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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND.-----

AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO HIS AIR MEDAL HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST E. LANTZ FOR "MERITORIOUS "ACHIEVEMENT" WHILE PARTICIPATING IN BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN GERMANY AND ENEMY INSTALLATIONS IN THE PATH OF THE ADVANCING ALLIED ARMIES.

LT. LANTZ, 23, IS THE CO-PILOT ON AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS IN THE 385TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP COMMANDED BY COLONEL GEORGE Y. JUMPER, NATOMA, CALIFORNIA.

THE AIRMAN IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. ELAM LANTZ, LANTZ, WEST VIRGINIA. HIS WIFE, THE FORMER MISS NORMA JEAN WHEAT LIVES AT 4206 MUNGER AVE., DALLAS, TEX. PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ARMY IN JULY, 1942, LT. LANTZ WAS ATTENDING GLENVILLE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, W. VA.

NO MORE.

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SON OF MR. AND MRS. ELAM LANTZ, LANTZ, WEST VIRGINIA, HE WAS A STUDENT OF GLENVILLE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, GLENVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ARMY AIR FORCES IN JULY, 1942.

HE RECEIVED HIS WINGS AT PAMPA FIELD, TEXAS, IN MARCH, 1944.

SHAER
PRESS CENSOR
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ADD: HIS WIFE, THE FORMER MISS NORMA JEAN WHEAT OF 4206 MUNGER AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, LIVES WITH HIS PARENTS.

To: Glenville (W. Va.) STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England--The promotion of James S. Collins, 19, of Letter Gap, W. Va., from the grade of staff sergeant to technical sergeant has been announced by Colonel Frank P. Bostrom, of Bangor, Maine, commanding officer of the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress group with which Sgt. Collins is a radio operator and gunner.

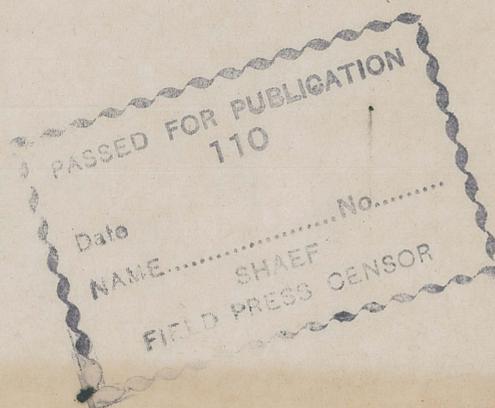
Sgt. Collins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Collins, of Letter Gap, and prior to entering the Army Air Forces in May, 1943, was a student at the Glenville State College.

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND--TECHNICAL SERGEANT JAMES S. COLLINS, 19, OF LETTER GAP, WEST VA. HAS BEEN AWARDED THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL, EQUIVALENT TO THE SECOND AWARD OF THE MEDAL, FOR "COURAGE, COOLNESS AND SKILL" DISPLAYED ON BOMBING ATTACKS OVER GERMANY. THE AIRMAN IS A RADIO OPERATOR AND GUNNER IN THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS GROUP COMMANDED BY COLONEL FRANK P. BOSTROM OF BANGOR, MAINE.

SGT. COLLINS IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. BOYD COLLINS OF LETTER GAP, AND PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ARMY AIR FORCES IN MAY, 1943, WAS A STUDENT AT GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE.



A CENTRAL PACIFIC AIR BASE

-- Mildred Waueega Runyon,

daughter of Mrs. Esta F. Saldenberg, Hollywood, California, and J. K. Runyon, Jr. Holden, West Virginia, has been promoted to Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps, according to an announcement received from her Commanding Officer.

Sergeant Runyon entered the service July 1, 1943, and received basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida. Prior to coming overseas last March with the first Women's Army Corps company to be sent into the Pacific, she was on duty with the Air Transport Command's base at Nashville, Tennessee. She is now serving in the Hawaiian Islands with the Pacific Division of the Air Transport Command.

The Pacific Division of the ATC is the trans-Pacific aerial supply line between the United States and Australia and the Philippines which operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldiers' mail and returning wounded American service men to the United States.

Sergeant Runyon attended Marshall College and Glenville State Teachers College in West Virginia, and prior to enlistment in the Army taught in the West Virginia schools.

~~AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.~~ A second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal has been awarded to Second Lieutenant Ernest E. Lantz, 23, for "courage, coolness and skill" while participating in bombing attacks upon German war plants and upon Nazi military defense points and communication lines in conjunction with Allied ground forces attacks in Western Europe.

He is the co-pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress in the 385th Bombardment Group, commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper, Natoma, Calif.

~~Lt. Lantz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elan Lantz, Lantz, West Virginia. His wife, the former Miss Norma Jean Wheat of 4206 Munger Avenue, Dallas, Texas, also lives at Lantz, West Virginia.~~

~~Prior to entering the Army Air Forces in July, 1942, he was a student in Glenville State Teachers College. He received his wings at Pampa Field, Texas, in March, 1944.~~

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15th Army Air Force--2nd Lt. Edward B. Marple, 26, formerly of Burnsville, W. Va., ~~was~~ who recently arrived in the Mediterranean theatre of operations, has been assigned to a Liberator bombardment group of the 15th Army Air Force.

A veteran organization, the group has flown more than 170 bombing missions against strategic communications and industrial centers throughout central and southern Europe and holds a War Department Unit Citation.

Lt. Marple enlisted Sept. 25, 1942, and received his pilot wings and commission March 12, 1944. Assigned as a co-pilot, he received combat crew replacement training at the ~~First~~ Pueblo Army Air Base, Colo. A graduate of the Burnsville High School and the Glenville State College, he owned and operated his own store prior to entering the service.

The Lieutenant's wife, Mrs. Mildred S. Marple, resides in Burnsville.

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S/Sgt. J. A. Kirby
St. George, S. C.

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GLENVILLE COAST GUARD OFFICER COMMENDED FOR WORK AT GREENLAND

GLENVILLE COAST GUARD OFFICER COMMENDED FOR DUTY AS TASK FORCE COMMANDER

Lieutenant Commander Maynard Fling Young, USCG, of GLENVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, has recently been awarded a citation by the Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet, for meritorious performance of duty as a member of the staff of the Greenland Patrol and later the Commander Task Force.

