockroach that chews tobacco and camps out.

GARLIC: What you don't eat if you practice breath control.

CROONER: A man with his sinus wired for sound.

SUGAR DADDY: A form of crystallized sap.

MOTH: A little bug that doesn't mind taking a back seat.

FURLOUGH: A combination of borrowed time and borrowed money.

WOMEN: The speaker sex.

EGGPLANT: A chicken farm.

#### SPORTS:

##### Baseball

Phil Marchildon, a native of Canada, was released from German prison camp about May 15th, with 257 Royal Canadian Air Force men. He was taken prisoner Sept. 11th '44. He was the "A's" leading pitcher in 1942. He enlisted in the fall of that year.

Brooklyn Dodgers win eleven straight. Their streak was broken, on May 17th, when defeated, by the Pirates. They are 2nd to Giants in League standing on May 17th. The Phillies are last, 14 games behind the leading Giants.

Larry MacPhail, now part owner and general skipper of the Yanks went to the horse races with his recently acquired young bride. This wouldn't be news, if Happy Chandler, the Kentucky Senator, who has just become baseball's high Commissioner, had not banned ball players and umpires from the races. Well, Chandler says McPhail isn't a ball player and what club officials do is their own business.

With Bob Feller starting in the pitcher's box and Walker Cooper catching, the Great Lakes N. T. S. played the Phills on May 22nd. Other big leaguers on the team were Keltner at 2nd and Higgins at 3rd and Galehouse, who also pitched after Feller retired in the 4th inning. Manager Fred Fitzsimmons faced the Great Lakes team for 3 innings, his first pitching attempt after a long lay off. Great Lakes won 18 to 14. Each team made 18 hits.



Pitcher, Mort Cooper traded to Boston Braves for Charles Barrett, also a pitcher, and cash. The champion St. Louis Cards leaned heavily on the famous battery of Cooper brothers. Walker Cooper, catcher, is now in the Navy and Mort, pitcher with Boston. St. Louis is 3rd in National League standing (May 23rd)  $6\frac{1}{2}$  games behind the leading Giants.

Max Lanier, Cardinals star Southpaw pitcher, was inducted into the Army May 25th.

Al Benton, Ace right handed pitcher of the Detroit tigers had his leg broken, by line drive from bat of Estalilia, the "A's" Center-fielder. Benton, winner of 5 out of 6 games pitched this season, will be sorely missed. Detroit is 1 game behind league leaders (May 24th).

On June 1st New York leads Amer. League. Detroit 2nd place, by 2 games. A's, last 9 games behind leaders and New York leads National League by 5 games. Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and St. Louis tied for 2nd place. Phillies last,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  games back.

Red Ruffing, former star of Yankee pitching staff to be released from Army on age. He was 40 on May 5th. He was inducted December 1942.

Dave Ferris, Red Sox's rookie pitcher has won 7, lost 0 this season, his first in major leagues. Pitched 63 innings, gave 36 hits, 21 base on balls, struck out 29. All this up to end of May. On June 6th Ferris pitches and wins his 8th game of the season. He defeated the A's in this game. Not so hard to hit this time, he gave up 14 hits but was tight in the pinches and 14 A's were left on base. He won 5 to 2. Ferris is 23 years old. He was discharged from the Army because of asthma. Served 26 months at Randolph Field, Tex. He pitches right handed, bats left. Has played 1st base and outfield lefty and can pitch southpaw also. Tom Yowkey, owner of Red Sox, has spent millions for players. Ferris cost him nothing. Ferris is 6 ft. 3, weighs 208 lbs.

The Phillies management are buying a player here and there and it is rumored they tried to buy pitcher Mort Cooper from the Cards for \$50,000. He was sold to Boston. Also rumored they offered \$250,000 for Kurowski and Marion, star infielders of the Cards and indicated that they might increase this offer. So far the Cards refuse to sell. The Phill's biggest trouble is their weak infield. Looks as if it is the intention of the management to do something for baseball in Philadelphia.

Russ Christopher, of the A's has won 9 and lost 2 games this season. Outstanding work for a pitcher with a tail-end team.

Detroit and New York are tied for first place in the Amer. League. Boston, St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago and Washington follow in that order 3 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  games back. The A's are last  $9\frac{1}{2}$  games behind the leaders as of June 10th.



New York leads National League. St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Chicago, Cincinnati and Boston follow in that order 3 to 6½ back. The Phillies are last 19½ games to the bad. They have won 10 and lost 37. All as of June 10th. Except for the Philadelphia teams it's anybody's race in either league.