In the early days of the war, when the security of Greenland was threatened, Commander Young by his zealous and efficient planning was largely responsible for the organization of an effective force to meet the operational commitments of that area. His cooperation and unfailing assistance and particularly his staff work in communications and cryptography contributed especially to the success of the Army-Navy operations in Greenland and the Canadian Arctic.

A graduate of Glenville State Teacher's College, Glenville, West Virginia, Commander Young was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Coast Guard in 1937. He is the son of Guy Bell Young, Glenville, West Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES BOMBARDIER SCHOOL
Office of the Public Relations Officer
Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico

NEWS RELEASE:

Captain Ira D. Stemple

has reported for duty at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad,
New Mexico.

He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Stemple, Joker,**
West Virginia.

His wife is the former **Goldie P. Scott, 529 Wyoming St.,**
Charleston, West Virginia.

He is a ~~graduate~~ - former student of **Glenville St. Teachers,**
Glenville, West Virginia.

He was commissioned **July 23, 1942, upon completion of cadet**
training at Midland, Texas.

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TO: The Glenville Mercury, State Teachers' College, Glenville, W. Va.

FROM AN AIR BASE IN INDIA _____

Corporal Jared
Corporal Jared

A. Butcher of Gassaway,

A. Butcher of Gassaway, West Virginia, has been promoted to the grade of
sergeant, according to an announcement at the headquarters of a Weather Squad-
ron unit of _____ Stratemeyer's Army Air Forces in the
India Burma Theater.

Sgt. Butcher's wife, Mrs. Pearl Spaur Butcher, lives at Ireland,
West Virginia, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Butcher, at Gassaway, W. Va.
He was formerly a teacher in the Braxton County Schools.

Probably there is no area in the present global war where the air
is playing as important a part in overall operations as it is in the India
Burma Theater. U.S. Army Air Forces and Royal Air Force combat units,
operating over Burma under General Stratemeyer's Eastern Air Command, are
crippling enemy communications routes, preventing him from using his principal
ports, blasting his retreating ground forces, and serving as the principal
and often the only source of supply for allied troops fighting on the widely
scattered Burma fronts.

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England-- ~~Flight Officer~~
~~Lewis J. Conley, 26, of Tariff, West Virginia, navigator~~
~~of "Short Snorter"~~ a B-17 Flying Fort-
ress of the 452nd Bombardment Group, has been awarded
~~the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement"~~
while taking part in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital
German industrial targets, and on Nazi military strong points, in
support of advances by Allied ground forces. The presentation was
made by ~~Lt. Colonel Durkhan L. Bateson of Manchester, Connecticut, group~~
~~commander~~.

~~2/c Conley~~ is a member of the Third Bombardment
Division, which was cited by the President for its historic England
-to-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft factories at
Regensburg, Germany. Flying in what is considered the toughest
theatre of aerial warfare, he has helped his bomber fight its way
through severe enemy opposition to attack such objectives as
~~aircraft engine factories at Berlin, tank and truck factories at Bremen,~~
~~and the marshalling yards at Cologne, Germany.~~

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Conley of Tariff. Prior to entering the
AAF in October 1941, F/O Conley was employed by the Board of Education in
Spencer, West Virginia. His wife, Mrs. Margaret L. Conley, lives in Tariff.

Date

Name

Christmas Eve, 1944

Dear Mr Hickman & Mercury Publishers,

Tonight I am on duty in a barren hotel room with practically nothing to do, but stare at the walls and think. There are many of us over here in England doing nothing to shorten the war. I am writing not to tell of my self, but to tell about a ^{Glenville} man who deserves a little praise. The enclosed article appeared on the front page of "Stars & Stripes". Maybe someone else send an account of his experiences home, but you should find the enclosed article interesting.

The press doesn't publish a very encouraging war report in this country. Of course with the enemy advancing through the 1st Army lines it is hard to be Optimist about the war ending soon.

If a few Americans could see how British food and other articles is rationed and how every young man of young or middle age is in uniform, they would be more thankful to be in America. Food is very scarce.

I have spent four days in London seeing the sights. Some rocket bombs hit while I was there.

yours for Victory,
Donzel E. Betts

'Those Dirty —!'

Nazis Turned Machine Guns On GI PWs

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press Correspondent

AN AMERICAN FRONT-LINE CLEARING STATION, Belgium, Dec. 18—Muddy, shivering survivors, mad with rage, told today how German tankmen tried with machine-guns to massacre 150 American prisoners standing in an open field.

"Those of us who played dead got away later," said Cpl. William B. Summers, of Glenville, W.Va. "But we had to lie there and listen to German noncoms kill with pistols every one of our wounded men who groaned or tried to move."

"Those dirty —," Summers said. "I never heard of anything like it in my life. Damn them. Give me a rifle and put me in the infantry. I want to go back and kill every one of those —"

Trapped at Road Fork

Summers, who escaped with a gashed hand, is a member of an artillery observation battalion which was trapped at a road fork by a powerful German armored column which drove several miles into Belgium when the Nazi counter-offensive started yesterday.

The enemy's Tiger tanks quickly shot up more than two dozen American trucks and light armored vehicles. The captured Yanks then were led into a field and as the German column moved past, less than 50 yards away, the Nazi gunners deliberately raked the defenseless group with machine-guns and machine-pistols.

The survivors expressed hope that perhaps a majority of the men had escaped by diving to the ground and lying still, but three hours later, after the mass slaughter was attempted, less than 20 had made their way back to their own lines.

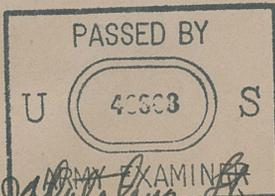
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Glenville, West Virginia



ARMY EXAMINER
J. Calabrese, Jr.

England
December 16, 1944

The Editors,
The Glenville Mercury,
Glenville, W.Va.

Dear Editors,

I recieved two copies of the Mercury of November 7, & 14, 1944. They were very much enjoyed. Especially interesting were the columns "From The Mercury Files", and "On The Land, In The Air, And on The Sea". Besides bringing back many pleasant memories it gave me the first news I have recieved about old friends in several years.