#### Miscellaneous

Jose Basora fights, to a draw, in 10 round bout with Sugar Kay Robinson, on May 14th at Convention Hall. Sugar was 5 to 1 favorite but Senor Bosora, from Puerto Rico, a tricky counter puncher, ripped in furiously to win the late rounds. In 56 starts for Robinson he had lost but one bout and this was his only draw.

Henry Rosen and Harvey Stemmer, the gamblers, convicted of conspiracy to bribe five Brooklyn College basketball players, received the maximum sentence, one year in jail and \$500.00 fine.

Max Schmeling, former heavy-weight champion and later a German paratrooper, was found living in Hamburg, discharged from German Army because of injuries to back and knee in a jump. Because of these injuries, says cannot box again.

Sammy Snead won the 36 hole medal play, defeating Byron Nelson, 143-144, at Flushing, L. I., May 26th. The match was played to secure funds, for golf facilities and equipment, for wounded war veterans. Continuing the next day at East Orange, Nelson defeats Snead 140-145. This match, played all the way in the rain, was ended at 33rd hole.

At Whitemarsh Country Club, on May 30th McSpaden and Nelson paired to defeat Snead and Byrd. 18 hole scores, Nelson 72, McSpaden 76, Snead 75, Byrd 79.

Big Bill Tilden, at 52, still plays tennis. Now on an Army camp tour, stopped in Phila. and defeated George Rogers 6-3, 6-3. This was a feature match of the professionals. Rogers was a former Irish Davis cup player. He's 6 ft. 5 inches tall.

Race tracks draw large crowds. 42,000 at Jamacia opening on May 21st Daily double paid \$1001.00 for \$2 ticket. Total of \$2,471,000 wagered. On the 2nd day the daily double paid \$474.00 attendance 28,000 wagered \$2,052,000.

Decoration Day, May 30th horse racing had its biggest day in history in both attendance, 333,000 and betting \$13,476,000. These are totals for eleven American tracks. On June 9th, at Belmont track, attendance 43,700, a total of \$3,951,227.00 was wagered, a world record.



71st Kentucky Derby run at Louisville on June 9th. Hoop, Jr., with Arcaro riding, won by six lengths. Pot O'Luck, 2nd, Darby Dieppe, 3rd. 16 entries. Rain soaked crowd of 65,000 witnessed the event. Time 2.07. Distance one and quarter miles. Record, for this event, 2.01 2/5, made by Whirlaway in 1941. Track then perfect. This year, heavy mud. Besides, Hoop, Jr., in the lead all the way, was not pushed to the limit.

### Correspondence Column

Robert J. Broughton, AMMF 3/c, Naval Air Transport, from Alameda, Calif., to points in the Pacific, recently returned from another trip to Saipan. While there, he saw George Sandiford and Jim Rainey again. He was sorry to report that Walter Wyrostek had met with an accident and was in a hospital. We have followed up this report, and wish to assure Walt's friends that he is recovering nicely and will be brought to the States as soon as possible. Walt and Jim had always shared one Newsletter, so we are now adding Cpl. James E. Rainey to our mailing list. After Bob returned to the Alameda base, he looked for Ensign Bob Simpson, who was there, and "believe it or not" missed seeing him by 15 minutes. Bob Simpson has now moved to another Naval Air Station.

1st Lt. Edward G. Murphy, was recently added to our mailing list and writes, "I often wondered what happened to the old school mates of mine. What I was really surprised at, was reading names of fellows who I thought were still in High School". Ed has served 6 years with the Marines and recently left the States and is now somewhere "In the Marianas".

William R. Lunn on May 23rd, graduated from the Aviation Cadet course, at the Columbus Army Flying School, Columbus, Mississippi. He received his Wings and is now a Flight Officer. We appreciated receiving the formal announcement and extend heartfelt congratulations. After graduation Bill enjoyed a furlough at home and came to call. We were very glad to have this opportunity of talking with him. Bill has returned to Columbus, where he was assigned to the Pilot's Pool and expects to have transition on B-25 planes.

Hugh G. Sivell, S.K.1/c, 33rd Special N.C.B. Co., says he is still in the same place in the Philippines. He is very anxious for the boys to contact him. Ralph Amey moved before he could see him, but Hugh and Don Angeny meet. Hugh reports they have good movies every night in their out-door theatre. Several U.S.O. shows have been there. Also, Irving Berlin's stage show, "This is the Army". Then Joe E. Brown in person arrived. Hugh got his autograph and sent it home to his wife. Hugh writes, "Joe was one swell guy. He said - I came here to make you laugh, and I don't care if you laugh with me, or at me, just so you laugh. - And we did!" Hugh



thinks he is kidding us when he writes this - "Are you people saving some beer, milk, ice cream, etc., for us? I won't ask you about steak, although I'll bet you have had more the last six months than I have had. Remember steak and onions? What a memory!" All we can say is "Tain't funny." It isn't even a memory - it's a nightmare! We have things called Red Points that take care of that situation. It's like the old Christmas poem "And visions of sugar plums danced in their heads" - only "visions of Red Points dance in our heads" whenever our boys come home to eat. All the poor Moms have to see the Ration Board and beg or borrow the pesky things so that G. I. Joe can have - no not steak - hamburger.