Thank you for your kind consideration, I remain,

Yours very truly,
B.W. Peck, Jr.
B.W. Peck, Jr. Cpl.

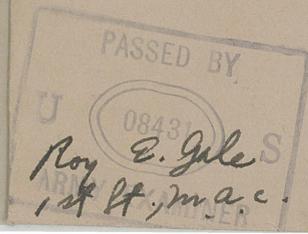
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*The Editors,
The Glenville mercury,
Glenville, W. Va.*





UNITED STATES NAVY

R.P.I., Cassatt
Troy N.Y.
Dec 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Barker,

I have just received my first issue of "THE MERCURY" and I enjoyed it very much. I want to express my appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding it so promptly.

I have been in the Navy since May, 1944, and went through recruit training ~~there~~ at GREAT LAKES. I was transferred on Oct. 17 to the Naval Academic Refresher Unit, Pre Midshipman School, here at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for 16 weeks of refresher courses in English, math, physics and engineering drawing. Upon completion of these courses I will be sent to Midshipman School at Columbia or Northwestern University.

I have three addresses of former students which might

interest you:

Lt. Kenneth Hutchinson, O-1050320
Btry "A", 105th A.A.A. A.W. Bn.,
A.P.O. 464, % Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

He is now in Italy, having been
overseas for more than two years.

S/Sgt. JAMES A. CAIN,
A.S.N. 35263189,
H.Q. Co. 3rd Bn.,
18th Inf, 1st Div.
A.P.O. #1, % Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Jim has been overseas two years and is now
with the 1st Army in Germany.

Sgt. Jos. G. Jarvis - 35510327
13th Para. Maint. Co.,
13th Airborne Div.
Camp Mackall, N.C.
A.P.O. 333

Sincerely yours,
David C. Chapman
A.B. - 41



United States Navy

N.A.R.U. (V-7)
R.P.I., CASSATT
TROY, NEW YORK
25 NOVEMBER 1944

Dear Mr. Hickman,

I do not know whether the Mercury is being published this year or not but, if so, I should like to subscribe for it. Please let me know at your earliest convenience about the subscription price.

Sincerely Yours,

David Carl Chapman, Sr.

Juanita: David is a graduate of the College. Will you please place his name on the mailing list?



Sat: 12-16-44

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Dear Mercury,

I have been receiving my copy for the past two weeks now and am mighty glad to get it. It does one much good to read of the doings around school.

I wish I could have been in Glenville when "Coach Nate" was there. I'd like to see him and talk to him. I've written him a post card since arriving here but as yet have received no reply. I think he was in Glenville at the time.

I received a Christmas card from good ole Bob Butcher and was mighty happy to hear from him. All of us who knew Bob and Mildred know just how shocking-a-state ole Bob must have been in at the time of her accident. My sincerest sympathies go out to Bob.

I hear from my dear friend "H. L. W." now and then and also from Mr. Woofler and I really enjoy their letters. When I left school in Feb. 1943, Mr. Woofler conveyed me to Clarksburg in his Dodge. That was the beginning of a long career, much longer than we anticipated.

Capt. Homer "Tiny" Moore was here on the field the past week inspecting for the Army Air Force. I was surprised and pleased to see him. He spent the afternoon with me and we discussed all the old events and some rather recent ones also. He is stationed at Spokane, Wash. He told me that he was getting pretty well checked out on a swivel chair and a four-drawer desk since he assumed his new position.

Cpl. Sammy Williams dropped me a line the past week or so and I find that he and I are in the same Air Force Command and may go overseas about the same time. I hope so. Sam is in Tonapah, Nev. and is an armorer-gunner on a B-24.

Polly is here with me and is fine. We live in Walla Walla, Wash. which is just 4 miles from the field. Walla Walla is situated in a valley, more or less, with such notable mountains as Rainier (14,400') Hood (12,200') Blue Mts (9,000') Strawberry Mt. (10,100') and many others within sight practically. We know these mts. fairly well because they stick up out of the ground like ice-cream sundaes.

To the Mercury Staff, goes our best wishes for a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep up the good work. Solong Bill



U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

P.S. - I'll probably be going overseas
in about a month so I will
leave my forwarding address which
will be sent to you. I'd appreciate
if you would keep the Mercury coming.
It helps.

Thanks
B. W.

My Address

Lt. W. O. Whetsell
423rd AAFBU-T-2

Walla Walla, Wn.

Lt. W. O. Whetsell
423rd AAFBU-T-2
Walla Walla, Wash.



The Glenville Mercury
~~C/o Editor & Staff~~
Glenville, W. Va.

U. S. S. CONCORD

7 December 1944

Hello Gang,

It's the season or something but I suddenly feel I should express my appreciation for the grand job you are doing of getting the latest and the straightest from the Campus out to us. I have been receiving the Mercury as regularly as could be expected under these circumstances and enjoying it more than could be imagined under any circumstances. I have developed a method of reading it in which I take it column at a time without turning a page. I'm afraid if I start turning pages I will miss something and this way I get every word. I'm especially interested in the news concerning service men because they are all my classmates. But looking over the masthead I find the same is true of most of you so I'm not as old as I thought I was.

I suppose it is compulsory that I start about here to tell you what I'm doing in this mans Navy. That is easy. As little as possible. My official title is Signal Officer and I am charged with all visual signalling aboard ship. It is no small task when underway but not so bad in port. Therefore in port I have to stand coding watches, take charge of Shore Patrol parties, or anything else they happen to dream up. Between times I'm studying a very successful (if not plesant) way to reduce. Our last cruise in heavy weather netted me minus twenty pounds. It is no picnic at best so my advice to you fellows (and girls) is to keep one foot on the ground every time you hear "Anchors Aweigh". And if any of you have the idea you want to see the world you can get my opinion of what I have seen by sending two box tops (any kind).

Actually I didn't start this out to be a tale of woe so lets change to a more plesant topic. Something on the order of the first Homecoming after D.O.W. It is up to you who are carrying on now to preserve those good old customs and traditions until we Old Timers get back to lend you at least our moral support. In the meantime just keep up the good work and I think I'm expressing the sentiments of many a Navy man when I say that with us the Mercury is 4.0. Best wishes of the season and thanks again.

another ex-

Lieutenant (jg) C.W. Lamb
USS CONCORD
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Please remove Miss Goldberg's name from Service
man's mailing file.