Willis LeRoy Davies, S 2/c on the U.S.S. Montpelier, was Somewhere in the Philippines, looking for Amblerites. Since leaving home, LeRoy has traveled around quite a bit and been in on some interesting operations. The most exciting, was the Leyte operation and the invasion of Luzon. The most interesting, was the landing of troops on Bataan Peninsula and Corregidor. He writes, "It was really a sight to see our troops parachute onto Corregidor. The Air Force pulverized practically everything on the top of the "Rock" with bombers. When the smoke finally cleared, the paratroopers arrived. For miles out could be seen the transports coming in to drop their chutists and supplies. While the men were dropping out of the blue, the bombers went over the other parts of the island and gave it a good going over with bombs and machine guns. Then, so that the chutists wouldn't have to do all the work themselves, troops started landing on another part of the Island. It was all perfectly co-ordinated and timed. During the whole operation, planes of all sorts were flying around. There were, besides the bombers, fighters and observation planes and our own "fantail gooney birds" watching all the fun from the sky". (We want to know what fantail gooney birds are). LeRoy's ship also covered the landings at Palawan, which he says, "were very dull." He has enjoyed a sightseeing tour through Manila and while there enjoyed some native watermelon. Watermelon, by the way, is his favorite fruit.

Ralph E. Vandegrift, C.M. 2/c; enjoyed a nice leave at home in Ambler and has returned to Albany, California. He is at the Small Boat Repair base and working on the night shift, from 5 P.M. until 12:30 midnight. Ralph says they are very busy, and hopes there will be enough work to keep him in the States for some time.

Donald Paul Roberts, Mo M.M. 1/c, Somewhere in the Philippines, says his Naval Base is about a 1/2 mile up the road from Hugh Sivell's CB camp, and hopes to see Hugh. Donald has been overseas twenty-four months and hopes he will return to the States in the near future. He sends another favorite prayer he carries for strength and comfort. - "Jesus, stand among us, in thy risen power, let this time of worship be a hallowed hour. Breath thy Holy Spirit into every heart. Bid the fears and sorrows from each Soul depart. Thus with quickened footsteps, we'll pursue our way; watching for the dawning of the Eternal Day. Amen."



Pfc. James L. Coles, Jr., U.S.M.C., has left the Marshal Islands and is now stationed in the Marianas. He reports that Jim Rainey and Walter Wyrostek are close by. James was very happy to find his old friend, Pughsley Lane about 5 miles from him. Pughsley is now a Sergeant and asked Jimmy to "say hello to all the boys". They expect to see each other quite often. Jim is working in Radar and finds it very interesting. He says he is on a big island with plenty of trees. The natives are friendly and very intelligent. They have movies every night, and rain or clear weather, Jim goes. He asked us to extend his congratulations to Flight Officer Bill Hamilton, by way of this Newsletter.

Paul B. Jones, S 1/c, hopes he has reached his last step in his career as a "CB". He is at Davisville, R. I., and has been recommended for a "survey out" of the service. While reading the Newsletter, he noticed "that there are a few more from home landing on Oahu. What a place that is, but I will stick to the States."

Robert M. Jones, A/S is receiving his Boot training at the Naval Station, Sampson, N. Y. Fred Klosterman of Fort Washington is with him. Also fellows from Lansdale, Quakertown and Horsham. Bob says Navy life is a lot of fun and the food pretty good. However, he has one trouble, and that is trying to get his clothes dry. It takes one and a half to two days for them to dry. The weather has been rugged up there. It was snowing when he arrived and it has been cold or rainy most of the time since then. After the boys finish their boot training, they will probably be sent to Florida to get warm and dry. Bob is planning to join Church by way of Church at the camp. He goes to the Chaplains Office every Monday evening for about a half hour for instruction, and just a week before he leaves camp, he will be ready for Communion. We commend Bob for this decision and know he will always be very happy about declaring himself for his Heavenly Father.