HELEN GOLDBERG
291 MARTENSE STREET
BROOKLYN 26, N. Y.

Nov 20, 1944

To the Editor:

I wish to thank you for sending
me the Mercury while I was in
service. Right now I am a veteran,
having been discharged honorably
from the Army. But I'd like to keep
on receiving the paper. If you could
let me know the cost of the Mercury
plus the mailing expense, I will gladly
send a check to cover it.

Give my regards to everyone
& good luck

Sincerely
Helen Goldberg

Camp Parks, Calif

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Nov. 9, 1944

Mercury editors,

Was pleased to receive the first copy of the '44 Mercury. Please note my present address. After having the Postmaster forward my mail for seventeen months, it's a pleasure to get it here in the "bay area" of California. Then too San Francisco and vicinity offer many attractions - that were notably absent in the Aleutians.

My congratulations on the fine way in which you are maintaining the high standard of excellence that has become synonymous with the Mercury.

Richard Harper

Air Base Bn.
Eagle Pass, Texas
October 29, 1944

The Editors

The Glenville Mercury
Glenville, N. Va.

My dear Editors,

I wish you to know that I am very grateful for the Mercury. Please be assured by me that it is, no doubt, eagerly read by every former student serving with the Armed Forces, who is receiving it.

From the front page and from the editorial page I can see that campus traditions and activities of other years are not only surviving but are actually thriving through this war period. "From the Mercury's Files" column brings back many pleasant memories of events that might otherwise be completely forgotten. The column which you may

be sure is always read first is
"On the Land, In the Air, And on
the Sea".

The Air Field here has its
weekly newspaper which is read
with much interest locally. It
~~may~~ be that you and the rest of
the Mercury staff ^{would enjoy} a copy of our
paper, "The Eagle Eye". I am
sending you one (uncensored)
under separate cover. If it
seems somewhat strange to you
that we are having tennis
tournaments, horse races, and
rodeos and are beginning our
basket ball season all out of season,
remember that this is the far South
and the deep West, where seasons
themselves are a bit off schedule.

Thanks again for "The Mercury".

Yours,

(Lt.) Paul Brannon



U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE

To: Greenville Mercury

I was promoted to
the rank of Captain the
past week. Please send
my copy to the following
address:

Captain Harold S. Scott
Physical Training Dept.
G. A. A. F.
Greenville, Miss.

Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific
San Diego, Calif.
October 24, 1944

Dear Mercury-

I have delayed in sending my address because I'm expecting it to change again any time now. However, I wish to express my appreciation of your fine work and I'm sure that all the men in the services feel the same way. I have been forwarding my copies to my brother Walter who is a Lieutenant on the battleship U.S.S. Washington after I have read them.

It is seldom that I meet anyone from West Virginia although I am sure some of these throngs of soldiers, sailors, and marines must be from there. I did meet Stanley Jeranko, his wife and two children, and Arch Hays Dulin in San Pedro recently. Both of the above named men are Lieutenants in the Naval Reserve. The Jerankos are from Clarksburg and Mr. Dulin is from Sutton.

My home address is 2780 1/2 - A - Street,
San Diego, Calif. and I will be glad to
see any West Virginians who come around.

My best regards to all the Mercury
Staff and keep up the good work.

Sincerely

Kenton C. Berry



UNITED STATES NAVY

Jan. 9. '44

Dear Editor,

Have been wondering if the Mercury is being published this year and if so I am interested in receiving it once again in order to keep up on the campus news. Hardly ever hear anything around here concerning the College and have just about lost out on the activities etc.

Regards to the Mercury staff and hope to hear from you soon -

Sincerely,
Charles Wilson

Lt. (19) C.E. Wilson
USS Endurance, FMCTT
Navy 115 % FPO
New York, N.Y.

Sunday Oct.

Hello Gray.

Hoping you are the one who receives these letters. Believe me I received a very nice surprise when I found the "Glennville Mercury" in my Room. Just like money from home. Keep them Commerc. Very sorry to hear that "Big Lemmy" was captured. Do you have his address. My Brother was wounded in France. The shell got him in his leg. My Father is still in the South Pacific. So far he has been in New Zealand, Bougainville and Guam. Quite a bit of action for a 50 yr. old. An Ray is still in the States. I had to spend three months at Asbury Park, New Jersey. Before entering Midshipmen. But I finally made it. Entered an indoctrination period and became midshipmen next week. I saw Cornell loose to Colgate last week 12 to 6 and saw them beat Sampson yesterday 13 to 6. The game was 6 to 6 and 15 seconds to play. A sensational pass. 6 on 7 makes 13, an Cornell wins.

May give my very fond regards to
all the Co-eds present. I understand there
are several beauties on the Campus. I hope
they hang around until "Titzpatrick" and
I get back. I finish in January (if
I do) then I plan on coming to Glenville
for awhile. I haven't been back since the
last day of school in '43. I am going
to try and get destroyer duty. Pray
for me "I mean that I will get" also, if
I get it." Haven't heard where Bach (St.)
Rheinberg is. The Glenville team we had
the last year could stack up with those
teams from my viewpoint. They don't hit
any harder, or ~~fast~~ come any tougher.

May keep up the good work. The
"Mercury" is as welcome to be as "Hedy
Saman" well almost any way - under
certain circumstances. Would like to hear
from some of the gang Lily, Reaso, Whiz, et al
any of them. If you have their addresses,
how about them. Believe it or not
fellows, I really study. Have Navigators,
Damage Control, Recognizers, Ordnance,
and Seamanship -

Ray

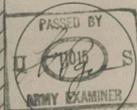
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: THE EDITORS,
THE GLENVILLE MERCURY
GLENVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
CPL. GERALD M. CUMMINGS 35137200
SERVICE Co. 325TH GLIDER INF.
APO 469, 46 POSTMASTER
NEW YORK, 1, NEW YORK

January 21, 1945

(Sender's complete address above)

Somewhere in Belgium

Dear Editors,

I had almost given up hope of getting the Mercury this year, but about three weeks ago five copies arrived. Since then it has been coming through regularly. In fact, I have been receiving two copies of most of the issues.

I enjoy reading the Mercury very much. Of particular interest, of course, is the column pertaining to former members of L.S.C. who are now in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

I know some L.S.C. fellows are in this part of the world, but I have yet to meet one that I know.

Best of luck to all the teachers and students of the old school.

*Sincerely,
Gerald Cummings*

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY
V-MAIL

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ADDRESS AT TOP?

Charlotte E. Hyer

24, January 1945

Dear Staff:

Many thanks for your paper. It certainly helps me to keep tabs on the fellows and gals in the service as well as local happenings.

I'm still holding forth at Cherry Point and am thoroughly convinced that the south is no place for me after the war. "Gee whiz", they are still fighting the civil war around here. Since I'm from W. Va, I've been called

both a stupid rebel and a
damned Yankee!

The girls in Motor
Transport here are truly
doing a "hang-up" job.

Who knows, maybe I'll
be driving that "Soonerville
Trolley" from Sutton to
Parkersburg when the
war is over!

Say "hello" to the faculty
for me.

Sincerely,
Charlotte

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

MR. EVERETT WITHERS

~~GLENNVILLE~~

WEST VIRGINIA

Lt. Comdr. M. F. Young
Navy 1509 ^(sender's name)
% Fleet Post Office

^(sender's address)
New York, N. Y.

26 Sept., 1943

(Date)

DEAR EVERETT,

WHEN I HAD THAT MIRACULOUS LEAVE IN GLENNVILLE LAST JUNE, ~~WHAT~~
~~DOWNTOWN A NUMBER OF TIMES HOPING TO FIND YOU IN SOME OF THE USUAL~~
~~LOAFING PLACES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I MISSED SEEING YOU EVERY TIME~~ I
DID SEE A FEW OF MY OLD FRIENDS, BUT MUST AGREE WITH SOME OF THE COM-
MENTS IN THE HM THAT THE OLD HOME TOWN IS REALLY A DESERTED PLACE. MADE
ME RATHER SAD IT WAS SO LONESOME; SO I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME AT HOME,
OUT OF UNIFORM, ABSORBING THE SUN, AND WORKING IN THE GARDEN. TO ONE
IN MY POSITION, GETTING BACK TO THE GOOD EARTH IS REALLY A PLEASURE AND
A VACATION.

~~I HAVE TO USE THE ABOVE ADDRESS IN WRITING YOU FROM HERE, BUT AS~~
~~FOR THE HM, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IT TO MY CAMBRIDGE ADDRESS. MY WIFE~~
~~FORWARDS IT TO ME. MY SERVICE ADDRESS IS NEVER VERY PERMANENT, AND I AM~~
~~MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE IT BY THE FORWARDING METHOD.~~

THOUGH YOU MAY HAVE SOME IDEA WHERE I AM, UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT IS
POSITIVE THE ENEMY KNOWS TOO, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE DETAILS. THE NUMBER
OF PERSONNEL AND THE LOCATION ARE VALUABLE TO THE ENEMY BECAUSE BY
MERELY KNOWING THAT, THEY CAN DEDUCE SOMETHING OF THE PLANS. SO, AGREEING
WITH THE CENSOR, MUM'S THE WORD.

SINCE I CAN'T, THEREFORE, TELL YOU MILITARY THINGS, I SHALL HAVE TO
WRITE OF OTHER THINGS. IT'S ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN RECOGNIZED PLACES
WHO CAN TELL YOU MILITARY THINGS.

ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH STRIKES ME MOST WHENEVER I RETURN HOME IS
THAT THINGS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS THERE WHETHER I AM THERE OR NOT. DON'T
THINK I AM AS CONCEITED AS THAT SOUNDS. I BELIEVE THAT THE BOYS WHO
LEAVE GLENNVILLE FOR OVERSEAS AND DON'T GET BACK FOR A YEAR OR SO WILL
KNOW WHAT I MEAN. OF COURSE, I HAVE BEEN AWAY MOST OF THE TIME FOR ~~KNOW~~
A LITTLE MORE THAN ELEVEN YEARS NOW, BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT LONG, AND
I STILL CONSIDER GLENNVILLE HOME EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A FAMILY OF MY OWN
AND TEMPORARY HOMES HERE AND THERE. THE PROGRESS IN THE HOME TOWN WHICH
I SPEAK OF IS NOT SO MUCH BUILDINGS ALTHOUGH THERE IS THAT TOO. IT'S
THE GROWTH OF THE PEOPLE I USED TO KNOW SO WELL. WHEN I WALK DOWN STREET,
SOME YOUNG MAN OR WOMAN WILL SPEAK TO ME, USING MY FIRST NAME, AND I
WON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THEY ARE. OFTEN THEY ARE MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN.
WHEN I LEFT HOME, THEY WERE JUST KIDS. I SUPPOSE THAT SHOULD MAKE ME
FEEL OLD, BUT IT DOESN'T; IT MERELY EMBARRASSES ME BEYOND MEASURE.

IT IS AGAINST ORDERS TO COMMENT ON OUR ALLIES AS YOU DID ON THE
BRITISH FLEET, BUT WHEN YOU REALIZE MOST OF OUR REGULATIONS AND CUSTOMS
IN THE USN WERE COPIED ALMOST VERBATIM FROM THE BRITISH - IT GIVES ME,
MISQUOTING HAMLET,

"PAUSE." I'M FOR 'EM
AS EVER, *Magyard*

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

THE HORSE'S MOUTH
GLENVILLE,
WEST VIRGINIA.

From

Corp. Joe C. Elliott
H&S Co, 2d Amph Tr Bn
2d Marine Division
[Sender's address]
c/o Fleet Postoffice,
San Francisco, Calif.

November 29, 1943.

(Date)

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you that my address is now: Corp. Joe C. Elliott,
2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, H&S Co, 2d Marine Division, c/o Fleet
Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif..

I enjoy reading your newspaper very much. I was able to acquire
a few addresses from the Revised List of Addresses from your September
7, 1943 edition. I hope that I will be able to continue receiving
your paper.

All the Marines over here are fine and have the situation well
in hand. I have been working as a clerk in our office for a while
now and I like the work very much. Most of the boys are a little
homesick for the states. We have quite a lot of entertainment to
try and keep our morale up, but still we think of the states.

I have a lot of work to do this afternoon so I will close. I
will be looking forward to receiving another copy of your paper.

Corp. Joe C. Elliott.

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9/13/43

Dear Mr. Withers,

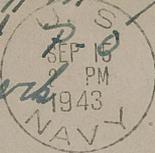
Thank you for the last issue of the *W.M.*
It also has many friends here, and few are from
W. Va. However while prancing (and I mean prancing)
around this particular spot it isn't uncommon to run
head on into a West Virginian. There are reasons for
the bowed heads, and prancing but I will profit by
leaving them out.

Since last contacting you I have failed
in what seemed a sure bet for a commission. My
eyes (mostly left) were the only stumbling block.

Shariff Smith will be a baked duck by the
time he gets back to the States. The hat there
should enable him to whizz through out-hutted dances
at home. I have seen the shariff burn down at more
than one.

To everyone everywhere I would like to say hello,
and that ^{it} won't be too long before we can all meet
in good old Glenville for the best homecoming yet.

Robert J. Butcher R M 3/c
Mary no. 923 Flat 2
New York, New York



Sincerely yours,
Robert Butcher



Mr. Everett Withers
Harris Mouth Dept.
Glenville, W. Va

Sept. 17, 1943

the H. M.

Sorry, I haven't gotten around to writing you a few lines, the past few months. No doubt, you know we are rather busy, on this side. But, I promise to do a little better, from now on.

Congratulations, to Nelson Craddock. I hope it's a boy. I hope to collect a cigar, one day. Sorry to hear you had to leave the states. Maybe, we'll all be home soon. Now that Italy is out of the picture, we only have two more nuts to crack. They will be tough ones, though. I wonder if "Ging" was in on that Italy deal?

Keep your ears open on the news. Big things are going to happen, down here.

Truly yours,
A. Kaper

...and complete address in green block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

"5th Horse Mouth"
Stemville
W. Va.

From

Prof. Allen E. Berry
(Sender's name)

35279824 - 764 4
(Sender's address)

38th P. O. Box, A. P. O. 528
40 P. No., N. Y., N. Y.

12-12-43
(Date)

Dear Editor and readers:

Perhaps it will be of interest to you to know that I have been in Italy for quiet some time now. I know that is an interesting spot and I am glad the Army saw fit to bring me here. I am not sure but I believe I have an invasion star to my credit now.

You fellows that are in training back there now will probably come over this way sometime and I can sure tell you that you will see a beautiful, interesting country.

Incidentally, you guys that are complaining about the rigors of camp life and training - don't you have no idea how valuable every thing you learn is to you and besides, camp life in the States is nothing. Too, there are thousands of us over here who have been in the Army for a long time and never had a furlough. Most of you are lucky.

Keep the H. M. coming. It is one of my principal interests.

Sincerely,
Allen E. Berry

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498th TWO-ENGINE FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON
LUBBOCK ARMY AIR FIELD
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

October 8, 1943

Dear Editor ,

I haven't written sooner because the monotony of instructing doesn't leave me much to write about. However the less that happens while I'm in this flying business the better. I was recently raised to flight commander, and am well satisfied with my work. I would like it a lot better if we could get a few more W.Va. boys in here. Any kind of flying is exciting but this business is about the least so that I can think of. About 90% of our ships are grounded now because we have been having so much trouble with the wings coming off. That's the sturdy "Bobcats" or At 17's. Our At 9's will take anything.

I don't have much time to get homesick for those W.Va. hills with my work and my family. Ted Jr. and the Mrs. are getting along swell. However I will welcome the day when I can get back to God's country, and out of these plains and sandstorms. I still receive my Horses Mouth with the usual enthusiasm, I'll try to keep you posted on the West Texas news.

Yours truly

Robert T. Hauman

Robert T. Hauman 1st Lt. A.C.



W. H. Moss CCM
58 U.S.N. Const. Batt.
90 Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

UNITED STATES NAVY

Sept. 27, 1943

The Horses Mouth
Glennville, W. Va.

Thanks very much for the issues of the Horses Mouth. I think the Publication is a fine idea, and I hope that I continue to receive them in the future.

I have been in the South-west Pacific for about 6 mos. and if color is any indication, I have become perfectly ~~at~~ acclimated to this part of the world.

We were stationed in the Fiji isles for about 2 mos. before going on up the line to island "X" where we are now. As my return address indicates, I am part of a Naval Const. Batt. and am in charge of surveying & Drafting on our various construction jobs. We are known as C.B. ^(sea bees).

This island is populated by dark-skinned natives ^{and} but of course



UNITED STATES NAVY

they don't speak the american language. There is quite an abundance of tropical fruits such as coconuts, bananas, lemons etc. and there is one thing you can always depend on - it rains every day. we had quite an interesting initiation when we crossed the equator on the way down here, some of it a bit painful in spots but otherwise o.k.

Thanks again for the issues of the Horses Mouth.

Sincerely

William N. Moss CCM

P.S. Am enclosing \$2.00 as a donation to the Horses Mouth - Good luck.



ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING DETACHMENT
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

Oct. 12, 1943

Dear Sirs or Madams:-

It's been quite awhile and lots of water has gone under the bridge since I've written last. I have completed 40 hours of flying and will ship to Basic training Nov. 1. My present address is Flight H, 70TH AAFSTD, Lafayette, Louisiana. If you have the address of Stenzel Brown would you kindly publish it so I might get in contact with him? The H.M. gives me a great deal of information and frequently a vivid description of good ole' main street of Glenville. How is every one? Fine, I hope. I'm sort of a sinking feeling to think of the football games in Glenville then awake to the realization that the war is still on. But it won't last forever I guess. I've been thinking seriously of trying to get a pass to go see Coach "Nate" and I hear Mr. Freed is here somewhere in

Louisiana. maybe I'll see them sometime. Bob Fidler's
death was very untimely and sorta knocked the breath
out of me for a while but I guess that's life. well, thanks
again for the H. M. I look forward for it.

Yours.

Lennie



U. S. NAVAL TRAINING UNIT, V-12
BETHANY COLLEGE
BETHANY, W. VA.

10/12/42

Dear Editor,

At first I thought I wouldn't write a letter until this semester is over. Semester tests start a week from tomorrow and they certainly will need plenty of studying. Tonight I didn't feel like studying and so here it is.

I expect several of the fellows would like to know just what is going on here at Bethany. They are not the only ones so would I. So near as I can tell this is what it is all about. The Navy is sending us to college and all but freshmen get to take any subject they like. That is if they include math, physics, navigation, and Naval Organization. When and if we finish here we are sent to midshipmen's school, and upon graduation we become deck officers. A few here are just getting enough math to pass for the Naval air corps.

I forgot to tell why I don't feel like studying. I had a swimming test today and tomorrow I will have a strength test. The Navy is certainly developing us physically and mentally.



U. S. NAVAL TRAINING UNIT, V-12
BETHANY COLLEGE
BETHANY, W. VA.

To get around to the social side of this life, the girls here are very friendly and if we had time to have dates we wouldn't have much trouble. Ordinarily we get liberity every other week. ^{and} At first it was every week but too many of the week-ends held over until the middle of the week so now it is every other week. Three week ago about a 100 were restricted for the rest of the semester because of their grades. Bethany is about as lively as Glenville so with nothing else to do some studying is done.

Which reminds me I had better get a good night's sleep for the test tomorrow. The lower 30% percent has to take the course, physical fitness, over again.

I certainly enjoy reading the HM and was very glad to get the list of addresses.

An ardent reader,

Robert E. Reed

P.S. The navy isn't treating me so badly as I weigh 180 now. When I weighed in July 2 I was 149.

1841

My dear Sir
 I have been thinking of you
 very much lately and
 wondering how you
 are getting on. I
 hope you are well
 and happy. I have
 not much news to
 write at present.
 The weather is
 very pleasant here
 at present. I have
 not much news to
 write at present.
 I am, Sir, your
 obedient servant,
 J. G.

For all, everything had

gone away with the paper, we

bring papers to see change

the (G. H. Porter) and planning to

go back to college after the

year. Accidentally found a

home in Princeton, N.J., so had

to enter to make from (meant College)

It is not true when I began to think

with you that I had

me a fragment of my work

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Mr. Hooper
Registrar Shenandoah State Teachers College
Shenandoah, West Virginia

Geo. B. Thompson
1st Lt. A.C.



United States Army • CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN

Oct. 18, 1943.

The Harsessmouth

Glenville, W. Va.

To one in a million from one a long way from W. Va.;

I have just moved to a new station and I enjoy your paper so much that I don't want to miss one issue. I haven't much time for writing but I do want to tell you that I think you are doing a wonderful job. And if your efforts are appreciated as much by the others receiving your sheet, as I appreciate them, you really have, figuratively speaking, the good will of the world.

Our outfit is up here for a series of winter maneuvers, and extensive training in snow shoveling and skiing. It looks like it is going to be a most interesting phase of training.

I have been around the east coast and the middle west, for over a year now, and I have yet to run into any one from West Virginia but I still have hopes. This Army sure can separate a group of men.



United States Army • CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN

I really enjoy reading about the antics of one of your favorites - Tate Seyer. He has probably forgotten me, but I saw quite a bit of him during the summer of '28 up on Elk River, and he sounds like the same carefree Tate.

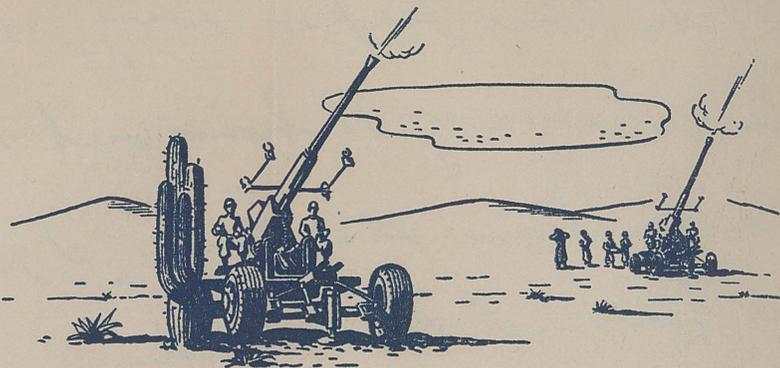
This is wonderful country up here in the "Dairy land of the U.S." but I'm still looking only to the day when our job is finished and I can get back to the hills of Central W. Va.

I'm doing Signal Corp work and needless to say, most of it is of a restricted nature, but I'm very much interested in it. Even though I can't talk about it.

You are to be congratulated on the fine job of keeping us "Mountaineers" in contact with each other, and here's hoping that you keep up the good work.

Sincerely

- Cpl. Blair Bass
76 Signal Co. 76 Inf. Div.
A. P. O. # 76
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin



CAMP HAAN ★ CALIFORNIA

Oct 22.

1943

I see in your paper you want me
 say a few lines. In fine, just moved out of
 the hills to a old ranch, living ok.
 cooking our our food. Living in Secs now.
 Don't get much sleep in this outfit, all
 work most at night. We have a mission
 at 8 to 11 at night get up at 1 to 3 or 4 again
 for another mission. As soon as we get
 our training done. We are to be put in
 with the Air Corp in Florida. In our
 Sec. 30 at Minchin Gun won here
 I like it very good. In doing soon more
 looking now. I fight in the final tonight
 for 175 lb class. of 325.

I like this paper. very good. I pull
Guard every 18 hours out here. Walk
or sit 3 hours at a time. I got a letter
from Harold Wilson here in San Diego
getting along good. He is in San Diego
there. He likes Calif like I do. not
~~cutting~~ picking. The rain is
starting out here now. They bring
me food and water everyday out here
Hope to be in Glenview by Jan. I hope
for 5 day at least. Well lot of Luck
Tony

FROM

Prof. Tompkins
Rt. Co. #. 325
First Platoon
Camp Hood Calif.



Sen.



The Horse's Mouth
Glennville, West. Virginia

Pfc. Samuel T. Wilson 15361713

999th med. Co. (S. P.)

Intergovernmental Gen. Hosp.

Denver 8, Colorado.

Denver, Colo.

Nov. 8, 1943

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a copy of your paper. I received an issue of it from my brother and sure did appreciate it. I have been stationed here in Denver for four months and like it fine. I am planning on paying a visit to Glendale sometime next month, give my regards to everyone and I hope to be back in N. Va. before long.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Wilson

From Pfc. Samuel J. Wilson
Rank (15361713)
Organization 999th Med. Co. (B. P.)

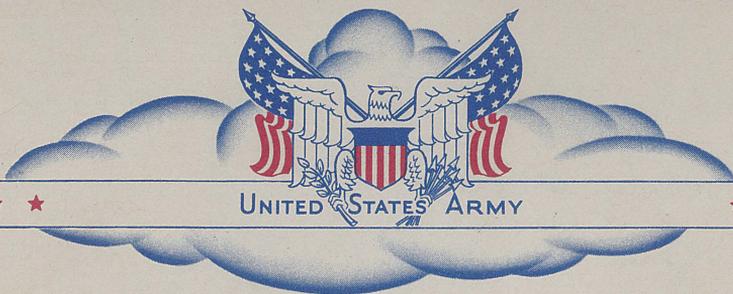
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WAR SAVINGS
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In re

The Horse's Mouth
Glenville,
West Virginia



Pat Samuel J. Beamon
Pty "C" 253rd 7. A. Bn.
A. P. O. #402, % Postmaster
Nashville, Tennessee

I have rec'd every copy of
the H.M. and read them
faithfully. If it hadn't been
for ~~that small paper~~ ^{the H.M.} I would
have lost contact with most
of my old friends in Glenville.

Right now I am somewhere
in Tennessee or Missouri. Before
that I was in Camp Phillips, Kansas;
Army Air Base, Alliance, Nebraska
as Airborne Artillery, and ~~of~~
ⁱⁿ ~~course~~ Wisconsin. (And even
though you have never had my
complete address I have never
missed a copy of your paper.)

I was with Larry Woodyard in
Kansas. He is the only fellow from

(over)

Glenville that I have been
stationed with.

As you know writing in a
Tup tent by candle light is not
the best place in the world
to pen a masterpiece so / just
~~keeping~~ sending the H.M.
and will do the rest.

Camp McCain, Miss.

November 22, 1943

Dear Mabel:

Every time the HQM asks for a letter from me, a change in army residence follows. The present is no exception because our Division will move to the Tennessee maneuver area very shortly. We have had a taste of what maneuvers will afford, having recently been in the field three solid weeks fighting the "Battle of Camp McCain." This gave us a first hand idea of infantry tactics and how our artillery must be coordinated with infantry movement and fire power. Both the "Reds" and "Blues" had aviation support so we learned how to defend against planes. In Tennessee, we will face tanks and paratroops for the first time - it should be a good "war."

Mock combat has indicated that war is much like sports competition in that the team in the better physical and mental condition, with the higher technical proficiency and the stronger will to win will be the winning unit. Field life separates the men from the boys - many who strutted in garrison were washed out there. Mississippi's damp cold forced us to become rugged - we understand Tennessee weather will be a bit uncomfortable too. At the time one doesn't enjoy the existence but later the knowledge that you have the ability to take it is a most satisfying feeling.

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The HM is a wonderful medium. Lilla Mae gets more information from it than is included in letters from her friends. I'm always glad to see that long envelope in my mailbox, always glad to read the experiences of former Glenwillites. Which reminds that I want to take this means of wishing each and every one of them a fine Xmas and a victorious New Year. I'm scanning past issues for friends located in Nashville - we expect to get there a few times during the maneuver and what could be better than a reunion with a West (by God) Virginian.

Lilla Mae plans to ~~come~~ return to the home state for a while. Perhaps that will make some Glenville ladies forgive me somewhat - they complained about taking away their hairdresser. Take good care of her.

My new address: Hq., 336 F.A. Bn.

APO # 448

% POSTMASTER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Sincerely,
Stan

Loren McCartney
Captain, Q.M.C.
Hq, Base H, APO 920

TO: The Editor and Staff of The Glenville Mercury

1. This letter is intended to serve a dual purpose one of which is to inform you of my present address and the other is to comply with Miss Bell's for letters from former students.

2. The following is a very brief summary of my activities since the time of induction to the present. I'm sure that it will get by the censors as it is not very exciting.

3. I was inducted at Ft. Hayes, Ohio, 6 February 1942 along with one of the first groups of men to leave Gilmer County after the war. I was assigned to Camp Wheeler, Georgia where I received the basic training of all infantry soldiers. Upon completion of my training period there I was shipped overseas leaving San Francisco, 19 May 1942. I was not assigned to any outfit but was in a detachment of infantry replacement troops. You are all aware of the condition everything was in when we arrived. The Nips had 99% per cent of New Guinea and were coming, but fast, into the remaining sections. The "Aussies" were preparing to make a stand on the continent. The entire coast was blacked out, Jap bombers were pounding the coast towns and submarines were everywhere, sinking ships, shelling towns. I was not sent to the outfit for which I was originally scheduled to join, but was transferred to a new base that was being set up with evacuated soldiers from the Phillipines and islands to the north, many of them wounded, none of them supply men. Those first weeks were some of the toughest that I have ever spent. We worked around the clock when it was necessary but we did the job. I was still an infantry soldier and when I was commissioned I was assigned to duty with the Quartermaster Corps, but I'm still an infantryman at heart. > Long months of supply problems with very little supplies.

4. I spent some time in New Guinea but I'm now and have been for some time in The Netherlands East Indies. The Japs were here when we came and some still remain but they have all of the war that they want. Almost daily we get some prisoners, starved, diseased, scared stiff, and just fed up with the whole thing, "Tojo's" Supermen aren't very impressive, but we have run into some real tough babies at times. The supply man is a combination fighting and supply man as in numerous cases they have had to fight for the supplies in their dumps and are always getting some Nips that are foraging for food and clothing. That is just about all except that I'm now in my 33rd month of foreign service and expect to get home soon, incidentally I haven't had a day of leave since I have been in the army.

Received the September 26 issue of the Mercury today, thank you, my first in well over a year. I see that it is up to its usual standards, an excellent College Paper. I see where many of my former friends are getting theirs all over, in every theatre of this global war you will find a Glenville man. I will miss them at homecoming October 45. Thanks again for your paper.

Sincerely,

Loren McCartney