Philip Barbacow, Ph M 1/c, returned from a long tour of duty in the Pacific, last June, one year ago. After a leave at home, he reported to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for duty. He has now been transferred to the Medical Dept., U.S. Naval Training Unit, University of Pennsylvania. He is on the Medical Dept. staff, taking care of records of V-12 and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps students and assisting in physical examinations.

Lt. Walter C. Sobers, Fort Knox, Kentucky, writes, "I went from private to corporal, to sergeant, to lieutenant, in the Field Artillery, and as soon as I was commissioned, they sent me to the Tank Corps. Someone said - at least it's better than walking - and the next day we took a ten mile hike. It is really not so bad riding in these tin cans, but half the time all you can see is the dust from the tank in front of you, and the other half of the time you spend peeling the layers of dirt from your eyes." Walt says they were told the new tanks rode as smoothly as automobiles, and since they have "two Cadillac engines burning one half a gallon of gasoline per mile per engine", they should do something besides sound good. There are quite a number of foreign officers at Fort



Knox learning the American armored technique, and the Chinese are considered the best students. Walt says he doesn't "mind the Chinese being the best academically, but every weekend they go to Louisville and end up with the best looking women, too."

Elmer H. Ott, Jr., S 2/c sent a card giving a change in his address, which we appreciate very much. Elmer is stationed at the Naval Air Station, Sanford, Fla.

Sgt. John H. Dailey is with the 880th Air Engineering Sqdn. in France. He goes to Paris quite often and in reply to our questioning, he reports, "There are quite a few blondes in Paris, mostly of the chemical type. Don't believe they appeal to anyone, just nice to look at. Believe it or not, I saw a girl with purple hair and a blonde knot in the back." Bud says he likes France much better than England. He was in Paris the evening after V E day and - "Boy! how these French celebrate!" Bud says he didn't want to put a wet blanket on things, - so he joined them. He went swimming in the River Seine on May 17th. "First time in two years. Almost killed myself trying to make up for lost time. Today I have a stiff neck, sore shoulder and stiff leg muscles." Bud had a letter from Don Betts, but hadn't met him as yet, although they are both hoping for a meeting.

We were very glad to hear from Philip Benigno. He is now Pfc. and "Somewhere in the Western Pacific", working with a General Hospital outfit. He says, "On this Island, there isn't a living tree, just sand and water." They are living in Pyramidal tents at the present time and assures us their Hospital is doing a wonderful job for the boys. Philip has a few Jap souvenirs, has had contact with the Japs and has seen the caves they live in. Philip has been overseas for some time and reports that his outfit has one Combat Star to their credit. He asked us to "Please say hello to the fellows for me."

T/Sgt. Edward M. Halligan, U.S.M.C. enjoyed a fine leave at home and reported to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C. He has received his orders and was transferred to a Fighting Squadron, consisting of the latest fighting plane out - the F 7 F. Eddie says, "It is a great ship and I expect it to do a very good job overseas."

Sgt. Sam Dailey, with the 368th Fighter Gp., England, writes that things have been very quiet since V E Day. Sam didn't get the chance to go to London for the celebration. The Red Cross held a dance at his Base on the Friday following V E day and he helped with the decorations. However, Sam had the pleasure of taking a plane trip over France, Belgium and Germany and "got a bird's eye view" of what the bombers did to those places. He says it is unbelievable. The evenings in England stay light until late, so Sam has the chance to



indulge in his favorite hobby - fishing. He would like to try his luck in the old Wissahickon and hopes it won't be long before he can. He also hopes the States haven't changed, but we think his English weather has moved over here to greet him when he arrives. Here it is June, and it rains all the time and it is cold - the temperature down to 50 and below.

Pvt. H. LeRoy Jones is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. He is going through six weeks of basic training. After that he may be assigned to either the Medical Corps or the Signal Corps. That will take eight weeks and after that he will have three weeks of field work, which completes the seventeen weeks of training.

S/Sgt. Wendell H. Hibschan, wrote on May 7th from Austria. Sometime ago, he was transferred to the 63rd Armored Infantry Bn. He hoped he was the first to write us from Austria, and he is. His outfit was the most easterly element of our Armies in that Theatre of Operations. We have heard that several other Amblerites were in Austria and we hope some of the boys will have time to visit each other.

Benjamin B. Camburn, S 2/c, at a Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., reports meeting Paul Jones, on May 27th. Benny also met Charles Meyers while they were both in Ambler. Charles is a Chief Petty Officer and is to be assigned to the same ship as Benny. Benny considers it a "break" to have someone from home on the ship with him. He says it was very quiet up there on Memorial Day - "work went on as usual."

Oscar Stillwagon, formerly on the U.S.S. Bonefish, has been enjoying a leave at a Rest Camp. He writes, "We are filling our days with swimming, baseball and movies at night. It is much different from our days in Australia, but every thing is done to make our stay as pleasant as possible. - I do not know what is in store for me, but I hope it means a chance to get home again." We note that Oscar is now RM 1/c and learn he received his new rate May 1st. We hear, also, that he and his buddies have received a citation from Admiral Nimitz for their courageous work with the "Bonefish." Our sincere congratulations to Oscar.

Pvt. William D. Pugliese, is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. He has been classified as an Airplane mechanical engineer and gunner and hopes to start his training very soon. There is a nice U.S.O. in Wichita Falls and Bill and his buddy, who is from Doylestown, go there and enjoy the dancing. The boys apparently enjoy the girls and their cute, Texas drawl. The boys have been invited out to dinner several times. On Mother's Day, a good lady of Wichita Falls gave them a home cooked chicken dinner. "Work went on usual", at Sheppard Field, also, on Memorial Day, as Bill writes that he and five other fellows unloaded 1000 bags of sugar from a box car and each bag weighed 100 lbs. each. Bill says, "It was a little hard, but I got through the day."



Cpl. Frank G. Wolff, with the 3447 Ordnance MAM Co., is stationed in Regensburg, Germany, and goes swimming in the famous "Blue Danube" River. He says Ordnance has "a mighty big job", as 70% of the material will go from Europe to Japan. Frank would like to meet some Amblerites, so if any of you are near him, look him up.

Pvt. Richard Cragg, with the Division Hdqs. Co., 13th Airborne Division, is at Auxerre, France. He, too, is looking for someone from Ambler. He has been to Paris and writes, "With all the G. I.s there, I didn't see any from the home town." The only time he met anyone from Ambler, was on board ship going over to the ETO. Lists were made of the boys and the States they came from, and there he saw one of Don Bett's brothers listed. Dick looked him up and they had a good time talking about home. Dick writes, "Best of luck to the fellows who are all over the world and I hope we can all come back again some day. Tell Dick Schuler if he gets around Auxerre to look me up. Would like to see him over here."

Calvin P. Ashton, has moved and has a new APO, somewhere in the Pacific. We also note Calvin is to be congratulated for his new stripe - now being Pfc. Calvin says he is still in the Hot Zone, although told it is cooler. However, he says he will wait and see how much cooler it is. Calvin received a letter from Wilson Matthias recently and was very glad to hear from him.

#### CHURCH NEWS

##### Ambler Youth Council

On Sunday, May 27, the Ambler Youth Council attended the Memorial Day Services at the Methodist Church of Ambler as their Worship for May.

"Mike Fright", a variety program, was sponsored by the Youth Council in the Methodist Social Hall on May 25. The program consisted of vocal solos by Minnie Lane and Virginia Heim, an electric guitar and piano duet by two fellows from S.I.F., two magicians, a monologue by Jean Spears and singing and yodeling by five members of the Seachrist family of Ambler.

##### Presbyterian Senior Christian Endeavor Society

On Sunday, May 20, the Society had as their guest speaker, Mr. Fred W. Eckfeldt, an Elder of the Church. His topic was "Potter's Field".

##### Couples Club

The Couples Club held a Progressive Dinner in May. We started with fruit cocktail at the Wenhold's, salad at the Ferris', and had the main course and dessert at the Powls. It was fun. We can't go many places for different courses because of lack of gas but we don't care.



After dinner Leidy Heckler washed the dishes, the first time he has been known to have his hands in dish water.

There was no planned meeting this time as we had election of officers as follows:

President - Harold & Alta Worth  
V. Pres. - Elizabeth & Wilbur Ferris  
Secretary - Marion and Bob Dixon  
Treasurer - Bertha and Norman Wenhold.

Ted Powl then gave an informal discussion on the manufacture and use of Penicillin. We then adjourned to meet again at a picnic in June.

Rev. Dunsmore's message:

Just a few days ago - on Memorial Day - we were thinking deeply of our nation, and of all who have sacrificed that it might live.

We believe our country's first settlers were led of God to our shores that they might here lay the foundations of civil and religious liberty, and give us the glorious heritage of faith and freedom which is ours. We need to be true to the ideals, for which they stood, and pray that our land may ever be the home of justice, liberty, and true brotherhood.

Those of you in service are helping America share her power and resources with the world - you are making it possible for her to be in the forefront in bringing unity and peace to mankind. As you are defending this land, and trying to make it increasingly a blessing to the whole world, here is a comforting passage of Scripture:  
(Ps. 139: 7-10)

"If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
Even there shall thy hand lead me,  
And Thy right hand shall hold me-"

Sincerely,

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS