

KILLED IN A FLYING ACCIDENT Flight Leader Elmer R. Cawthon, Jr., A.A.F., near DeRidder Army Air Base, Louisiana, between 9:30 and 10 p.m. on April 1. Elmer was flying alone and on a routine mission in which no other planes were engaged when his Douglas Dauntless (A-24) crashed in a wood twenty miles from the base...1st Lieut. J. B. Bilitzke, who escorted Elmer's body here, said the cause of the accident was unknown by the Army at the time he left the base for West Virginia and that, according to Army regulations, it will not be made public if it is learned...It had been Elmer's custom, Lt. Bilitzke said, when his gunner was not flying with him to take along a friend, a lieutenant, as passenger. At it happened, the friend was not with him on this flight...Except for the squadron commander, Elmer had flown more hours than any other member of the squadron. He was deeply interested in aeronautical engineering and often worked with the engineering officer...Elmer, who was 22, entered the service in December 1941, and finished at Randolph and Kelly fields. Until Feb. 15, he had been stationed with the 386th Bomber Squadron at Hunter Field, Savannah, when the squadron was transferred to DeRidder. On Jan. 15 he was promoted to first lieutenant. Lt. Bilitzke had been with Elmer since they both went to Randolph Field, and on March 29, they, with some others returned to DeRidder from Quantico where they had been on a short mission...Elmer's body arrived in Glenville yesterday. Funeral services will be held at the Letter Gap U.B. Church tomorrow at 1 p.m., and burial will be in the Turner Cemetery near Lockney...Lt. Bilitzke, whose home is in Detroit, will take a plane Thursday from Clarksburg and return to his base.

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## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. LEON SMITH, Somewhere in the Middle East, March 1: "I received your letter on Jan. 12 and the Dec. 29 and Jan. 13 issues of the H.M. on Feb. 25, which I read and reread time and time again. My mother was definitely correct in what she told you about where I am...As all of my mail for some reason is very strictly censored, there isn't much about which I can enlighten you or explain, although I can say I am now assigned to the Intelligence Department of the Army and am doing counter-intelligence work. I find it very interesting and I wish I could tell you more about it all, but that is impossible at the present time...About our voyage from the States to here we were on the water about two months and travelled about 17,000 miles, which at the present time is the longest trip ever taken by any A.E.F...As for a report on the female sex of this country, I am afraid that will have to wait because I haven't had time to devote my attention to them yet. They call this country the White Man's Graveyard because of the numerous diseases which are prevalent here. About 95 per cent of all the natives have some type of venereal disease. You can see why I can't give a good dissertation on the women... As Tiny Moore told you, we have plenty of cigarettes, candy, and toilet articles, but are very short on reading material, American or British whisky costs about 15 to 20 dollars a quart but Russian vodka is

TODAY THE HORSE'S MOUTH celebrates its first birthday. We are sure the President's designation of this as Army Day is wholly coincidental, but we are not unmindful that "Nothing makes the horse so fat as the king's eye." In the course of the year our mailing list has grown from a few names to more than a hundred, and it has been reduced by three: Lt. John Barnett, a prisoner of war; Staff Sergeant Paul Wolfe, missing in action; and Lt. Elmer R. Cawthon, Jr., killed in a flying accident. May God better your luck this year to come, and may there be no occasion for the H.M. next April 6...We hope you have had part of the fun reading it that we have had writing it...Like Jake Falstaff the H.M. says: "I tell thee what, Hal, if I tell thee a lie, spit in my face; call me horse."

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reasonable. A great sport among the American forecess here is gazelle hunting. It is similar to the deer only smaller and runs wild on the desert...Tell Nate I wish him success with his basket ball team and to hang in there. I have seen Tootie Porterfield several times."

RUSSELL HUGH MCQUAIN, A.S., Great Lake Naval T.S., March 20: "I am confined to the barracks for having a dirty towel and am now catching up with my correspondence...Our choir has been practicing a lot in preparation for a trip to Chicago on the 21st to sing for the celebration of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek at Chicago Stadium. We are slated for another trip; this time to sing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We give out with strictly righteous stuff because we sing only hymns...If everything jibes as planned, we get to doff these boots April 19, and of course get our boot leave then...We have received grades from service school exams, and have made our choices for schools. I applied first for signalman and second for soundman...I have morning quarters every morning through the week, and on Saturday comes the big inspection, both of which give me a pain in the hind quarters. I haven't been hauled up on anything yet, but I still have plenty of time. For that dirty pillow case I got five demerits, restricted to the barracks for one week, and an evening of extra duty drilling in the drill hall with arms."

LT. (J.G.) A. G. KAFER, Bombing Squadron 12/ In care of Fleet Post Office/San Francisco, Calif., March 15: "It's been a long time since I have written you. A lot has taken place since then. I can't tell you where I am, but it's damned hot out here. It's beautiful country...I haven't received a H.M. for two months. That's due to my change of address...I hope all of the boys are doing fine. There isn't anything at all to do here. Flying and athletics take up our time. Then of evenings our club bar is open until six o'clock. We make good use of it too... The mosquitoes are as big as Fats Golden. That's big."

ROBERT J. BUTCHER, S2c, Flag Div., C.T. 24/ In care of Fleet Post Office/New York, March 12: "The war won't last much longer; Nate is in the fracas now. I would love to hear his voice above the thunder of the

possible that he could out-cuss Phil Sheridan, supposedly the world's best. The Japs have nothing on him when it comes to making faces--especially over bad calls. May be this will come in handy some time ...Regards to everyone."

Pvt. CHAMP CLARK WOLFE, Postal Replacement Pool, Fort Dix, March 29: "Because of present rules of censorship I am unable to write you much of a letter at this time. However, this is a very nice place and the food is super."

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The H.M. thanks Mrs. N. E. Rymer, Richard Smith, and Mrs. Harry Wilfong of Wheeling each for a \$1 birthday cake.

We'd like letters from Paul Scott, Nate Rohrbough, Isadore Nachman, and Raymond Freed.

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Guy Brannon died early yesterday morning at Weston State Hospital after being seriously ill one day. Burial will be at Pisgah or Weston. Twenty-five years ago Guy, or Shicky-Shaki or Cabbage as we called him, umpired our sand lot ball games. Invariably they ending in both teams rocking him and he rocking us. A boy never walked down an alley at any time unless he had his pockets full of clods and cobs, for from some hidden recess Guy would bombard us with whatever was at hand to throw. We enjoyed our good-natured battles as much as he.

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Glenville lost in the state high school basket ball tournament to Wheeling which won it. Wheeling took finals from Princeton 46 to 45...The Glenville-Wheeling game was disappointing to many because of the score and the poor quality of basket ball. The Terrors suffered badly from stage fright, all except Ted Fultineer and Coach Joe Hall was acutely ill of intestinal influenza. Wheeling showed little punch against the Terrors. Once Glenville tied the score at 38 before Wheeling won 44-41. Fultineer was placed on the all-state second team, and Bobby Whiting received honorable mention.

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#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO

Laban White, Jr., now in a transportation school for officer candidates in Mississippi, told us when he was on furlough here that West Virginians are not well thought of in many places. At a better USO dance at Columbus his dancing partner asked where he lived and when he told her she said, "I don't care to dance any more," and walked off the floor. Laban thinks part of the difficulty arises because a few mountaineers have on occasion micturated in the corners of barracks and because some are not acquainted with newest plumbing...The three times Laban has been in California it has snowed. In Hollywood he had one dance with Betty Grable who "is both a revelation and a disappointment." He found many of the stars anything but lookers. The oldest railway coach he has travelled in was built in 1858. Several dated back to the Seventies...Judge Gordon Brown has sought and received release from the Army and is working in a Seattle war plant...Young Clarence Underwood who volunteered to go with the latest group of inductees, is a medical corps bugler stationed at a Louisville hospital...Paul Kidd was rejected by the Army examining board a second time...

Charleston hospital...Landus Rhoades, has enlisted in the Marines and leaves Charleston on April 10 for boot camp at San Diego...Ensign Ivan Bush, Jr., spent ten days in New Orleans when the submarine chaser in which he sails put in to port. His wife and son visited him there...A man appeared at the local draft board, presented his registration card, and asked how to use it. A board member looked at his mature features and body and inquired whether he had just become eighteen. "No," he replied, "I have just served a twelve-year sentence at Alcatraz. We didn't get newspapers to read there; so I don't know much about the war. The magazines have hinted that the Army needs cooks, and I think I am a good one. If I can I'd like to sign up."...Ruddell Reed, Jr., writes from Kessler Field that his unit won top honors in a parade held for Anthony Eden, General Sir John Dill, General Marshall, et. al. Ruddell thinks that Eden, who talked with several men in the ranks is a great commoner...Can Henderson in the village trying to get Reservists Joe Rodriguez and Jesse Lilly to enroll at Marshall next fall...

#### March 30 to April 6

"Neither rain nor snow nor hail shall..." Anyhow when Gilmer County's only woman mailcarrier celebrated so much at a local beer shop that she spent the night in jail, Postmaster Marguerite Whiting stood her bail so she could be released and the mail could go through...Marriages: Doris Bird of Clendenin to Billy Cain on March 9. Billy says she is pretty...At Madison, Wis., Dora Bell Grose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Grose, to Lt. Walter House, U.S. Army Engineer Corps, of Buckhannon...Skeebo Lorentz and Paul Kidd plan to depart on Thursday on a job-seeking junket to Midland, Pa., Cleveland, etc. Skee says he will likely wind up making fan belts at Akron. Woodford Bush will hold forth at the liquor store alone...In two weeks Nate Rohrbough will be home on leave, having been indoctrinated...Richard Whiting doesn't wear his bold-checked zoot trousers in the presence of his Uncle Hunter because he fears Hunter will want to borrow them...College students Warren Lamb and Charles Wilson have reported at Columbia University for naval training...We hear that John Barnett has written his brother Fred that he landed his Fortress in water and that only he and two others were able to swim ashore...Mrs. Max Nachman has departed for Miami Beach where her son Isadore will soon be graduated as an air force administrative officer...Ann Lorentz of Weston has made good recovery from her fractured back and tomorrow will come to Glenville to visit her sister, Mrs. C.T. Whiting...We wish someone would send a "bazooka" to us to use as a fowling piece for sparrows...Maynard Young, a communications officer in Greenland, and now a lieutenant commander, has sent home pictures of himself wearing a square-cropped goatee and lone mustache tightly twisted at the ends and pointed down...Homer West has been commissioned a second lieutenant of engineers and is at home for a few days enroute to Atlanta...Marine Sergeant Ned Burk is spending a long furlough here. He was wounded in a leg and a shoulder, received a bayonet cut on his mouth, and has a malarial condition. He is one of a group who wiped out a Jap Detachment after the Japs had raised a white flag and then opened fire on a boat of Marine

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LIEUT. DONALD B. YOUNG, 297th Engr. Combat Bn., Camp Rucker, Alabama, Mar. 31: "I am in the deep South now. This is a white outfit composed of young boys (average age about 20). They should make good combat soldiers...Last week I read in the Glenville papers that Mrs. Moore was in Clarksville, Tenn., visiting Madelyn, her husband, and their new son. Camp Campbell is near Clarksville; so I delayed my trip down here one day in order to visit them last Saturday night. It was good to see Glenville people once more...It is very warm here, and the soil is sandy. The land is low and rolling, covered with pines and other softwood trees. I have never been this far south before."

A.C.C. RUDDELL REED, JR., 42nd C.T.N./ Squadron B/ Maryville, Tenn., April 8: "They really keep us busy here with classes, drill, study, etc. They're giving us college freshman courses and part of the fellows are engineering graduates. Some know more than the instructors. This is really heaven after Kessler Field however; and they really treat us swell. It doesn't seem too much like the army. The school is slightly larger than Glenville and looks a lot the same. So it is something like home."

PVT. C.L. UNDERWOOD, JR., Det. Med. Dept./Nichols General Hospital/Louisville, Ky., April 13: "I just received the Apr. 6 issue of the H.M. It sure came at the proper time. I was wondering what the 'ole' place was producing now...Life here is rare. Army regulations are disregarded in every way but courtesy to the shave-tails. Our basic training has finally started and sure is one big blister. We dig a hole, haul the dirt away, then dig another one and fill the first up. Then we go to the wards and wash, wax, scrape, and polish everything that nobody wants to see...Nichols General was completed about five or six months ago and is pretty well filled already. The hospital itself is composed of separate one-story buildings connected with open or closed hallways. Our living quarters are of the same type, steam heated, and about forty men in each. The food is wonderful. Now I know where all our steaks from West Virginia's prime beef go...Compared to Russell Hugh Mc, we live like society men. Inspection is but once a week and then the Lieuy runs through so he can get back to his blonde or what have you...I wish to express my sympathy to the Cawthon family upon the death of their son, Junior. He was a swell fellow as well as a fine officer... While at Fort Hayes, Rich Smith, I, and two other Gilmer Countains stuck together for about four days, then on the fifth I was split away from them. If I remember correctly, Doc wanted to go to Florida. 'Lay in the sun for me once, Doc; it's cold here.'...We have been restricted for fifteen days and will be turned loose this Friday. Lord have mercy on the town of Louisville when we hit it. Charleston is a mild city compared to it, speaking of the weaker sex. Those boys in the Middle East speak of gazelle hunting. They may be four-footed animals there, but down here they have only two and you don't have

to hunt them...Until a later date I remain, A private who wishes like hell Esquire would stop printing and produce the real thing, so the boys would be satisfied."

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The H.M. thanks Mrs. B.W. Craddock and Mrs. J. Ernest Arbuckle for gifts of \$1 each, and Dr. W.T. Smith for 50 cents.

We should like letters from Roland Butcher, Oral Cunningham, Karl Danley, Bob Jack, Harold Scott, and any others who wish to write.

Sgt. Gabriel Chabut, Finance Office, U.S. Army, P.O. Box 636, Honolulu, T.H., would like to have Vol. 1, Nos. 1 through 8 of the H.M. if anyone wishes to send them to him. We do not have these numbers available.

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## SOME NEW AND REVISED ADDRESSES

Pvt. Leslie O. Cunningham/60th Training Group/Flight 120/Kessler Field/Biloxi, Mississippi.

S. Staff Robert L. Davis/Hdqs. 21st Bomber Group/MacDill Field, Florida.

Cpl. Robert L. Jack/U.S. Army Finance School/Company K/Wake Forest, N.C.

Frank Martine, C. Sp./Naval Training Station/ELL/Sampson, N. Y.

A.C.C. Ruddell Reed, Jr./42nd C.T.N./ Squadron B/Maryville, Tenn.

Pvt. James Richard Smith/A.T. Company, 263rd Inf./APC 454/66th Division/Camp Blanding, Florida.

Guy Stalnaker, Jr./Na. Av Cadet V 5, USNR/ U.S.N. P.F.S., University of Virginia/Charlottesville, Va./Mallet 209

Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood O-156954/ Chemical Section, Div. Hdqs./APO 257/ In care of Postmaster/Los Angeles, Calif.

Sgt. Fred W. Wells/22nd Academic Sqdn./ Rowe Hotel, Room 506/Grand Rapids, Mich.

Pvt. W. E. Wheeler/Co. D, 375th Med. Bn./APO 451/Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

April 6 to April 13

Sgt. Jim Woofter, here on furlough from Langley Field, says there is much in the army to make one forget the war. At his base it is politics. The Sea Search squadron to which he is attached controls the officers' club and has what appears to be a headlock on the n-c o club. Some sergeants in charge of the latter have refused commissions as captains because the promotion would be less profitable... Recently in a Richmond restaurant a captain of engineers stopped Jim and two friends and asked to borrow a pencil. He said he was Sinclair Lewis, "The author?" Jim asked. "Yes," and Main Street he thinks his best book. "The next day when I happened to hear Sinclair Lewis broadcast from California," Jim said, "I realized how badly taken in we were." James is an aficionado of Thomas Wolfe... Taking part in desert manoeuvres in California are Lt. Col. Underwood, Taylor Keith, Leo West, and Nelson Wells. Early in May Mrs. Underwood expects to go to California to join her husband... The officers and men of the 386th Bomber Squadron have purchased a stone to be placed on the grave of Lt.

Elmer Cawthon who is buried three miles north of Lockney...Bob Shreve is in a hospital in India recovering from an attack of malaria...S. Sgt. Leroy Davis here on furlough from MacDill Field where he is attached to Intelligence Service. Says he likes the air force so well he refused appointment to Infantry OCS...Mick Stalnaker has returned to Glenville. On April 1 he was pardoned after serving ten years in Ohio State Penitentiary...Mrs. Hoop Woodyard is employed by the American Hammered Piston Ring Co. in Baltimore. Hoop expects to join her there the last of April. His father will go to the home of his daughter Nettie, near Fairmont. Tom and Mamie Wilson have gone to Elyria, Ohio to work...Fred Wells is expected in the village soon from his station at Grand Rapids...The Robert Haumans, the Landus Rhoades, and the John Martins (Mrs. M. was Marguerite Moss) are expecting threesomes...Olen Berry has been in North Africa for a few months...Rolla Burks's home at Sand Fork burned completely. A considerable quantity of canned food and all furnishings were destroyed...That long-remembered Hunter Whiting recalls a story current twenty years ago: A Gilmer County farmer who owned a stalwart Jersey bull took him to a Clarksburg fair to show him. After stabling the bull, the farmer went to the Waldo Hotel to get a room. When a clerk told him the rate would be \$2.50, the farmer said, "Gee whiz! Two dollars and a half! I'll go and sleep with the Jersey bull."...Former H.M. Editor Casey Jones here on leave recently after manoeuvring with the 3rd Army, enthusiastic about his work, looking hale, and saying he eats like a horse...Clark Wolfe underwent an operation for hernia in a New Jersey army hospital. It will likely be two months before he returns to duty...Virgil Ware, so his brother Victor tells us, is now director of DuPont's ammonia-making plants throughout the United States. He received a doctorate in metallurgical engineering at M.I.T. about 1930. Victor, who lives at Charleston, is a field representative for the OPA. Their father, a Southern Methodist minister, was stationed here some twenty years ago...At the Nashville Army Air Base Sam Craddock frequently sees Lts. Tom Zinn of Burnsville and Harold Scott. Zinn, a U. of Kentucky football man, did not complete pilot training and soon is to be transferred to infantry...Doc Smith is chuck full of farm talk about his gray team, his heifer soon to calf, his pigs, etc. Mary K. predicts he will tire of it in a year and her mother will then take over the management...Bert Flening, an infantry private in the other war, says he would like to be in mountaneous service in this one. When we asked what he meant, he said, "I could fly over the enemy and hull out some bombs on them and then swoop down like a buzzard and fight 'em on the ground."...

#### April 13 to April 20

The Bob Shreves have a son, Robert Dayton, Jr., born April 13 at a Spencer hospital...Garland Brannon has left the full-time employment of the Thompson Drug Co. and is working at the Hays City pumping station. His wife is managing the store...An assignment for his newspaper, the Toronto Star, recently took Ed Rohrbough to Fort Knox to cover the training of Canadians there...Trainloads of German and Italian prisoners allegedly

are passing west through Clarksburg...The Ace Morrisons are now living at Hudson Gardens, 2728 Henry Hudson Parkway, Riverdale, N. Y. It's about 230th Street we think...The Grill, for years supplier of drinking water and toilet-room facilities for the movie next door and for a year provided a waiting room for B & O passengers, is now the ticket agency for the B & O...At a college assembly Carey Woofster supervised a program of ballad singing to the accompaniment of three violins and a mandolin and read a paper Calvin Price had written on "Planting in the Moon." Carey collected in this section the words and music of the ballads...Charlie King says that Papa Dow and Uncle Dobe are wanting to return to their native heath but Glenn Martin has them frozen in Baltimore...The Democrat is having its windows washed, even those of the composing room. Cleaner C. King, taking a leaf from the late T. M. Marshall's book on house painting, began his operations at the bottom and worked upward...Pud Luzader is now driving a school bus here...If Tate Hyer ever gets out of control, we're going to threaten him with expulsion from the National Rifle Association...The H.M. hopes to send a crack reporter to cover the Harley Hinkle vs. Ken Wright trial in justice's court on Saturday. Harley is seeking judgment for \$150, charging that Wright unlawfully killed one of his fox hounds. We hear that the assessed value of the dog was about \$175. Tally Wright has been summoned by the plaintiff as an expert on the evaluation of dogs...The court has not yet given its decision in the Town vs. Tavern case...The Old Farmer's Almanac said, "You'll be more comfortable indoors," and it was right. The days of the 13th to 15th were ones of blustery snow squalls and intermittent sunshine. The temperature dropped one night to 24...Funeral services were held Sunday for Henry Rohrbough, 46, a brother of Nate. On Friday morning Henry had gone to a barn on his father's farm to feed cattle and while there was stricken by a heart attack. Thinking he should have returned home and he had not, his brother Ervin went to look for him and found him only a few minutes before he died...Reunioning in the village: 1st Sgt. Buckeye Jamison, S. Sgt. Leroy e Davis, and Sgts. Jim Woofster and Durgan Wright. Also here Lt. Johnson Burke, who has charge of a motor pool, and Mess Sgt. Alan Boggs...Skee Lorentz is now a guard at the Crucible Steel Co's. Midland, Pa., plant. Paul Kidd did not go with him as planned, but Pete Garrett did...After undergoing a month of waiting and tests at Nashville Army Air Base, Sam Craddock passed the physical and mental qualifying tests for pilot training only to be rejected because he had failed Naval navigation and radio classes a year ago. It is likely he will be returned to MacDill...Renzie (Red) Luzader of Dusk Camp came to town Saturday and celebrated to such capacity that he fell and pushed his head through an upstairs window at Gertie Lohan's hotel. A vein near his windpipe was severed and his forehead cut. He walked to the street entrance to Doc Smith's office building where he passed out. Spectators quickly gathered and some said he was dead and others that he was dying. The profuse bleeding was soon checked and he was able to go back to the hotel...Nineteen of the 70 who went to Clarksburg for induction on the 17th were rejected...Married: Elizabeth Mockler of Mannington to Dr. Kyle Bush...

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2ND LIEUT. LOREN MCCARTNEY, APO 922, April 13: "This is to inform you of my change in rank and station, both coming simultaneously. Wherever I go I find an ever-changing situation to arouse and hold my interest. I will not at this time attempt to describe anything about the country, either animal, mineral, vegetable, or feminine. I very often think of the opening sentence of one of Mr. Post's publications on climatology. I quote: 'Man is a product of his environment.' So let it be with West Virginia...I shall keep Lt. Cawthon's request in mind. I refer to it as a request rather than an order now, and should I reach that land in question, I shall be glad to write a thesis of some kind about it--after some research of course." (Editor's note: The request was about the women of Bali...A U.P. article says that Buck is one of 387 graduated from the first U. S. Army OCS in Australia. The class began with 477 candidates... Congratulations, Buck...He is in the quartermaster corps.)

CPL. KARL DANLEY, Somewhere in Australia, April 5: "I am wondering how things are in the old home town. The mail is rather slow and I haven't received a copy of the H.M. since I left the States. In fact, I haven't received any mail from home yet...The trip over was swell. There wasn't much work to do on the boat; so our time was our own. Most of it was spent in poker and blackjack. I lost 75 cents on the whole trip. There was also a slight initiation when we crossed the equator. It consisted of a bath in a mixture of tar and grease. This was followed by a ducking...It must be time to go fishing, and I wish I were there to go. You will have to catch my share...Liquor is very hard to get, and there is a limited supply of beer. However, we get along. There are lots of dances and plenty of girls. It's hard to get one out without the whole family going but it can be done. The food is fairly good and cheap. Good salads and coffee are difficult to find."

ROBERT J. BUTCHER, S2c, Fleet Post Office, New York, April 13: "That guy (Clair Boso) from Concord was right when he said Glenville was their bitterest enemy. I will never forget the show Nate carried on single handed against 600 in their gym. We lost that year (1940) by a small margin. Nate always has one up his sleeve. That night it was timer trouble. We were behind one point with 2½ minutes to go. Forest White was on the timer's bench, and Nate suddenly wondered who was official timer. The debate that followed lasted several minutes and ended with White taking over the 'big clock.' Also with Nate's team getting a good rest. But fate was against us and we lost...The following year at Concord the crowd was all cocked and primed for Nate and us, mostly Nate. For some strange reason he decided I should keep time. The illustrious as well as romantic Jake Miller was to referee. I found myself paired off with an old man on whom Father Time had left several nicks. As the game grew in intensity and ferocity, so did Nate, so did the crowd, and so did we timers. Every time our good coach

stood up, the crowd tried to boo him down. Every time the referee asked the time, my report (I was official timer) was one minute more than the old man's. The clock had been slightly miss-set but not enough for argument. But I feared disaster. I had Nate and the boys on one side telling me to stand up for my rights and fair play, and 500 screaming demons on the other ready to tear me apart if they lost. They won; hence this letter...Anyhow, thanks for your paper. This bit of nonsense all grew out of one paragraph which contained news from a service man who hails from the tenacious but friendly and hospitable college at Concord... Watch Tate Hyer and his northwest directions."

LIEUT. JOHN HAMILTON, In Australia, April 17: "I read the H.M. eagerly and and reminisce about the Bloody Bucket and wonder whether it has not been a public sore since the day of its origin. The flowered account in the H.M. of the court proceeding must certainly enlighten the day of each reader, adding amusement and, with the second reading, turning it to high glee - much to the disgust of the unenlightened officers present in my case...The H.M. is as great a morale builder to the local boy in the armed forces as the sinking of an enemy troopship. I request that you keep me a member of your family."

ROBERT M. WHITING, O, Aerog.M., USN, F. A. B. Iceland, April 23: "It seems that this is the right spot for the rest cure I have been looking forward to for so long. I can see no reason I shall not learn to like it very well here. I certainly shall not have to put in the long hours of work that have been required of me the past two years. My present station exceeds all my expectations, both as to living comforts and duty requirements. Recently I have read Stefanson's Iceland and believe it to be an accurate and reliable publication. If course, changes have been made since it was written...I reluctantly affirm your statement that my picture did appear in the December issue of Flying. My accomplice in the picture is also a former G.S.T.C. grad, Arthur Wolfe of Grafton, who after having been schooled in the delicate science of meteorology in the best traditions of the Navy, and with due regard to his scholastic standing in the aforementioned college, did apply for and receive the commission of Ensign. I believe that he is now stationed at the NAS, Quonset Point, R. I., as assistant gunnery officer. Perhaps he and Nate may be able to cross swords sometime...We have purchased a house at 1347 Queen Street, N.E., Washington."

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KILLED IN ACTION Capt. Kenneth D. Boggs, A.A.F., in the North African Theater of Operations. Kenneth, whose home was near Sutton and who went to college here, some two months ago was reported missing. On April 13 his family received notice that he had been killed. He married a Detroit girl at Niagara Falls and honeymooned in Canada. She lives in New York.

DIED suddenly of angina pectoris Goff Summers, father-in-law of former editor

Casey Jones. He suffered an attack on the evening of April 23 and on the next day felt able to drive to Weston on business. In the afternoon he was stricken again and died at 4:20.

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The H.M. thanks Catherine Wilson Gorman and H. L. White for \$1 bales of hay.

We should like letters from Olen Berry, Shirley Campbell, Nelson Wells, Bob Beall, and Richard Smith.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
April 20 to April 27

Doctor Professor Hunter Whiting, who spent the Easter holidays in New York, denies these allegations of our correspondent in the Big City: That he stood in line before the Paramount Theatre with 75000 young jitterbug fanatics from 4:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. waiting for the doors to open to Harry James and his trumpet; that with a packed lunch he stayed through five shows, swaying and jittering; that he did borrow and wear his Nephew Richard's zoot pants and pork-pie hat to hear Mr. James' triple-tonguing... Anyhow, we congratulate the Professor on his introduction of a pretty, young lyceum number at the college. He began, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is my first chance to appear before the public this year and I am going to make the most of it."...Service men here for Easter include Sgt. Beecher Reed, Sgt. Earl Wolfe, and Pfc. Denver Thompson. Denver is seeking a transfer to another base in North Carolina...A Hereford heifer belonging to Coast Guardsman Orville Marks, Jr., was sold at a Weston sale for \$480. A Hereford bull brought \$2525...Upper Main Street was at its bedroom windows the other midnight when Fred Whiting's Jersey bull chewed his tether in two and went acourting. With clubs Fred and Lloyd Wolfe drove him backward in stiff-legged jumps to his stable...The Hinkle-Wright dog case did not come to trial, allegedly because taxes were not paid on the dog...Corporal-technician Red Gerstner here for two days after a period in Ohio, Louisiana, and North Carolina. Red, who is with the service of supply, has lost 25 pounds but still is big... Among the 60 inductees who will leave here on the 15th for examination are Ruchard Whiting and Jack Rader. Richard was in 2C but asked for transfer to 1A... Pvt. Barney Jamison here on a 7-day furlough from Fort Hamilton, N.Y., where he is with a transportation outfit...Russell Hugh McQuain has returned to Great Lakes. Whether he will be sent elsewhere for training as a soundman he doesn't know. Says musicians are supposed to have better ears for listening...A petition is being circulated among county residents requesting the State Conservation Commission to reopen the Little Kanawha to non-game fishing from May 1 to June 26. The Commission has closed the river about the mouth of Tanner's Creek. We don't know what is behind it all other than some kind of politics, but T. D. Gray, commissioner, has resigned to be replaced by a Pineville newspaper editor. The governor no longer appoints the commissioner but he does appoint the commission which does the naming...Tippy Rader says muskies are getting so numerous they are destroying the other fish...Gink Summers and John Harper have passed tests for

Army aviation cadets...Capt. Fred Goff, with his wife and three children, here for a few hours. He has been transferred from Knox to Fort Riley...

April 27 to May 4

Commodore (Lt.) Nate Rohrbough left here on the 30th for Corpus Christi where he will be stationed. He does not know yet what duty he will have. The Commodore's jaws looked a little lean despite the mixture of Picnic Twist and Beechnut he was cutting and enjoying for the first time in two months. Indoctrination school at Quonset Point is tough, he says, and he lost about ten pounds. Phyllis and John will join him the last of this month...Erle Arbuckle has left the employment of the Federal Land Bank and is farming here...Nick Goff expected to be discharged from the army on May 1. He will return to his former employers, a Tennessee drug firm...Mrs. Bob Hauman, who has been visiting here, has returned to Texas. Bob expects shortly to be released from the Temple hospital although his condition is but little improved...Ensign Jim Hatfield here from Chapel Hill for the funeral of his mother-in-law. Jim, Jr., is an honorary officer, he says...Engaged; Fritzie White of Bridgeport to Miles (Bud) Beall of Clarksburg. Bud, Roy's son, is a Naval aviation cadet...To buy liquor West Virginians now have to present their voting registration cards and sign purchase slips with their names and the number of the cards. No provision is made, so far as we can learn, for out-of-staters...The brightest spot on Main Street is Mrs. R. W. Bennett's beds of cowslips and tulips...Bert Fleming and Tate Hyer have invited us to a Mountain red-meat dinner of black snake, snapper, turtle, groundhog, muskrat, quail and squirrel for the weak-stomached, and crow. Bert has been eating some gorges of groundhog which Tate and Newton Cooper have been killing...Leona Davis is employed by the Vultee Aircraft Corporation at Nashville...Gilmer County has over-subscribed its war bond quota by more than \$10,000... Representative and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough spent Easter here. Mr. Rohrbough was collecting information about cattle sales. Saying that he has been receiving many petitions from dry groups, he asked a Presbyterian Sunday school class its opinion of prohibition...Ed Rohrbough has been sent by the Toronto Star on an assignment in the Southwest and Mexico. His wife and son flew with him to Huston...To guard President Roosevelt's special train as it passed through West Virginia enroute to Washington, 3200 troops of the 331st Infantry were sent into the state. Station platforms were cleared, tunnels and bridge patrolled, and crossings guarded...The Clarence Posts are trying to sell their house here and expect to buy property in Clarksburg...Fred Wells, home on a 14-day furlough, says one does not lose weight sitting at a desk...Buntin Chapman getting fat on rationing...We won a two-bit bet from Wib Beall on where Shangri-La was-- the result of reading a good military correspondent...Myrtle Boggs has been added to the clerical staff of the rationing board...The local Pittsburgh and West Virginia pumping station will likely be shut down for a few months while new and smaller Clark engines are installed to replace the worn out Bates ones...Lt. Hazel Maxwell, ANC, on her way back to Florida...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

CAPT. FRED H. GOFF, 539th A.I. Bn., Fort Riley, May 7: "I have been assigned to this outfit, and today we started to receive some new recruits. One arrived with a guitar, and a sergeant asked him what he had. 'A gee tar! Can't you see nothin', he answered. Yes, they put him down as a hill billy. Some one said, 'Sergeant, you had better look out, for the captain is from the hills of West Virginia too.'...This is a cavalry post, and unless you are a horse lover you are taboo. May be I should tell them about the mule I used to have back in Gilmer County, one my father took in on a store bill. We would have Karl Holt ride the mule and then we would shoot at both Karl and the mule with roman candles. I will never forget the day one ball of fire landed underneath the saddle and we had to stop the foolishness after that. Anyhow, my father traded the mule for some ginseng or something else as important...I haven't seen Joe Louis or Gene Tierney or any of the other notables who are supposed to be here but I have seen enough of Kansas. I still like that song 'Take Me Back to West Virginia.'...Thank goodness, my brother Nick is out of the army, but I believe he is going back to Tennessee instead of West Virginia. May be he isn't very smart anyhow."

ENSIGN MADISON WHITING, Harvard University, May 11: "There has been something that has puzzled me since I first came to Boston: the absence of a decent newspaper here. One would think that in the center of learning and the home of America's first newspaper one could find at least one sheet worth reading. Of course there is the Monitor, but outside of the Post, which is nothing more than heads and leads, the others are filled with columns and feature writings. Fortunately I am able to get the Tribune each morning. My guess is that the reading public is composed mainly of a laboring populace predominantly Irish who really like what they are given. And the number of pro-Catholic stories and features is surprising until one begins to meet people from here; then one learns that about two of each three are Catholic...Another disappointment besides the newspapers is my inability to get a ticket to the Pops concerts. I can make them on Saturday nights only, and even though I have tried to get tickets ten days ahead, I have had no success. I want to see B and B circus which is to show here next week...The Cardinals are playing here this week but I am in class each day until 5 p.m.; so I shall not have an opportunity to see them play...I have six more weeks here and the last four of them I'll get to live out in town. Interviews to determine our assignments begin next week. I was told some time ago that I have a good chance of getting back on a battleship, but you can't tell about the Navy...School is becoming monotonous, the same grind of studying each night for tests the next day. The only break in it comes when one of the WAVES visits in a class...From the cold and rainy weather it is easy to understand the outlook of most New Englanders."

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The H.M. thanks Edna S. White for 50 cents and Anonymous, Phyllis Rohrbough, and Russell McQuain for \$1 each.

We should like letters from Stanley D'Orazio, Robert Fidler, Thomas Hendrick, Frank Martino, and Damon West. As far as possible without an intricate system of book-keeping we try to ask everyone in turn for letters, but please feel free to write the H.M. whenever the spirit moves you, whether you are asked for a letter or not.

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## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

May 4 to May 10

Weather-observing Sgt. Fred Wells, who spent a 14-day furlough here, says that on a night not long ago Flat Top Mountain near Beckley had the coldest temperature in the United States, 11 degrees above. A North Dakota town recently had six 40-degree temperature in one day, the thermometer ranging from about 10 to 50 each change. Fred says the Army is somewhat skeptical about Coast Guard weather reports. He would like a bull-session on weather with Aerologist Bob Whiting...A week of warm rains and high temperatures following cold March-like winds brought trees in leaf almost overnight and made meadows lush. Sub-zero March nights killed much fruits and forsythia and lilac blossoms, but chickweed is super special de luxe... Farmer's Wib Beall and Tate Hyer are feuding: Tate hopes to harvest as much as Wib with one-third the amount of work. Wib has given the clods in his garden odd and even numbers and busts them on alternate days...Since the assessor has begun his county rounds, upper Main Street is deluged with stray dogs looking for food and masters...Business notes: Despite shortages of merchandise and restricted travel a roadhouse proprietor told us his dollar volume was greater last year than ever although his profits were less than in some years.. Those filling stations that are open probably have as much or more business than before, while 1942 was the best year for several Glenville merchants...By its latest report the Gilmer County Chapter of the Red Cross had raised only \$2700 of its \$3200 quota...No more will beer flow at the Bucket. Judge Jake Fisher has perpetually enjoined Del Brannon, proprietor, from selling beer on the premises, ruled that beer of 5 per cent alcoholic content is in fact intoxicating, and that "It is violative of the inhibition of the State constitution to permit consumption of it at the licensed beer parlor in question." It is reported that Del will appeal the decision. And it is rumored that he may open another beer shop in the Fisher-Griffith building across the river at the left side of the new bridge...Tate Hyer has been appointed to the Rationing Board and will serve as a member of the Food and General Commodities Panel. Myrtle Boggs has been added to the clerical force...Jack Keith has for several weeks been employed in the legal department of Firestone at Akron. Also working in an Akron rubber plant is John V. Smith...Ivan H. Bush is working at Ravenna, Ohio...Jean McGee is now with the cryptography department of the FBI. In the evenings she has a French class, and soon expects to study German...A ruling

by the State Supreme Court ordered the Lewis County Board to reinstate Marion G. Rogers as superintendent of schools... Carr Peterson plans to move his radio shop to the Birdie Reynolds house on Lewis Street which Carr recently purchased. As for Birdie, he's still birdie...Pfc. Fred Brannon home on furlough from Camp MacKall, N.C., to which he was recently moved. Fred has made two more jumps since he was here in January, for a total of eight...Okey Horner, Bob McGee, Harlan Hauman, and Esta Berkhouse in a hot game of pool. At another table it was Tom Cooper vs. Harley Satterfield... Paul Marlowe, 37, died at a Cincinnati hospital on May 3. Fourteen years ago he married Madeleine Cain who, with a son, Bobby Bill, survives him...

#### May 11 to May 18

Twenty-eight of the 49 inductees who were examined by the Clarksburg induction board on the 15th were accepted for military service. Jack Rader did not pass, and Tony George, who in a scrap the day before received a finger-jab in one eye, was rejected temporarily. Tony laments the fact that he now will have to take his high school examinations from which he thought he would be excused. Harry Decker, Jr., and Eugene Barrett were put on the reserve list to be called later for some kind of aviation training...Early Singleton and his monkey out for a Sunday afternoon stroll...Sam Craddock was transferred from Nashville to his old bomber squadron at Lakeland and four days later was sent with to Fort Knox for manoeuvres. At Lakeland he saw Sgt. Bob Beall who, while his squadron is awaiting planes, is playing golf and serving as a swimming instructor...George McQuain in town overnight and catching up on village gossip...The Roy Whitings here for a week to move their furniture to Baltimore. Roy says he works about eighty hours a week and has a night class in electrical engineering at Hopkins...Cpl. Kenneth Skinner, former A & P store employee, here on furlough before entering anti-aircraft OCS. Says he has qualified as a radio and radar operator on bomber training planes at Miami...H. Whiting says the pig-eyed boy and others he sees on the Rialto on Saturdays must have stepped from the pages of Shakespeare, for he doesn't know from where else they could have come...We saw a young bedraggled couple, she about 18 and he 20, pause before the Grill for her to light a cigarette in the rain. He carried gingerly a carefully wrapped bundle which we took to be a baby...The Town by some circumlocution has purchased the Marsh garage on Court Street for \$3000 and is ready to begin making repairs not long ago estimated to cost \$700...Skee Lorentz in from Midland, Penna., for the week-end, looking almost slender after losing 27 pounds. Says the guard squad is drilled by the Army but its members get time-and-a-half pay for it. With him here was Pete Garrett...Orville Wheeler of the College reported for OCS but was sent back for sixty days to allow his recently broken ankle to heal further...With house-cleaning and paper-hanging time here, the village misses Idy Miller who is employed somewhere in a war plant...1st Lt. Bob Hauman will leave here tomorrow for Lubbock, Texas, after spending four days in the village. His leg has improved enough

for him to return to flight duties. Bob says the new classes Lubbock receives for advanced twin-engine training can fly but they can't use their heads. Nor do they have the interest in flying that classes of a year or so ago did, many of them acting as if the instructor should thank them for having the pleasure of trying to teach flying to them. Bob took his wife up for a spin once and after considerable persuasion she consented to Bob's doing a wing snap which she enjoyed...Marine Master Sergeant Woodford Moore of Sand Fork is spending a 30-day furlough here before returning to San Diego. A Marine for six years, he has been on duty in the South Pacific and was in the second plane to land on Guadalcanal, a Douglas transport, of which he was crew chief. Later they flew out the wounded. He was assigned after a while to checking out planes that had been repaired...La guerre as she is fought, according to a New Yorker story: "A busy young major of the Army Service Forces put aside his paper work in Washington long enough to journey to a Canadian city, where he had been invited to address the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Shortly after his return his associates noticed that he was wearing over his heart a new ribbon, for foreign service"... Stanley Jeranko is attending an advanced Naval Intelligence school in New York. His wife will join him there in June for a few days...Bobby Whiting won the high jump (5 feet) and the mile (4:57) at the Morgantown sectional track meet. At the state meet in Charleston he placed fourth in the high jump and fifth in the mile. Charleston won the meet, one of its men setting new state discus and hammer records...Lt. Bob Hauman draped over the fire plug in the Main Square and being quizzed by, reading from left to right as they sat in the middle of the sidewalk facing him. Bobby Whiting, Jack Luzader, Harry Pritt, and Richard Whiting...It may be an early June wedding for Lilla Mae Gladwell and Lt. Stanley D'Orazio...Nate Rohrbough has been assigned as executive officer of the 5th Cadet Battalion at the main Corpus Christi naval air base. His duty will be that of maintaining discipline. He says his quarters are so close the sea he can spit into it (but that could be anything up to thirty yards for an old Picnic Twist chewer). He thinks he will have use for his golf clubs and fishing tackle...After a 22,000-mile trip to Britain and North Africa, Hanson Baldwin of the Times says of our campaign in Tunisia: There are pride and amazement at the problems solved, the difficulties overcome, the technical, production, and supply miracles achieved; glowing pride over the instances of raw courage and the devoted loyalty shown by so many individuals. There is disappointment about our past combat operations and our present state of preparations for the trials to come. Americans as a people and as soldiers need far more discipline and far more toughness. Officers told him, "American ground forces are not yet in the same league with the Germans." Our greatest problem is leadership, especially junior officers both in the Army and Navy. Our soldiers are prolifically supplied with the best equipment in the world, sometimes over-supplied.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. (J. G.) CLIFFORD CLEM, 1720 Commercial Street, East Weymouth, Mass., May 14: "I have been at the Naval Ammunition Depot here at Hingham for about ten weeks as instructor in ordnance and assistant morale officer and assistant editor of the depot newspaper which was begun about eight weeks ago."

PVT. OLEN E. BERRY, Casual Detachment, APO 3461, Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y., May 8: "Note the return address and that I am now in North Africa. I have been in this country for some time but have failed to let any of the fellows in the service or your news-letter know anything about it. I have received the H.M. quite regularly, but I am still a few copies behind. You don't know how much the little news items help pass the time that we may have to spare. Keep them coming...I was sent over here in a casual detachment, or in simple words: as a replacement. I am unassigned as yet, but that means one more Yank did not need a replacement. However, I have been doing my share to help...I hope to meet Lt. Tiny Moore over here sometime. I am attached at General Depot No. 1. Lieutenant, look me up if you can."

LT. A. F. ROHRBOUGH, 5th Battalion, A.C.R./U.S.N.A.S./Corpus Christi, Texas/ May 18: "I am executive officer of the 5th Battalion of the Cadet Regiment. I handle the discipline of the cadets, transfer them to outlying fields, and take care of their welfare in general. You know they have to weep on someone's shoulder."

PFC. LESLIE ORAL CUNNINGHAM, 797th T.S.S., Barracks 408/Seymour Johnson Field North Carolina/May 23: "This camp does not have the accommodations that Kessler had. We don't start school for about six weeks. In the meantime, mostly K.P... I ran into Denver Thompson here."

PFC. ALBERT J. WOOFER, England, May 21: "The other day I came back from a short leave and what did I find on my bunk but three copies of the Horse's Mouth. You can take it from me, they are always welcome. I began reading one copy and I came upon some amusing stories in the Heard on the Rialto department. The laughter which they produced caused some of the boys in the barracks to come over and politely smell my breath. Incidentally, they think the H.M. is a good idea...I suppose most folk back home are interested in knowing what the British think of us, not so much as soldiers, but as people. The other day I was walking outside a cathedral when a minister, Irish by birth but reared in this country, walked up and asked what I thought of England. I told him it is all right, pretty good, and this and that. Then I asked him what he thought of the Yanks. He said, 'I think you are friendly, generous, and hospitable.' Then he told me about visiting one of our camps recently to preach a sermon. The soldiers listened very attentively and then they insisted that he eat supper with them. He did, and 'What a meal it was,' he said. 'I got my bicycle and started to go home, but no, they wouldn't hear to such a thing. They loaded my bicycle and me into

a jeep, and away we went, laughing and talking all the way home.'...He said the thing he admires most in the Americans is their ability to open a conversation with anyone, anywhere. That is almost an impossibility with an Englishman...I told him that it did not put any strain on me to start a conversation over here because I know that the people I see really want to talk but they just don't know how to get started...I saw a WAAC officer in London the other day, the first one I have seen. She returned my salute better than some colonels. Furthermore, she gave me a big smile, and that doesn't always happen when one salutes a colonel...Thanks a lot for all the H.M.'s; also for the little notes which make them seem like a letter from home. Good luck."

PVT. ROLAND BUTCHER, Co. C, 17th Bn./Camp Wheeler, Ga., May 26: "My experiences in the army here have been no different from those of any other infantryman. I have carried the full field pack everywhere I went except to the mess hall, and have double-timed and seen a good deal of Georgia, but all on foot. We have had thirteen weeks of intensive training... I am now serving in the cadre. In the mornings I teach three hours and have a language class whose members are composed of every known nationality except beligerant Germans and Japs. I am not going to be surprised to see some of them some morning. Of afternoons I drill and lecture soldiers. I like it here. We have plenty to eat and drink, if you want it. All you have to be careful of are the M. P.'s."

A.C.S. WILLIAM O. WHITSELL, Room 413, West Dormitory/ Davidson College, Davidson N. C., May 25: "Sammy Williams and I are kept very busy with fifteen hours of physics a week, besides five hours of math, and five of geography. These courses, combined with our physical training and drill, really fill up our day...Give all of my friends my sincerest regards and tell them there isn't a place in the world that can hold an even chance with Glenville for friendliness...We probably will be here until the last of August. I'd like to be at Glenville graduating with my class, but I guess I'm not the only one thinking of that."

LT. (J.G.) KENTON C. BERRY, Class O-8-C/West Coast Sound School/San Diego, Calif., May 26: "There is a striking difference between old Boston and almost equally old San Diego, but they are both good towns once one gets acquainted...I'm to be here for several weeks if I continue under my present orders. I have been looking forward to getting a good sun tan, but we are being kept in our classrooms most of the daylight hours...I have seen Russell Hugh McQuain twice and have talked with him. He sends his regards...Give my regards to the people of Glenville and to your other readers."

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The H.M. thanks Mrs. Blaine Wilson and Paul Floyd of Fitchburg, Mass., for gifts of \$1. each.

We should like letters from Woodrow Boyd, Leroy Davis, Bill Moore, Sherriff

Smith, and Raymond Freed. Please let us know at once of changes in address. We have had to stop mailing to some men because we knew they had moved and we did not have new addresses.

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SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN ACTION Warren C. (Cob) Williams in North Africa on May 2. The H. M. has been unable to learn Williams' rating or service. He is a son of Scott Williams of Tanner.

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#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO May 18 to May 25

Warm weather has brought the village to its seasonal best. Foliage is almost subtropically dense, and from the lush growth along the river bull frogs and quail have begun to break the evening stillness with their calls. Nights are warm enough for sleeping raw. Over Tom Collinses one night on a veranda Bob Hauman and Sam Craddock were remarking about what appeals to them here. With Bob it's the river, the clock, and the quietness...Sam, after spending three days of a ten-day furlough here, was ordered back to Knox. The B-26 squadron to which he is assigned as an armorer has turned in their khaki for OD's and are packing... A county soldier recently wrote home after his arrival overseas: "I am in the land where Christ was born. I wish to Christ I was in the land where I was born." On the margin a censor had written, "Too good to cut out."...H.M. Editor Mabel Wolfe has passed the preliminary physical examination for the WAVES and will go tomorrow to Charleston for final physical and mental tests. For ten years she has been secretary to the school board...WAVE Mavis Dye, a former resident who was trained at Stillwater, Okla., is a secretary in the office of Frank Knox...The Robert Mollohans of Pruntytown have a son born May 14...We have just made inquiry about the deteriorating liquor situation in the state, and we think if we had a still and owned a holler to put it in, one with a good brook to cool the coil, and had something to use for sugar, we'd establish editorial offices there. It seems that Ben Burke and Tom Walker, the two biggest sellers to the state, refuse to sell anymore. Rumor gives the reason as trouble with a commissioner. Remaining distributors have cut their quota to 60 per cent. Legislative ruling prevented the commission from carrying more than a 60-day stock, and it was unable to buy far ahead when a shortage became imminent. Purchases are now limited to one bottle of anything a week, on presentation of War Ration Book 2. State stores are to be closed from July 10 to Aug. 2, during a part of which time registration for a liquor ration book will take place. Because the Legislature has provided no funds for that expense, each book will cost 25 cents. Registrars will get 60 cents an hour for their time. Charleston rumors say that Supt. Trent will declare soon that any teacher who has a liquor ration book will be discharged...Only recently did we learn that Nina Satterfield has been employed since December by the county Selective Service Board...Beginning June 1 Mrs. Linn Hickman will be employed in the local office of the water company, replacing Mrs. Fred Wiant, resigned...Lt. Red Davies is now director of physical training at the Dayton Signal Corps Depot...E. R. Grose, a wheelhorse

at the College for thirty years, teaches his last class there today. He is resigning his post to become a full-time farmer. He says he will retain his membership in the Farm Bureau, attending some of its meetings, and in the Appalachian Mountain Club. He would like to get to Wesleyan for some of the lyceum numbers, and if he can come back to Glenville he would rather come for homecoming than commencement because people have more time to talk then. If he can subscribe to but one periodical that will be the Soil Conservation Journal. Mrs. C. T. Whiting, with whom Mr. Grose has boarded for 28 years, says he is the same Mr. Grose now as he was the first day he came to her house...Recently Mr. Grose said to us: "I'll tell you Jack Reed has a pretty mule. It's beautiful! It's beautiful!" We hope to photograph it for Wm. Saroyan who might want to include it among his Beautiful People... C.W. Post is also resigning his place at the college and plans to buy a house in Clarksburg, keeping his farm at Bridgeport. He will sell his house here... Rumors that Wetzel Brannon is missing in the South Pacific are false, we learn on inquiry at the Tavern...Beginning June 10 and continuing for three months Glenville stores and business places will close on Thursday afternoons...Patty Jack is resigning her clerkship at the rationing board and will be employed by the Signal Corps at Arlington...Bobby Arnold, Bobby Hardman, Harvey Hupp, Chuck Adams, and Scott Withers were qualified as Star scouts by Russ McQuain, H.Y. Clark, and Doc. Withers, the examining board...

#### May 25 to June 2

A girl from a West Virginia city tells us that recently her telephone began to ring continually, and calling her were soldiers, sailors, and Marines, both white and black. Their proposals were not offers of marriage. Soon mail of which she knew nothing was forwarded to her. She checked up and learned that except for Miss and Mrs. her name is the same as that of a madam who had a mixed-color house. The madam had moved to a new address... Carlos Ratliff, a former Pioneer, has been commissioned a lieutenant (j.g.) and is awaiting call...Maurice Shock is now a 1st lieutenant and is stationed at Camp J.T. Robinson, Arkansas...Junior C. Ellyson of Linn has been commissioned a lieutenant in the CA (AA) after finishing the OCS at Camp Davis...Russ Hardman is now a staff sergeant at Fort Ord... Richard Whiting has been assigned to the field artillery and is at Camp Bowie, Texas...Ensign James Satterfield here on leave with his wife, has completed a course in diesel engineering and will report for duty at Charleston, S.C. Upon being serenaded the other night, he was unable to find candy or any other treat in town...Lt. Harold Gainer and Marine Pfc. Lynn Gainer are here...Phyllis Rohrbough and John, accompanied by Mrs. Casey Jones, left here by motor Sunday for Corpus Christi. Phyllis will join Nate at Corpus and Ella will go to Leesville, Pa., where Casey is stationed...The Gladwell-D'Orazio wedding will take place here at the Methodist Church Thursday at 4 o'clock. A sister-in-law to Stanley will be matron of honor and John Marra best man. The couple will live near Camp McCain.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SERGEANT GABRIEL CHABUT, Honolulu, May 25: "It's been about three months since I saw Hap Whiting but I feel reasonably sure he is around. As usual, he will probably pay me a surprise visit any day now. On his last visit we attended a senior league football game and completed the day by going to a show... Recently at the opening of a new Army recreational center I ran into a G.T.C. alumnus, Jason Meadows. He is a corporal in the Special Service Division...Isadore Nachman has probably told you about life in this area. I might add that snakes are non-existent here, cats have stubby short tails, and most modern homes are without chimneys. Coal costs \$56. a ton. Why buy it, for one can play outdoor tennis and swim at the beach the year round...All is going fine with me. Please express my best regards to the faculty and students."

PRIVATE RICHARD C. WHITING, Btry. R, 722nd. F.A., Camp Bowie, Texas, May 30: "I am now down here deep in the heart of Texas, but as yet I don't have a touch of it in my heart. This camp is situated 140 miles west of Fort Worth and 3 miles from Brownwood...I am in the field artillery. They say I am going to learn to fire one of those big long-range guns... I wonder whether Bob Hauman is close enough to fly to see me?...I thought these Southern states were something, but for me West Virginia is tops. I guess one doesn't realize that until he sees some of the others...Don't let my dear uncle wear out my zoot pants."

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT LEROY DAVIS Hdqs. 55th. Bober Operational Training Wing, MacDill Field, June 4: "I'm still at MacDill. My work is in the Intelligence Section of a training unit. To me it's one of the most interesting jobs one could have in the Army; however, that's not saying too much. Was recently promoted to technical sergeant, which leaves only one more rank to 'buck' for unless I go to OCS...I'm not in Palestine but quoting the Gilmer County soldier about this time to year 'I wish to Christ I was in the land where I was born.'"

ENSIGN W. P. JONES, Naval Training School, Fisher's Island, N. Y. June 8: "I am in the Harbor Defense School here, and it is quite interesting. I have spent a month at Dartmouth, two at Princeton, and shall probably be here for three...We go to class from 8 to 5, have liberty every other week-end; so that is not so bad."

PVT. THOMAS HENDRICK, New Orleans, June 4: "I am still doing business at the same old stand. The weather is warm enough already for mid-July, and the mosquitoes are large, hungry, and numerous. They come in formations like P-40's, with perfectly timed landings and take-offs. However, most of them are night-raiders; the sun is too hot for them in the day. This country is not fit habitation for anything but mosquitoes,

alligators, swamp rats and niggers...As far as I know none of my friends has passed through this camp since Sheriff Smith was here last fall, and I did not get to see him. Maybe some will come yet, and I hope I won't have to bat any of them over the head and throw them into the guardhouse...Bud Luzader and Nelson Garrett of Linn are still with me."

ENSIGN MADISON WHITING, Harvard University, June 8: "I believe I told you I would be here an extra month to specialize in one branch of communications. One nice thing is that I know what to expect as I made out the course of study...An irritated throat may put me in sick bay again. Think it's a combination of the weather, mustering the regiment, with a little singing in the church choir and heckling ball players thrown in...What are the fishing prospects at home? Hope to get some done if I get home the last of July."

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The H.M. thanks Kathryn Lee, who is spending the summer with her husband Lt. (j.g.) Marvin Lee at Columbia, Mo. and Kathleen Robertson for gifts of \$1. each.

We should like letters from Sexton Wright, Jim Woofter, Bill Wheeler, Col. Underwood, and Leo West.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
June 2 to June 9

H.M. editor Mabel Wolfe will resume operations on this sheet as soon as she returns from a holiday fling in Baltimore. The WAVES rejected her because of anterior malocclusion (tooth trouble)...Hail the new Lord Mayor of Glenville, Web Beall and his wife, the First Lady of the village! In a one-ticket, forty-one-vote election he was chosen mayor; Mrs. Cesa Johnson, recorder and R. McQuain, T. Hyer, O. Hardman, L. Hickman, and B. Nottingham, councilmen. The Public Improvement Ticket on which he ran forbids women to varnish toe nails and gardeners to drive tomato stakes more than one-half inch out of plumb in any direction. Meanwhile Cecil Davis and Oak Horner are readying the town's new government building on Court Street against the inauguration of Mayor Beall on July 1. The First Lady has just announced that the firm of Elder Wildeye and Okey Miller will supervise the decorating of the reception room and grand ballroom of the Mayor's Palace.... Madame Beall, by the way, was graduated cum laude at G.S.T.C. this week...There is nothing new about the method but the Hope Natural Gas Co. is storing gas in depleted wells of the Hurst field at the rate of 40 million feet a day. During the six month of the storing process rock pressure builds up from 30 to 250 lbs. Oil production in some wells nearby is more than doubled. The company pays about 12 cents per M. cu. ft. for the gas it buys. Near Stumptown it is drilling a deep well...Entrepreneurs Chuck Adams and George Schimmel contracting to mow lawns...Tate Hyer insists that Doc. Bartram gets his tremendous appetite by watching Mrs. Bartram state tomatoes. At least, she was in the garden where the stakes were...Dr.-Prof. Hunter Whiting call

bed out of bed at 3 a.m. to deliver a baby but he says the caller wanted to know only how to rouse Doc. Stalnaker. We nominate Doc. and B. W. Craddock as the champion snorers of Main Street... Fred Whiting has moved his garage from Bridge Street to the old planing mill recently occupied by J. J. Massey... Greenbrier County Artie Bryant and Nicholas Dick McClung (county agent) disputing the merits of their counties. Art scored a coup de grace by quoting an old Greenbrier resident who once said "I'd rather stand a stud horse in Greenbrier than be elected from Congress in Nicholas."...."Pin Hooking", so one of our agents tells us, has become the most profitable business in the country. Pin hookers are dealers in livestock who follow the auctions. Sometimes they work by agreement with the auctioneers or with one another, running stock "through the ring" (selling it) three or four times. By telling a farmer, who had brought two calves to an auction to sell, that the war is over and the bottom has dropped out of the market, one bought the calves at a ridiculously low price. Auctions in general, we hear, are bait for suckers.... young man in an insane asylum was called before the examining board of doctors. "If we release you, what would you like to do?" they asked. "I'd get a sling shot and break out all the damned windows in your building," he replied. Two years after they called him up again, asked the same question, and got the same reply. Three years more passed and the patient was called for examination. "What would you do if we let you out of here?" the docs. queried. "I'd get a woman", he said deliberately, while the encouraged doctors smiled to themselves, "and I'd rent a hotel room and I'd take the woman there. I'd take off her coat and dress, then I'd stretch her out on the bed. Then I'd strip her clothes off and rip her girdle in two and tear it into bits. Then I'd take the rubber out of it and make a sling shot and break all your damned windows!"..... Hanson W. Baldwin, writing of the Tunisian campaign, says we are too quick to issue medals, they are coming to mean less and less. The German 88 mm. gun is one of the fine weapons of the war, and their 75 mm. tapered bore anti-tank gun has a muzzle velocity of 4000 feet a second and can pierce 5.5 inches of armor at 500 yards, he says.... Stanley D'Orazio's stopped in a minute on the day of the wedding. Says the average age of the Corn Division of which is a member is 20 years. He's an assistant survey officer and since May a 1st. lieutenant. He and his bride will live at Winona, 12 miles from Camp McCain, Miss... Shoe-maker Tink Paugh, departing for a Cleveland war plant, says his roof leaked so badly that his nails rusted and he couldn't drive 'em... The downtown members of the Rationing Board standing in the main square the other midnight after a meeting and talking shop... Destry Craddock's marine glider squadron is awaiting formal dissolution and its personnel being assigned to the air wing and operating B-25. We hear the Army thinks the same of the glider as a combat weapon... Tiny Moore writes his family from N. Africa that he is very busy... College reservists who report for basic army training on the 17th are: Fitzpatrick, Stalnaker, Sheldon, The

Riggses, and J. B. Ellis.....

June 9 to June 15

We stopped to see a young bride a few minutes as she was on the verge of departing the village to visit her soldier husband. Hatted, perfumed, and fully clothed except for bare feet, she was standing in the middle of the room holding her skirt high and away from her legs while her liquid stockings dried... The Duane Gormans (Catherine Wilson) in West Virginia while he is on leave. They are shopping for small boats to make a young sailor sea-faring... Sam Craddock writes that at Fort Knox he saw Reynold Brooks who has been there ten months as a dental assistant. The Army will soon send him to dental school for three years... Lt. Cmdr. M. Young spending part of a 30-day leave here after several months in Greenland. Says the only skirmish he has seen was in September, 1941, when the cutter which he was aboard overhauled a Norwegian fishing boat loaded with Gestapo agents seeking to establish a listening post in northern waters.... Aviation metal-smith Jack Cain says he has been on aerial patrol in North Atlantic and South Pacific waters since the war began... Marine flier Bob Fidler, here for two days, is being transferred to Cherry Point, N.C. for additional fighter-pilot training. Says he applied for dive-bomber work but got fighter, which was what he wanted all the time and thought he couldn't get. He trained in Buffaloes (older Wildcats are now being used) and in his first dead-reckoning flight missed his destination 27 miles... Tech. Sgt. Jack Woodyard is here on his first furlough in 15 months. Weighing 235, Jack says he likes the army and is having the best time he has had in his life. Texans are tops and so are the variations of Texas climate. He's with the S.O.S. doing troop transport work and thinks he'll be riding the Louisiana rails most of the summer in connection with the 2nd and 3rd Army "battle" there in July... Other service men here for what is almost an old-home week are Denver Thompson, Guy Stalnaker who is being transferred to Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., the Frank Martinos, Earl R. Stalnaker, Billy Cain, Clark Wolfe, John Cooper, and Allan Boggs... Marjorie Davies is visiting her husband in Dayton for a few days... The John Shreves have a daughter, Anne Willard, born June 10.... Gemmie (Glen) Bennett recovering from his fall, says he has had five jobs offered him. One, by a Charleston hospital where he was a patient, is to make talks but Gemmie says that isn't his line of business... Ruddell Reed has resigned from the Rationing Board because of ill health. Mrs. Ina Hupp has been appointed office manager of it, and Erma Sprouse of Letter Gap is replacing Paytty Jack who will go to Washington or the WAVES... Sam Craddock has sailed from an East Coast P.O. ... Madylon Conrad will soon wed Bob Kidd in the chapel at Corpus Christi... Bombardier Harry Seigrest, Jr., will be commissioned a Texas OCS this week... 35 selectees leave here for examination soon... Knife-throwing has been added to the sports category of the marines and sailors at San Diego. Silhouette targets known as Tojo and Shicklegruber on which American proficiency in an item of jungle-fighting technique is demonstrated were devised by Captain J. F. Simmons, ABG-2 recreation and welfare officer.

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## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

ENSIGN JAMES E. SATTERFIELD, 16 Logan Street, Charleston, S.C., June 11: "It is hard to crowd 200,000 persons in a city built for 65,000 and expect everybody to be happy. Decent quarters are hard to find, but we have been lucky to find this apartment...I'm liking this duty better all the time. There isn't much we can do until the next crew in line moves out and leaves us some office space. There is surely a lot of paper work in getting a ship fitted out and ready for commissioning. These fleet tugs are nice ships that do about anything but talk. They are not my idea of what a tug is at all...Just now we are taking a sort of course in communications at district headquarters offices, with attack and some other schools to be thrown in later. You know--always seek to improve your mind. The Skipper has appointed me communications officer on the Alsea. It's very interesting work, but I'd rather be engineering officer...I have been swimming all winter, but three hours in the sun here gave me a nice set of blisters."

S. SGT. S. N. GLUCK, 811 Signal Port Service Co., APO 516, c/o P.M., New York, June 6: "The H.M. is still first on my list, and it surely has been a source of much pleasure to me. I know every service man from the old shire is very grateful for it...I have been in England for a year and have still to see here a man from Gilmer. I have checked the Red Cross registers all over England but still no soap...Just returned from an 8-day trip to Scotland and it is the best part of England. Saw Glasgow and Edinburgh which is very much like an American city and the most beautiful I have seen here. Then three days on Loch Lomond at a little inn where I had fresh eggs (a rarity over here) and white sheets on my bed and even American plumbing. The highlands and lochs are really worth seeing. Being a mountaineer, I prefer the hills and mountain country...My job deals with the communications phase of the Army and my telephone experience has been very helpful. We are busy but we don't complain if it will shorten our stay over here." (Another correspondent in England writes that he has never seen so many crows as there are there. After fields were planted, they were black with them.)

ROBERT M. WHITING, CAerM., F.A.B., Navy No. 101, c/o F.P.O., New York, June 14: "Sorry to have to disappoint you with regard to the white bear skin (we asked for one), but I hear there are some wonderful specimens back home in the zoos. We do have three young ravens that we are training to make weather observations. Hunting isn't so good, but fishing is supposed to be excellent. I couldn't say, not having tried it yet. My chief recreation consists of a little bowling, tennis, and a considerable quantity of horizontal fatigue."

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The H. M. thanks Dr. Guy Stalnaker and Mrs. Ruddell Reed for gifts of \$2 each.

We should like letters from August Kafer, Kenton Berry, Casey Jones, Jake Moss and Earl Wolfe. Please send us your change of address promptly.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
June 16 to June 22

Married at St. Petersburg, Fla., on June 7, Oleta Collins of Lockney to Tech. Sgt. Leroy Davis...Engaged to wed in the late summer: Jane Greer of Morgantown to Lt. Dyke Raese, USNR...Bobby Whiting, Ted Fultineer, and Robert Reed (Ansel's son), all Navy V-12's, report at Bethany College on July 1, for preliminary flight training...From Iran Sheriff Smith writes his family that the temperature has been as high as 133 degrees F. and that the hottest weather is yet to come. Vacuum bottles sell for as much as \$75 each, and the Sheriff not long ago received two which his family sent him...Bill Smith, whose home at Bryceville, Fla., was a rendezvous for County men in the Jacksonville area last winter, is teaching at Marion Military School, Marion, Ala., this summer. His wife and children are in West Virginia...Gilmer County's Red Cross drive is now only \$150 short of it's \$3200-quota...The parents of Marine PFC. Hale Hyer of Sutton received notice that he died in a Japanese prison camp on June 11. He was a brother of Max and Paul Hyer, former students here...Speaking of paper work, Duffy Floyd says his grinding wheel company recently shipped a car load of wheels, 500 of them, through lease-lend to Russia. Information on 3200 pieces of paper was involved in the transaction. Duffy now lives at 217 Newton St., Weston, Mass...Willa Brand, who has been a member of the college faculty for some twenty years, has resigned and plans to retire. It is not known whether she will remain here this coming year or go to Morgantown where she has property. Other than resignations, no changes have been announced in the staff for next year...We did not get out to the Boy Scouts' camporee (it's their word) this week-end at the county recreation center. To tell the truth, we were afraid we didn't have the proper clothes to wear after we learned that a local scout sent home for five extra shirts. The Newberne patrol scored 128 points to take high honors, and that didn't include 40 points they received for walking 10 miles to camp. Sand Fork placed second, and Glenville was low, with a score of 50. Seems as if the local boys can see an ice cream cone farther than they can the faint imprint of an Indian's mocassin...Farmers in the county who own three or more acres will before long vote on whether the county will become a part of the West Fork Soil Conservation District. At present the district includes Lewis and Harrison: Doddridge may soon vote. A similar proposal was defeated a year or two ago, but this one seems likely to carry...The other hot Thursday evening when the stores were closed and the village should have had all the appearances of a Sunday in Dog Days, cars lined the streets, a young couple sat on the green-sward at the upper end of Main Street, and here and there was a young man with cowboy boots and hat. We learned that the Sagebrush Round Up gang was putting on a show at the Court House. Theirs was a \$600-gate, so Art Bryant says...Barber Howard Bess and his family have moved to Akron... Mary Jane Jack has recovered from an

appendectomy which she underwent recently in Charleston...We missed seeing Maynard Young who, his father tells us, spent his time here hoeing in the garden and lounging in country clothes...We don't know whether this marks the beginning of a feud, but Coastguardsman E. Mollohan writes apropos of a recent remark in this column that the Army hasn't too much faith in C.G. weather reports: "The Coast Guard has heard censure of its meteorologists and the Coast Guard Institute has revised the course of instruction and has adopted a new one."...Deaths: Mrs. G.H.A. Rader, Roy Furr, and Ray Gaston...S. Sgt. Russ Hardman rolled into town from Fort Ord a free man except that he belongs now to the enlisted reserve. He sought and got release from the army and will be employed in war work at Akron after a short holiday. May be Akron is the solution of the F. Ord's news sheet worry as to how he will get along in practically dry West Virginia...

#### June 22 to June 29

The home of Mrs. William Perry Brown was destroyed by fire at 5:30 p.m. on the 24th. Mrs. Brown said she was baking a cake and noticed that the shingled roof of the kitchen was ablaze. Some of the furnishings were removed to safety...We stood on the stop-light corner Saturday night, talking with Alfie Cain and wondering to him where all the children of 8 to 18 we saw on the streets came from. Alfie surmised they dropped out of the shell and grew like a patch of potatoes...Raymond Freed in town for a few hours from Sutton and Camp Livingstone and looking almost as slim as a mulberry sapling. He says the outfit to which he is assigned are getting furloughs and that he may travel soon...A For-What-It's-Worth Item: CD director and liquor commissioner Carl Bachman eats two fried chickens daily for luncheon...We wonder what Texas chamber of commerce and Crazy Crystals boys would think if they knew that Ranger Richard Whiting had written from Camp Bowie to his family to send him a mild laxative. His correct address, by the way, is Btry. A, 772nd F.A...We erred two weeks ago by saying Sam Craddock has sailed although he probably has by now. His wife visited him in New Jersey last week...Madge Chapman is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Buckhannon...Seated on the bench in front of Gertie's and disputing the Scriptures far louder than 10 p.m. street noises Friday were Oak Horner, Doc Brown, and Howard Reaser. Baptism in particular caused the most dissention...Sgt. Earl Wolfe is spending a 10-day furlough here, and Sgt. Bob Beall is up from Lakeland...We hunted out a particularly joyous or sad rain crow Sunday afternoon in Emma Whiting apple tree and found him to weigh perhaps no more than a robin and to have a tail structure as long as a Dornier's (if our aircraft is correct). Along the river at dusk the grating chorus of hop toads is so loud one can talk only with difficulty. L. D. King and T. Hyer are our authority for their being hop toads. They tilt back their heads and from their light-colored throats, along with the noise, comes a large bubble...After orally approving the appointment of Erma Sprouse as a rationing board clerk to take the place of Patty Jack, resigned, and approving board's recommendation of Mrs. Ina Hupp as office manager, state organization

officers of the OPA say the county office is overstaffed and the appointment of Miss Sprouse cannot be authorized. The board members are trying to learn why a clerkship is being dispensed with and a new and higher-salaried post created... Laban White, Jr., has been commissioned at the Army administration school, State College, Miss., and thinks that he soon may be sent overseas...Ruddell Reed, Jr., injured a knee while training at Nashville and may be hospitalized for two months... Seabee Jake Moss is building roads and bases in the South Pacific area. His address is William H. Moss, CCPO, 58th U.S.N. Const. Bn., c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco...Isadore Nachman is being transferred to Harrisburg, Penna...A/C Earle Spencer, Sq. F-4, Barracks 609, AAFCC, Nashville, writes that he misses Glenville and other things...Jesse Lilly and Joe Rodriguez, Pioneer athletes, have been notified to be ready on July 5, to report for training as Naval line officers at a base yet to be named...Opha Keith of Ellis was killed by a pipeline explosion in Clay County on the 27th. The Red Cross is trying to reach his son Opha, Jr., of the Army who is thought to be in this country although he has an APO address... Marine Pfc. Fred Lewis has arrived in the village after a period spent in the Naval Hospital at Charleston, S. C., at which place he received a disability discharge --kidney trouble. Thinks he may soon go to Cincinnati to work...The fishing season opened Saturday, with the water low and somewhat muddy. Catches have been mostly some small bass and several sunfish. A 25-inch muskie was reported caught in Steer Creek...The petition to open the river to non-game fishing from May 1 to June 26, which was presented to Jack Shipman, conservation commissioner, by a group of County citizens was as ineffective. Shipman said he would have the commission consider the petition and then he would notify the delegation of its decision..No notice of any action was received...Indications are that squirrels, rabbits, and birds will be plentiful this fall, but there is a great scarcity of ammunition, only a store now and then having a few shotgun shells. Caliber .22 shells are not to be found anywhere... Summer has been bearing down with clear skies, a hot sun, and temperature of 93 to 98 for ten days. Farmers have been busy harvesting hay...Lt. Bob Fidler has been assigned to duty at Page Field, Parris Island...Lt. (j.g.) Blake Hayhurst was some time ago transferred from the Hawaiian to the Alaskan area and is likely on the move again, not having been heard from recently...Butch Beall is trying to buy a tarpaulin. Says whenever it rains his nephew John Haywood borrows his raincoat to cover his racing car...Woodrow Wolfe is employed at the R.B. store this summer...Golf club dancing and bridge parties are drawing only 10 or 12 persons this summer...Mabel Wolfe has returned to her Iberian peninsula and her job after seeing city sights...Gilmer County teachers each received a \$1 a week bonus for the past school year. The total paid:\$4515... Married in Kentucky on the 26th Marjorie Bush to Lt. J. Buhl Shahan, USNR, of Elkins. He was state director of purchase:

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PFC. WILLIAM E. WHEELER, Atlanta, June 25: "I have been transferred here to receive training as a surgical technician. We call it (Lawson General Hospital) Lawson Country Club, and it is just that. This is the largest technical school in the U.S. and has the highest rating; so we have to study pretty hard. Outside of that, it is real leisure here, with tennis courts, swimming pools, and nurses. Atlanta is an awfully nice town, with about every other store selling whiskey to anyone...Last Sunday I ran into Jack Allen who is working here at the new Bell aircraft plant. We are planning a big time next week-end. (Jack is in Glenville apparently having left Bell.)...My roommate was born in Germany and came here 10 years ago. He does not care for the bunch there. At Ft. Wood I bunked next to an Austrian Jew who had spent 22 months in a German concentration camp. Once he was whipped before the whole camp because he had taken a piece of bread from the mess hall and ate it while working."

EGBERT MOLLOHAN, S1C, Philadelphia, July 3: "Scuttlebutt has it that I'll be sailing the blue soon, not alone however; but to save a breach of security I mention only myself. The thing that perturbs me most about that is going to sea as a seaman. Which reminds me, I must make an effort to change my rating to something...I have not seen many ball games this year, but the Athletics have a team that reminds me of Jack Bland's G.S.C. intramural softball team on which I played. One of their outfielders is about of my caliber."

S. SGT. SEXTON WRIGHT, Camp Howze, Texas, June 29: "On July 3, 1941, I was inducted at Glenville with six other boys. I will always remember this day for more than one reason. Andrew 'Prince' Whiting, better known as Happy, had received a call from the draft board to report for duty on that day. Earl Wolfe and I were expecting a call and being good friends of Hap, we rushed to the board to ask whether we might be sent with the group that included him. Mr. Marsh fixed it up, and everything went smoothly for the next few days. Earl, Hap, and I could be seen together at almost any time of the day talking about the army and trying to gather all the information we could about it. The morning of July 3 came at last. I drove through Brooklyn and picked up Earl. When we got to town, several of our friends were assembled in front of the Grill. The bus was scheduled to leave at 11 a.m. It was 10:30. All men leaving were there but one. At 10:45 I cast my eyes up Main Street toward the Whiting residence and at last I saw him coming. I breathed a sigh of relief and said to myself, 'Old Hap made it again.' As he came nearer I knew something was wrong. The board had just received orders not to induct men older than 28. You can imagine how Earl and I felt. We were fortunate in being able to complete our basic training together. (Hap has just <sup>via his</sup> mother from Hawaii that everything is going well.--Ed.) ...There isn't much news here. The weather is hot and the chiggers are thick. I am scheduled to leave on Cadre in the near future. My job will be chief clerk in the office of division quartermaster, which

calls for a master sergeant's rating. My job here is understudy to the chief clerk. We handle food, clothing and equipment, fuel and lubricants, fortifications (building material). Note to future inductees: Each man takes a test at the induction center. It is the Army General Classification Test, consisting of 150 questions. Your assignment to certain jobs will depend on the score you make. My advice is to do the best you can. Your future may depend on it."

A/S RUDELL REED, JR., Nashville, June 30: "I'm here in the hospital for 5 or 6 weeks with a bad knee. Came in on the 18th and was cut on the 23rd. They really like to cut in the Army. I've missed shipment twice and probably will at least once more before I'm out. My trouble was a cartilage."

PVT. LEO C. WEST, Desert Training Center, Calif., June 23: "This is a new camp in the center of a desert. Have been here since March 29 and have not seen any rain. It is hot all the time, and in the day the thermometer stands round 120 degrees...I saw Nelson Wells of the Red Cross the other day. He is the only Gilmer County boy here that I know about...Some persons may like the West, but I'll take West Virginia any time."

PVT. RICHARD WHITING, Camp Bowie, Texas, June 29: "It has been hot here and we have been busy. Our 13 weeks' basic training period is being cut to 9 weeks. I am a cannoneer on the big gun. It gets so hot we can hardly lift part of the pieces into place. Our helmets get so hot we can hardly take them off...I like the Army better all the time. I think it is the life for me. I see that my brother is having a big time. I wish he were in my outfit where they are really tough and didn't live in big cities and nice places. But he will find out who will be one of the big factors in winning this war: the field artillery, of course. We are supposed to be the toughest branch outside the infantry...So far all my K.P. duty has been in officers' mess. You should see me serve all that brass...Tell Russ McQuain and Little Doc Smith to write me."

ROBERT E. REED, A.S., Cochran Hall, Bethany College, Bethany, W.Va., July 4: "Ted Fultineer, Bobby Whiting, and I arrived here on the 1st. The place is swell and the boys are all friendly. I share a room with seven others from Salem, Charleston, and Pittsburgh. All we get done is razz each other, but they are all swell guys. Most of them don't know where Glenville State is but they surely know about last year's basket ball team... Brooks Walker, Richard Riggs, Ray Watson, James Dotson, Gail Jackson, and I are the only Glenville State fellows here."

LT. COL. C. L. UNDERWOOD, Desert Training Area, Calif., July 7: "We are in the midst of manoeuvres again here on the Colorado (Calif.) Desert where the heat is the greatest obstacle. Sheriff Smith (Hello) may be in about the hottest spot but we certainly run him a close second in actual heat. The Seventh has been here for several months and is now completing what

the newspapers call a 'post graduate course.' The whole desert is a wonderful place for free manoeuvres: no fences to dodge, no prize pigs to kill, nothing to prevent free, unhampered movement of large bodies of troops. Planes, cavalry, infantry, and armored units have the best of opportunity to operate as a real team. We shall soon be through here...In our last move to this concentration area in preparation for our final problem, a group of vehicles including my own were sent on a hard road by way of the west shore of the Salton Sea where we stopped for a swim. That was a joy, for water is at a premium here. It was an opportunity to soak off at least the three outer layers of dust... The trip was of especial interest to me because I saw and experienced things I have read about and tried to teach in my classes so often before. We traveled through the Imperial Valley which is the greatest irrigation project in the U.S. There are no fine homes there--a disappointment to me. The All-American Canal which waters the area is really a fine piece of engineering. The ditch is about as large as Leading Creek. Enormous quantities of alfalfa are raised and marketed through a co-operative association...I had seen a few sand dunes before, but in some sections of the desert they are enormous, hundreds of feet high and constantly shifting and making roads impassable."

LT. JOHN W. HAMILTON, Co. C, 48th A.M. Regt., APO 922 c/o P.M., San Francisco, June 22: "Just a note to let you know my address has been changed...I saw Buck McCartney in the office the other day and had a long chat with him. I also saw Dr. Boling, the former Grantsville physician, who is in charge of a hospital here...Not much new or surprising."

MISSING IN ACTION in the South Pacific area Lt. (j.g.) Woodrow Radcliffe, USNR, of Philippi. It is said his family has reason to believe him dead. He is a graduate of the College, is married, and has one child. It is believed he sailed in a destroyer.

WOUNDED in the North African Theater Harold A. Harris of Gilmer. It is thought he is either at home or back in the States now, much improved. He is a son of Ledger Harris.

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The H.M. thanks Mrs. B. W. Craddock, Alice Krug of Sistersville, and Jennings Cromer of Salem for gifts of \$1 each.

We should like letters from Willard Yeager, James Woofter, Laban White, Richard Smith, Earl McDonald, Bill Kellar.

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#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO

Are wedding bells going to ring in northern Australia for Karl Danley?...The value of public utilities' property in the county has risen \$480,000 in the past year, and that of real estate and personal property \$286,000. The latter is attributed to the increased value of livestock...Chief specialist Bill Moore is now assigned to Milligan College, Milligan, Tenn...Garnett Hamric has been sworn into the WAVES (she's the first from the county) and will report for duty at Hunter College on the 29th... Lt. Harold Scott is at home on leave... After spending his graduation leave with his family at Clarksburg, Bombardier Lt. Harry Siegrist, Jr., has gone to Salt Lake City to report for duty...Lt. John W. Gerwig of Orton has spent his graduation

leave here and will soon report to a Florida base. He's an Army fighter pilot.. Marine Ned Burke will soon be here on regular furlough, his recent one was sick leave...Leman Luzader, up from the Vichy (Mo.) air base, fat and sleek as a Missouri mule on Ozark beer...Marriages: Frances Groves of Richwood to Cpl. Harry Woodyard on June 18 at Rossville, Ga. Mary Elizabeth Garrett of Wilsonburg to Bennett Stump, A.M. 2C, at Jacksonville, Fla., June 24. Winifred White of Bridgeport to Ensign Miles W. Bell in Simpson Creek Baptist Church on July 11. Madelyn Conrad to Ensign William Kidd of Burnsville at Corpus Christi on July 5...Annabel Bush visited Serviceman Bill Hughes at a Georgia base on the 4th...Russell McQuain writes that he saw a bull fight in Mexico on the 4th. One matador killed four bulls with great finesse. Another was booed until he almost wept when his coup de grace was not quick and clean...Hunter Farnsworth, visiting relatives in West Virginia, tells us that his brother Dana is a doctor aboard a hospital ship in the South Pacific. Hunter lives at Raleigh and for 18 years has had the Sheaffer pen franchise in the Carolinas...Dick Wilson is in the village, having been discharged from Hopewell... Mary E. Young will have her appendix removed at Clarksburg this week...Sales of malt have risen sharply since the shortage of liquors and beer in the village...The DPA has moved to the office formerly occupied by the Rationing Board in the Court House and the Board has moved to the county building next door. At the request of the Board the OPA has agreed to employ Erma Sprouse. Appointment of an office manager has been postponed...Since July 1 it has been just Glenville State College, the Teachers being omitted...Cpl. Royce Miles is a member of the Army base band at Boston. Donald Miles is receiving treatment for diabetes at the Huntington Veterans' Hospital...Bill Kafer reports at Annapolis on Sept. 1...Generalissimo Harry Wilfong in the village for a month and banking at the Trust Co. for his 22nd summer. Being a man of great aplomb, he noticed while talking with an old school friend that his fly was open, as it frequently is. Calmly he turned round, zipped it shut, and resumed conversation.. Destry Craddock, now a sergeant, is attached to a fighter squadron of the Marine air wing at Cherry Point, N.C. Says they have one plane and nothing to do...The Babe Jones have a daughter, Ruth Marlene, born June 27...Former G.S.C. student Dexter Dodson is teaching physics to reservists at W.V.U...Ernest Lee Arbuckle has passed Army flying cadet examinations...Ace Morrison, with his family, will soon spend his 7-day leave on Long Island. He's the doc. in charge of V-12's at Columbia U...The Sam Craddocks will be a threesome in the fall...Mayor Beall and Councilman Tate Hyer, who never exaggerate and whose veracity is beyond question, have publicly charged that this scribe picks the blossom from his brother's tomatoes, after the latter has worked his hands to the bone to raise them, and takes them as bouquets to a girl on the hill... Madelyn B. Haywood, Gwen Beall, and Mabel Wolfe a-picking berries, but only two gallons...Lightning split weather boarding and burnt out wiring at Mrs. Gay Waggy's. It struck Merle Hardman's mail box...Labar White is at an Eastern embarkation port...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. OLEN E. BERRY, North Africa, July 4: "Life in this section of the world is just about the same as where most of you are, I suppose. Nothing much doing--perhaps just the lull before the storm...I should like to thank you for publishing my last letter so quickly. In it (it was written May 8) I asked for Lt. Tiny Moore to look me up. He did, and believe me we sure had plenty to talk about. He is the first home-town fellow I have seen since getting in this man's army. We didn't have much time but we made excellent use of the few minutes we did have. Incidentally, Moore is still the same person that he was--the best practical joker of the lot. I could see very little change in him...Keep the H.M. coming. I receive my copies quite regularly."

PFC. LAWRENCE PETERS, 907th Guard Squadron, Chanute Field, Ill., July 14: "I like the army fine, and I am still an MP police and I like it fine. I have one good conduct bar and I am almost ready for another...Tell all the boys to write to me."

SGT. JAMES WOOFTER, 1st Sea Search Attack Group, Langley Field, July 18: "There are still some changes being made here but thus far I have been unable to get them straightened out. The Navy has taken over most of our work and we will eventually be a heavy bombardment group of some kind. Personally, I think we will hit the skids one of these days, may be next month or next year. Our B-18's are being replaced by B-24's and B-25's...It is hotter than the hubs of hell here. The mosquitoes have arrived and are carrying out unceasing attacks in every possible formation...On the rifle range last week I managed to qualify with 150 out of a possible 200. I suppose I will now get to wear the marksman's medal...I think I shall arrive at Glenville via Baltimore, Youngstown, and Cleveland about Aug. 8 or 9. I hope some of the boys will be in at that time...As I was making application for a pass some days ago, the Major asked me whether I am married. When I told him I am not, he replied, "Sgt. Woofter, are you aware of the fact that 90 per cent of the women in Hampton have syphilis?..." This summer I have been playing lots of tennis and going about. Yesterday I visited Yorktown and stood on the spot where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington. A very beautiful monument stands there. I think I shall hit Virginia Beach for a week-end soon before it gets too late. This place has been aptly named 'The Country Club of the Air Corps,' as you can see from an account of my activities. In this neighborhood the men are divided into two categories: most of them are in the Army; the remainder are in the Air Corps. Some people may like the resorts, etc. that are in and about here, but I am positive that when this is over I will live at least 500 miles inland in every direction...I take this opportunity to congratulate Sgt. Davis on his marriage. He and I saw some of the country before we separated last summer."

PVT. S. N. CRADDOCK, 559 Bomber Sqdn., APO 638, c/o Postmaster, New York; July 10: "Sgt. S. N. Gluck described the northern

country very well in the H.M., and I know, for I have seen the two cities. I like this part of the world very well and cannot realize in some respects that I am out of the States...I have not visited the pubs as yet, but I have heard some tall tales about the Commandos and especially those on Picadilly Circus...Several of the fellows here have been hunting and have given their game, rabbits and partridges, to the farmers who are quite grateful. However, the peace officers do not approve of the free shooting they do. The carbines must be put to some use, good or not so good...We have not had a day off yet; so I haven't seen the City or smaller ones. At present I should prefer to sleep on my day off as I find the daylight hours are difficult to become adjusted to and the nights are so very short...Tobacco, candy, razor blades, and soap are rationed weekly, but we have what we need. Our food is good, and the country air certainly gives one an appetite."

PVT. SOLOMON Z. LEVIN, Platoon 508, Bn. 8, USMC Barracks, Parris Island, July 18: "I have just received two copies of the H.M. and reading about all those folks from 'home' or Glenville, really does something to a guy. Steryl Brown is now at Quantico, and John Tyson arrived here two days ago. I saw John from a distance but did not get a chance to talk with him as he was on the run, as is everyone his first few days--and afterwards...It's warm and the training is plenty rigorous, but I like it more each day. That old Marine Corps spirit really gets a guy, believe it or not...Regards to all my friends in Glenville."

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The H.M. thanks Cam Rhoades for a gift of 50 cents, and E. G. Rollyson, Hunter Whiting, and Dr. H. F. Withers for \$1 each.

We should like letters from Bus Fisher, Orville Marks, Jr., John Cooper, Nelson Wells, Kenton Berry, and Bob Hauman.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
July 13 to July 20

Having a skutch of time on our hands, we dropped in to see Bert Fleming and talk about cosmic affairs with him. He was bent over his work bench, taking a scald at a watch through his eyepiece. Not long since, Bert had talked with an aged preacher whose white beard reached to his waist. He had read the Bible through 115 times, besides countless passages for his sermons. With his knowledge of the Scriptures he convinced Bert that his prophecy that the war would come to a focus between March and August is wrong. The bearded man showed him that the war would last seven years and then Rome would be set up as the kingdom for forty-two months. At the end of those months comes the battle of Armageddon and immediately thereafter the Day of Judgment. We figured that day will arrive about 1950 and then changed the subject to groundhog rifles...Clarence Underwood, Jr., here on a short furlough, says he is soon to report at Ohio State University for examinations which, if he passes successfully, will enable him to pursue an Army-financed medical course...Kenneth Brannon, we hear,

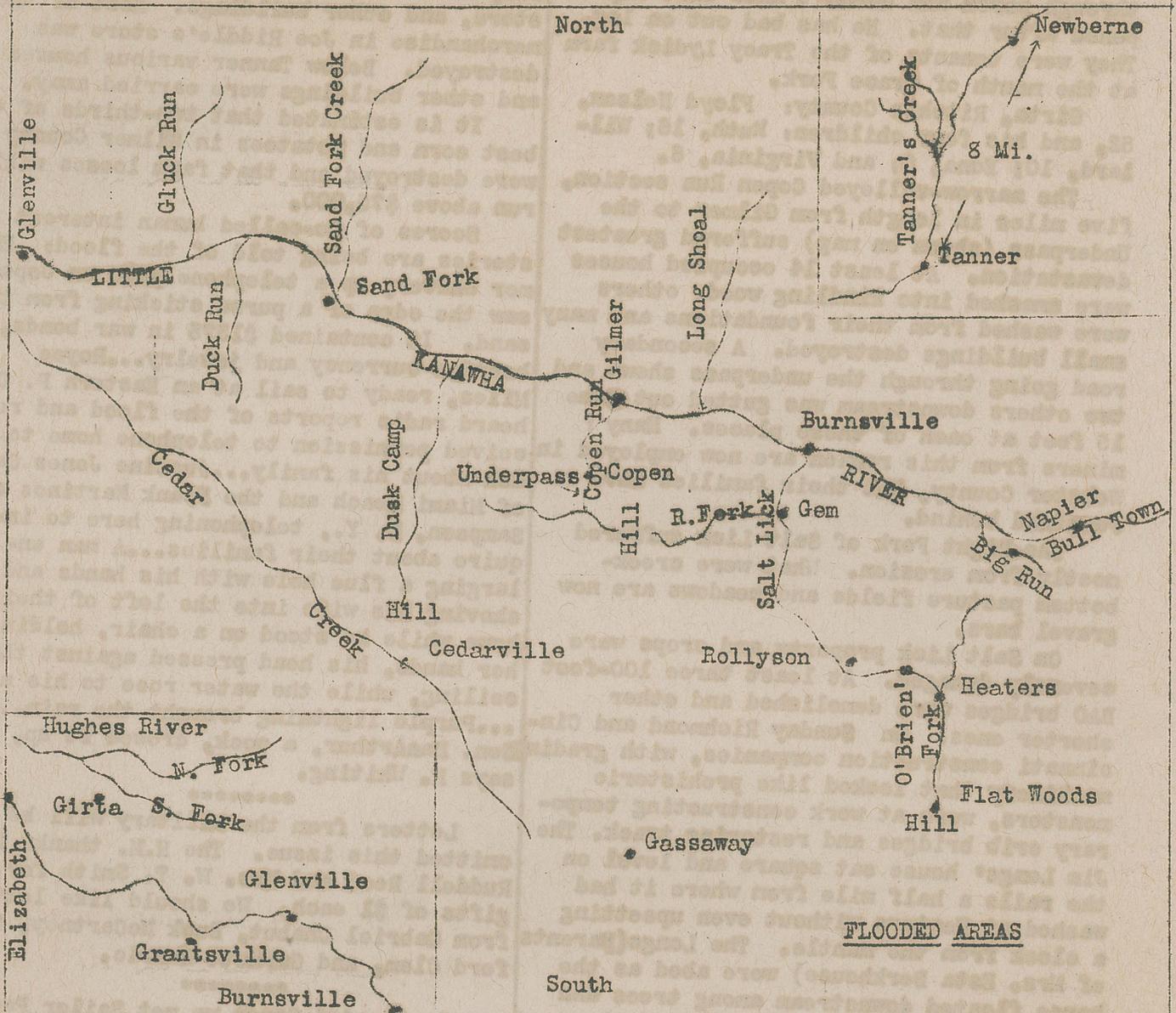
has been discharged from the Army, but we did not see him to inquire...Orville Marks, Jr., is a member of a landing craft crew in the Mediterranean. Recently he was at Pantelleria...In a twilight alert during which the Whiting Hotel was "bombed" Bill Luzader was wounded by bomb fragments and first aid given him. One member of the f.-a. team reported Bill had both legs broken below the ankle. A "bomb" falling at Northview blew Emmett Hull off his porch. He reported that as he lay unconscious, first aiders stood round him and grinned. The Civilian Defense Corps has lost several of its personnel to the services and to war jobs elsewhere, and its staff work could be improved by overhauling. In a surprise blackout sometime this month a flight of Fortresses will come over in an attempt to spot Glenville...In the group of fifteen Navy men who left here the 18th for Huntington were Earl Ray Ellis and Rondell Gainer. Rondell is the sixth son of the Lee Gainers in service. Others are Harold, Merrill, Eldred, Lynn, Lee Scott...Glenville's first dry Saturday (in the three-week registration period during which the liquor stores are closed) found the beer shops dusty as a bone. Ice cream sales were the highest in years. It's reported that one local man who had been buying his spirits a bottle at a time sold his stock at \$5 a pint and charged an extra dollar to go to his cache to get it...Congressman and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, here for a week-end, say that their son, Ed, is at Washington awaiting settlement of his selective service status so that he can get clearance out of the States to cover assignments in the Carribean and possibly in Southern Europe for his newspaper, the Toronto Star. Ed, who received a medical discharge from the Canadian army, registered with a Texas board on his return to this country and has not yet been classified. Meanwhile, he is covering some assignments in Washington... Marine Landus Rhoades is in an aviation machinists' school at Memphis...The Harlan Bailey, Jr., here from Camp Roberts, Calif. Harlan weighing a paltry 235, says all he does is drive a truck from 7:30 a.m. until noon. He thinks they may want to live in California, where it doesn't get cold, after the war...Cpls. Fred Miles and Rymer Garrett in town...It is rumored that the College fired two girls and a boy, members of a party of six, some of whom slipped out a dormitory window early one a.m. to go frolicking on the golf course...Published German broadcasts list the American units fighting in Sicily as the 1st, 3rd, and 45th Infantry Divisions, the 2nd Armored Division, and the 82nd Airborne Division. Of these only the 1st fought in Tunisia. Other divisions in Tunisia were the 9th and 34th Infantry and the 1st Armored.

#### July 20 to July 27

Judge Marsh telling Bill Nottingham that Mussolini was captured by Gene Autry: Oak Horner saying that Mussolini surrendered...About February, 1942, Seaman Dennis Wright of Tanner was reported missing in action, the first casualty from the County. His father, William Wright, has received the following semi-official information about him: As a gunner on the tanker Pecos, he jumped uninjured in the Coral Sea, so a sailor who was rescued said. Except for the members

of the crew who were picked up at the time of the sinking, no others have been reported found...Allan Boggs has received a dependency discharge from the army...Ruddell Reed, Jr., looking slim after a period in a hospital, has returned to Nashville...M. Sgt. Buckeye Jamison here for two days; said he pulled enough wires to be sent to Wheeling to return two deserters to his Mississippi camp...Three MP's, with two deserters, stopping at the jail in their Army car to pick up a third. Italian prisoners of war, quartered on the polo grounds of Ashford Hospital (formerly the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur) are in great demand by farmers. A farmer must employ at least five, and he pays the Government eighty cents a day, plus forty cents transportation charges, for each man. It is said the prisoners like the camp, the country, and their work... Democrat Editor Linn Hickman, framed by a red screen door, typing society news on pink copy paper...Richard Whiting writes home that he blistered his hands washing them with GI soap, but we hear the heat was one of those Texas girls who he says are tall and rangy like heifers... N. L. Wells looking for shotgun shells and angry because the skunks gather in a nocturnal circle in his corn field to feast on ripening ears...A service man gives us this information to pass along to prospective WAVES: Before you report at any training school, go by way of Norfolk for tattooing which is done there with more artistry and at cheaper rates. As for designs, the figure of Errol Flynn is most popular at the moment...If some Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard men with fleet post office addresses did not receive our past issue, it is because the Navy and the Post Office caught us flat-footed with a fast ball. The H.M. has to go to you now as first-class mail, third-class being forbidden. If you no longer receive newspapers and magazines posted to you by your family, that is probably the reason too... The Fred Barnetts have a daughter, Anne... Joseph F. Riley of Weston, a student at the College for one year not long ago, was killed in action on Guadalcanal last February...Gilbert Boone, formerly of Harrisville, a former College student, died in a Japanese prison camp...Enrollment for the second summer term at the College is about 110...The H.M. thanks O. Cunningham for a copy of Air-O-Mech, N. Wells for one of the Golden Arrow (8th Division), and Bill Whetsell for the Pre-det of which he is news editor...Paul Hauman here on furlough; also Marine Pfc. Billy Bennett...Two training planes (not Cubs) capered gently over the village for a half hour Sunday afternoon...Tiny Moore wrote his family on July 18 that he is hospitalized from a slight touch of malaria but hopes to be out as soon as his plane is repaired. On his latest flight his plane was punctured by a hundred bullets, and seven control cables were shot away. He wants some more of that chocolate fudge his family used to send him...Lt. and Mrs. Lynwood Zinn were here from Richmond for a week...The Robert Haumans have a son born July 22 at Texas...Marjorie Bush Shahan has resigned her teaching post...It is said that Principal Bradford Davis of Rosedale may move to Charleston to work.

23 DROWN, PROPERTY LOSS \$2,000,000 AS MOST DISASTROUS FLOOD IN HISTORY SWEEPS UPPER LITTLE KANAWHA WATERSHED AND PARTS OF CALHOUN AND RITCHIE COUNTIES



### THE FLOOD

A cloudburst of one to two hours' duration on the night of August 4-5 wrought devastation to life, property, and crops in Braxton, Gilmer, Calhoun, and Ritchie counties. Bodies of 23 victims of raging flood waters have been recovered and buried. Damage to highways, railroads, crops, and other properties has been estimated at \$2,000,000. No figures on loss by soil erosion are available.

In the Heaters-Napier, Copen Run, and Dusk Camp Run sections the cloudburst came about midnight and lasted an hour. In another half hour small streams were at almost their normal level. The Little Kanawha at Falls Mills, above Bulltown, was 3 feet lower than it was a week ago when the river rose to 18 feet at Glenville, doing only minor damage. From midnight until 2 a.m. Glenville had  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches of swirling rainfall that seemed to come from all directions. The Little Kanawha reached a crest of 30.7 feet at 7:30 p.m. on the 5th. It has risen to 33.5 feet.

Tanner's Creek rose to wash everything in its widened path before it, and then to recede--all in an hour. Cedar Creek, which heads near Gassaway, was 2 feet higher than it has been in the past 70 years.

In Ritchie County along Island Creek and the Hughes' River five lives were lost and the destruction was extensive. Damage in Calhoun and Wirt was greatest to highways and bridges and to crops.

In Gilmer County along Sand Fork, Stewart's, Leading and Steer creeks damage was relatively light.

On Saturday, after the flood Wednes-

day night, the Red Cross sent some food - stuffs into the Burnsville-Gilmer-Copen sections. On the same day public health officials distributed chlorine tablets for wells and springs and made preparation to set up clinics for inoculation against typhoid fever. Yesterday (Monday) at Burnsville inhabitants of that area were registering their property losses with the Red Cross which, presumably, will replace much of it, as it customarily does in flooded areas.

Because it may be two weeks before ant traffic can be resumed on the B&O between Burnsville and Heaters, mines in the Bergoo-Richwood district will likely have to shut down. There will be no cars in which to load the coal. Rail transport between Gilmer and Gassaway on the Grafton-Charleston line of the B&O will not likely be open for two weeks or more. Before normal traffic over these roads can be resumed, it may be ninety days.

The dead and their addresses are: Heaters: Mrs. Lydia Queen, 38; and her children: Martin, 12; Robert, 10; Phyllis, 8; Peggy, 2; and Alma, 1. Mrs. Tom Daugherty, 50; and her son, Gaylord, 22. All were at the Queen home in sight of the Napier-Sutton highway at Heaters. Their bodies were found down Salt Lick after the house washed away.

Copen Run: George Yeager, 52; his wife, Icy, 50; their children: Moneta, 23; Maxine, 15; Bobby, 4; a baby 3 days old. Also C. B. Simmons, 67, and his wife who were guests of the Yeagers. All bodies were fully clothed and were found in the Yeager home which did not wash from its foundation. It stood one-half mile be-

low Copen station.

Tanner's Creek: Mrs. George Bee, 25; and her child, 6 months. Mr. Bee started out of house with wife and child, fell through porch and doesn't know what happened after that. He has bad cut on leg. They were tenants of the Tracy Lydick farm at the mouth of Trace Fork.

Girta, Ritchie County: Floyd Nelson, 52, and his four children: Ruth, 16; Willard, 10; Edna, 8; and Virginia, 6.

The narrow-valleyed Copen Run section, five miles in length from Gilmer to the Underpass (shown on map) suffered greatest devastation. At least 14 occupied houses were smashed into kindling wood; others were washed from their foundations and many small buildings destroyed. A secondary road going through the underpass shown and two others downstream was gutted out some 15 feet at each of those places. Many miners from this region are now employed in Webster County, but their families have remained behind.

The Right Fork of Salt Lick suffered mostly from erosion. What were creek-bottom pasture fields and meadows are now gravel bars.

On Salt Lick property and crops were severely damaged. At least three 100-foot B&O bridges were demolished and other shorter ones. On Sunday Richmond and Cincinnati construction companies, with grading machinery that looked like prehistoric monsters, were at work constructing temporary crib bridges and restoring track. The Jim Longs' house sat square and level on the rails a half mile from where it had washed at Heaters without even upsetting a clock from the mantle. The Longs (parents of Mrs. Esta Berkhouse) were abed as the house floated downstream among trees and poles and round bends. It is said they did not know until morning that the house had moved. The Rollyson section was hard hit.

From raging Dusk Camp 6 occupied houses were carried away to disappear. Mrs. Rymer Garrett and a young girl living with her bouyed themselves on debris and escaped drowning after waters swept them off a roof.

Perhaps three-fourths of Burnsville was flooded. No houses were washed away, but destruction to household and business furnishings and equipment was great. The offices of the Rationing Board, with records and equipment, were in 4 feet of water. Entrance steps to houses in Hefner Addition (on Salt Lick) were carried away and almost all homes flooded. Even with the help of Sutton and Weston pumping units and water hose, it will be weeks before Burnsville will be clean-scrubbed again. And Ed Taylor, a brother to Sis, leaning his chair comfortably against a telephone pole and looking as if he did not care for hell or high water.

In Glenville's Main Street little more than the principal square remained above water. Hardman's Hardware store and all buildings below it were flooded, as were the Midland Store and Moore's on the opposite side of the street. Only basements of upper Main Street homes were inundated. Water was in some houses in Brooklyn and Riverview. Bus passengers were taken by truck from the main square across the old bridge, in a transfer to other busses. Early Singleton brought his monkey down to the flooded area to show him the sights.

Cedar Creek and its northern tributaries destroyed acres of corn, potatoes,

and other crops. Many Cedarville homes were flooded to the second floor.

Tanner's Creek rose and fell in an hour, but at Tanner village it carried away the main highway bridge, a house, a store, and other buildings. Most of the merchandise in Joe Riddle's store was destroyed. Below Tanner various houses and other buildings were carried away.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the best corn and potatoes in Gilmer County were destroyed and that farm losses will run above \$75,000.

Scores of so-called human interest stories are being told of the flood: Elmer Shaver, up a telephone pole on Copen, saw the edge of a purse sticking from the sand. It contained \$1375 in war bonds, besides currency and jewelry...Royce Miles, ready to sail at an Eastern P. O.E. heard radio reports of the flood and received permission to telephone home to ask about his family...Justine Jones Cato of Miami Beach and the Frank Martinos of Sampson, N. Y., telephoning here to inquire about their families...A man enlarging a flue hole with his hands and shoving his wife into the loft of their home while he stood on a chair, holding her hands, his head pressed against the ceiling, while the water rose to his neck...Purple lightning brought the rain... Gen. MacArthur, a cock, crowed it up, says H. Whiting.

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Letters from the military will be omitted this issue. The H.M. thanks Mrs. Ruddell Reed and Mrs. W. T. Smith for gifts of \$1 each. We should like letters from Gabriel Chabut, Buck McCartney, Clifford Clem, and Garnett Hamric.

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In flooded Copen we met Sailor Paul Singleton of Corpus Christi who said he sees Commodore Nate Rohrbough daily and that the Commodore is doing well. From Nate we learn that when he wears shorts and a shirt and men at Corpus learn he is from West Virginia, they look at him, shake their heads, and say, "Where in the hell did you get those bow legs? In a coal mine?"...From Parris Island Destry Craddock writes that Bob Fidler seems to be well thought of as a flyer and a Marine. Destry is now attached as a ground-crewman to the 312th Fighter Squadron. He says Chas. Lindbergh recently ferried a Corsair to their squadron and gave the boys a smile...Lt. (j.g.) Ivan Bush, Jr., and Ensign Madison Whiting here for the flood. After 15 days of leave Madison reports for duty at Philadelphia, he hopes, aboard a cruiser, battleship, or at a foreign shore station. We hoped to get him to write a monograph on "Sailors' Sweethearts, or Two Girls on Every Port." but he's been too busy collecting material... In Honolulu the other evening Hap Whiting sought the aid of Bus Fisher in getting a bottle of spirits, but without luck. Bus is assigned now to the regimental staff the 106th Infantry...Garnett Hamric was the first of 1700 WAVES to arrive at Hunter College on the 29th...Arlena Walt has passed examination for WAVE officer school...Tony George won a boxing championship in his unit in California and received a trip to the Hollywood Canteen where he met Spencer Tracy and swapped small-talk about right hooks...Jim Woofter, somewhat bewhiskered, here after a fling in New York and Baltimore...Nelson Wells and Casey Jones here on 14-day leaves...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

JOHN COOPER, S2c, July 21: "Life aboard the New Jersey is mighty satisfactory, according to the Captain, and I guess I can't complain either because I'm getting three meals a day and a place to sleep. The three meals materialize, but the sleep is mostly talked about. I am on a schedule of four hours on and eight off. If any of the time off is between 0800 and 1600 o'clock, which it is, we are on a clean-up working party. Of course there are other things to be done at any time of the day or night, but I would rather be here at the present time than anywhere else...I find my work as a radio operator interesting but at times monotonous and tiresome...One significant thing I've missed aboard here is the lack of West Virginia boys. Everywhere else I've been most of them seemed to be from West Virginia, Georgia, N. Carolina, and New York. I believe the majority aboard are from the Middle West and several from the West Coast."

PVT. DAVID FITZPATRICK, Camp Fannin, Texas, Aug. 1: "It's really hot here and the training is very rigorous. This is just a B.I.R.T.C. training center. After 13 weeks' basic training we will probably be sent to 50 different colleges for an Army specialized training program...There are four other Glenville students here: 1st Lt. Maurice Shock, Winston Shelton, Clifford Stalnaker, and Sheldon Riggs... Somehow they take up our time here by building the Army spirit. I do like it fine. Give my regards to all my friends in Glenville."

A/C EARL SPENCER, Maxwell Field, Ala., Aug. 7: "The weather here is sweltering, but I manage to survive by taking 4 or 5 cold showers daily. There are 10,000 cadets here, half of whom are upper-classmen. Our work here is really abbreviated. A whole year of physics is condensed into a 3-weeks' course. I leave here for primary training about Aug. 27. If I go on through that without washing out, I should get my wings in March. Incidentally, I weigh 203 now. May be some day I can make an end for G.T.C...The other day I had a letter from Coach Nate who seems pretty busy. He wants to hear from J. Rodriguez, J. Lilly, B. Whetsell, and the other members of the team. And so should I like to hear from them. My address is Sqdn. K-9, Class 44-C, Maxwell Field..."

WILLIAM MOORE, C.SP., Milligan College, Tenn., Aug. 10: "I was transferred here from the Newport USNTS on June 5. I am physical education instructor in the Navy V-12 training program. Each day I have seven physical education classes, and on Saturday four hours of military training. I live at Johnson City, four miles out from Milligan...May be you think the liquor situation is bad in good old West Virginia, but listen to this: This county and all surrounding counties are bone dry."

PVT. WILLARD YEAGER, 863rd AAABN. (Sm) Btry, D, Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 13: "We came up here last Wednesday from Fort Totten, N.Y. I have not had a pass yet to

see the city. A few fellows from West Virginia are here but none from near Glenville."

JESSE R. LILLY, AS, USNTC, Co. 1127, Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 16: "Joe Rodriguez and I are still together as we were throughout high school and for two years in college. I am a battalion clerk. It's very interesting work but the hours are too long. One good thing about it is I don't have any more guard duty. I will be a 3rd-class yeoman when I finish boot training. Joe has been recommended for the hospital corps but his training has not begun yet...The Navy is all right but I'd rather be looking forward to another year at G.S.C. It's really a clean place and the food is fine. It ought to be clean though. We have to steel-wool the barracks both morning and night and wax everything on week-ends...I've seen Ronnie Gainer several times and Earl Ray Ellis once for a moment."

PVT. CHAMP CLARK WOLFE, 95th General Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C., Aug. 19: "The letter written to the H.M. by Durgan Wright was of great interest to me. He referred to the Army General Classification Test given at reception centers as being a determining factor in a soldier's assignment and promotion. I beg to differ with his conception of those exams. I've known many soldiers whose scores were good and they were still back privates though they had been in the army a good while. I scored 136 on my test, and look what it got me. From what I've seen, promotions are given to the men who get there 'first-tust' or stay the longest and have the 'bestust' line with the CO. So far as assignment is concerned, the men are sent where they are needed, regardless of their former occupation...I had been working in an ABO at New York. I am now assigned as a supply clerk in the medical corps here. My outfit is a field unit, and after some training we expect to go overseas...We hope to organize a dance band soon. May be that plus work in the supply and a little hanging round where the CO can see me often will get me a Pfc. before long. I may apply for aviation cadet or aerial gunnery training later, but for the present I think I'll stick around here and see what happens with this 'bed-pan commando' outfit. Outside of the bed bugs, crabs, and lice, it ain't so bad here...I can say that the Army has some excellent surgeons. All I have left after my operation at Fort Dix is one of the cutest little scars you've ever seen. I'll always remember Sharpy the Duck Man who was a ward boy when I was in bed. He was always there when a patient needed a 'duck' quickly... Of the places I've been I'll still take West Virginia."

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In the next issue if possible we plan to publish a complete and revised list of addresses. Will you please see that we have yours.

The H.M. thanks Anonymous for \$1, and Lois V. Fisher and E. G. Rohrbough for gifts of \$2 each.

We should like letters from Maynard Young, Harry Woodyard, Richard Whiting, Homer West, and Fred Wells.

Upper Little Kanawha Valley residents are making satisfactory progress, slow though it may seem to some, in cleaning after and repairing the damages of the flood. The Red Cross has estimated that 88 homes were destroyed, 260 other buildings washed away, and 563 families affected. Some 5 to 6 thousand acres of crops were ruined, along with 30 miles of railroad track and 40 highway bridges. Farm damage in Gilmer County is now thought to have been \$250,000. The national headquarters of the Red Cross has had an office here for two weeks registering property losses. That it was not established sooner is due to the facts that the R.C. was not notified of the damaging flood or asked by the County Chapter to give aid. The state has sent a prison labor unit to assist at Burnsville... And for the benefit of any Jeeter Lesters, should there be any among our readers, the County will probably produce its greatest crop of turnips ever raised... We've been checking whenever possible on U.S. Navy stories that discredit the British. In some indoctrination classes it has been said that every ship that took part in the African landings last November flew the British ensign. One American sailor says his ship broke out the biggest battle flag (American) he ever saw. As to comparative cleanliness of the two navies, it is likely the Americans are better scrubbed. Perhaps our construction cost, which is about three times as great as theirs, is in part responsible. And our informant says the British officers carry their liquor better or else practice more restraint... Tink Paugh is back at his old stand, driving rusty nails into shoes. Says he couldn't walk 8 miles daily to and from work. We forgot to ask whether Cleveland has any street cars or busses... Brooks Furr, it is said, will take over the management of the Conrad Hotel restaurant on Sept. 1. The Conrads have acquired the Massey property next door and will live there while managing the hotel... The Texas Corporation (Texaco) has had a crew here for sometime buying leases, and the Hope is acquiring rights to the Oriskany sand even when other companies control rights to the upper strata. The Oriskany lies about 6200 feet. Those not on the inside think that development will depend on what the Hope's deep well, now a-drilling, brings in... Arlene Workman is employed by American Airlines in New York... A WAC recruiting team, one a strawberry blonde and the other just slender, getting out of their car on Main Street and straightening the seams of their stockings and giving a twist to a curl, as Fred Whiting watched and wondered whether a man over 50 could enlist in that organization... Pfc. Barney Jamison of the S.O.S. has landed in Africa... The John W. Martins (she was Marguerite Moss) have a son, and the Ray Baxter Mussers are expecting... It's said in the village that when the juke boxes at Gertie's and Ables' are grinding out hill billy, there is beer to be had... Lt. Col. Easley's promised flight of Fortresses did not come over to give the County a practice blackout... Denver Thompson, up from Seymour Johnson Field, told of two rackets there. Some New Yorkers have stolen gasoline stamps which they sell for \$2 a sheet. The other:

Some soldiers buy a package of envelopes and write their frank on them. Then they send them home for their families to use... Adele Harpold Walsh joins the Red Cross Sept. 1 as a hospital recreational director... Married: Oma Britton to Cpl. Clarence Richards, son of Mrs. B. F. McCullough of Glenville, at Pratt, Kan., Aug. 9... James Satterfield has been assigned to the New York...

August 17 to August 24

We met Charlie Whiting on the main drag Sunday afternoon when no one else was in sight, and he said he would like to do a sketch of Main Street for the H.M.: just two straight lines... Guy Stalnaker, Jr., has been graduated from Cubs and is flying larger planes. On Sept. 7 he expects to be sent to Georgia or N. Carolina... On Aug. 9 Gabriel Chabut wrote Mrs. C. T. Whiting that her son Hap had left Hawaii for an active theater of operations... Casey Jones has returned to Louisiana where he said watermelons at one time sold in the field for \$1.50 each. Coming home, he rode in a Liberator from Shreveport to Nashville... When Tate Hyer told Bert Fleming they should rest for a while and let their wives earn their livings, Bert thought he might as well lie in the street and let the sun shine into his mouth... Charlie King, now a Baltimore restaurateur, writes a friend here that he is developing a way with city women... Our agent at Glenn L. Martin's tells us that he has seen Lorenzy Dow King several times but has not yet caught him working. Local nimrods predict that Martin will have to stop production if necessary while Dow has a squirrel hunt this fall... Linn McGee and Richard Berkhouse will soon report at an Army reception center. Richard Smith has been transferred from Blanding to Camp J.T. Robinson, Arkansas... Jack Luzader leaves here this month for Naval aviation training... WAVE Patty Jack reports at Hunter College Sept. 9 for boot training... Lt. Osadore Nachman, having finished air intelligence school at Harrisburg, is on 7-day leave here before reporting for duty at Orlando, Fla... The South defeated the North 25-20 in their annual football game, and John McCutcheon reports many fights among spectators... Marjorie Davies replaces Pauline Hickman, resigned, as cashier at the water company's office on Sept. 1... Lt. Red Davies is busy arranging a picnic for 2500 Dayton signal corps employees, half of whom are negroes... An executive traveling with his secretary on important war production business was forced to spend a night in a one-hotel, army-camp town. The only quarters available were one room containing one bed which they agreed to share. When the executive was almost asleep on his side of the bed, his secretary reminded him of an appointment in the morning. After a third similar interruption, he said to her, "How would you like to be my wife tonight?" She replied, "I'd love it!" "Well, shut your mouth and go to sleep," he answered... Alf Cain holding a high ladder for Hunter Whiting, who was cleaning guttering, and telling him to balance his chew of tobacco... The Town Council may set off some fireworks soon... Paul Kidd thinks it news for the H.M. that the Grill has a new front door, and with plate glass in it too... Mrs. Marvin Cooper has been appointed to the high school faculty, replacing Phyllis Rohrbough...

**KILLED IN A FLYING ACCIDENT** Second Lieutenant Robert R. Fidler, U.S.M.C., near Parris Island, South Carolina, on the night of August 25. Bob was flying a routine mission in formation when his fighter plane (presumably a Corsair) crashed into the ocean three hundred yards off-shore and south of the base. Death was instantaneous, and his body, thrown clear of the plane by the impact, was recovered the following morning. The cause of the crash was unknown on the 26th and if learned, will not be revealed. The tail of the plane emerged from the shallow water into which it plunged. This was Bob's last flight before his squadron was scheduled to depart the following day for the West Coast. His father, Frank Fidler, was spending his vacation visiting him at Parris Island when the accident occurred. According to one report, Mr. Fidler was waiting at the Page Field for Bob to return; another said that when Bob's flight took off, the father had gone to his lodgings and learned there the following morning of the accident. Bob was twenty-four. Funeral services were held in Tioga's community house, next door to his home, on August 30, and burial was in a graveyard five miles distant. In 1942 Bob was graduated from Glenville State College where he was president of the student government association and played full-back for the Pioneers. He received his flight training at Anacostia and Corpus Christi where he was one of the ten highest in his class. After being assigned to the Miami Naval Air Station for a short while, he got leave in early June and spent two days of it at Glenville before reporting for duty at Cherry Point, then Page Field. A month ago a fellow Marine wrote this sentence, published therein: "Bob Fidler is well thought of as a flyer and a Marine."

**NOW REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION** Staff Sergeant Paul Elmore Wolfe in the North African Theater of Operations on February 13. On March 1 the War Department reported Paul, a turret gunner flying perhaps in a Marauder or Mitchell, was missing in action. On August 23 his mother, Mrs. Elmore Wolfe, was notified that the War Department now has information that he was killed in courageous action. A few days before his death Paul, with four other members of his plane's crew, received credit for shooting down a Messerschmitt 210. He was twenty-six.

**WOUNDED IN ACTION** in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations Private First Class Clarence M. Messenger of Sand Fork. His mother, Mrs. Pamela Messenger, now lives near Cedarville. No other information about him is available.

#### LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. JOHN W. HAMILTON, August 2: "I am now up here on a small coral atoll somewhere in the Southwest Pacific with a quartermaster truck company. Nothing unusual, but just ordinary discomforts, no ice cream, no blondes, and not a drop of beer on the premises. Everybody is used to it by this time and the bullwheel still rolls...I enjoyed the recent late June H.M. to a great extent. The story about

the bloke in the insane asylum is as well known here now as Little Audrey used to be after the sheet circulated. People who never heard of Glenville are ardent fans of the H.M. now and wait the next issue. When they read it they run a barrage about who is Tate Hyer, Bert Fleming, D. Brannon, et. al., relishing a complete description."

A.C.S. William O. Whetsell, August 21: "I am sending you our detachment newspaper. It (the Pre Det) is our first printed issue, and I thought up the whole organization of it...I leave here for Nashville around the 7th of September. I have seven hours of flying now and will finish my last three hours next week." (At Davidson College Bill is an Aviation Student Major or Group Commander.--Ed.)

ENSIGN JAMES E. SATTERFIELD, August 26: "I have only been back in town (Charleston, S.C.) two weeks. I took a three-week cruise on the New York learning anti-aircraft gunnery and then spent a week in communications school at Commander Service Force Headquarters. I don't suppose I'll get through going to school for a long time because now I am taking correspondence courses in navy regulations and in communications...The communications officer on a small ship surely has plenty to do. Besides being that, he is division officer, ship's secretary, watch officer, and numerous other things. It is a full-time job. He's the most unpopular guy aboard because he's supposed to get all the dope first and not know anything about it when some of the other fellows ask him...We have had four DE's and a sea-going tug launched round here in the past two weeks. Guess production is stepping up a little. We are getting higher priorities soon too. Guess that will get us out a little sooner than it looked...This city of Charleston always has something new for people to see. We like to take long walks in the evenings and look at some of the old buildings, graveyards, and churches. We passed a gate that bore this sign:

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| MAN                  | WOMAN |
| 'be ye SUNE or be ye | LATE  |
| GOIN                 | COMIN |

SURE TO SHUT THIS GATE'

...Our landlady died yesterday and was buried today. Her old maid sister lived downstairs with her and reminds me a lot of some story-book character. Guess Aunt Polly in Huckleberry Finn fits her pretty close. They have been very nice though... We live at 16 Logan Street, three houses from Broad Street on the residential end. We should be glad to have any of the fellows who are close to or in Charleston to drop in any time they are about... I have recently seen Merrill Gainer and at Norfolk Hays Bush. Some of the fellows on the New York know Madison Whiting and said they saw him aboard while I was there. Lt. Randall McKinney was there too."

LT. STANLEY A. JERANKO, August 27: "Why don't you people live right back there. Floods don't descend upon the righteous...This (San Diego) is just about the lousiest town on the coast. Every one is money hungry. One seems to lose his individuality here and becomes just another uniform. The weather is

ideal--or have you heard?...Have met several from back in our county, Army, Navy, and Marines. One can have fun, in Mexico which I frequent quite often."

S. SGT. CHARLES W. GRIFFITH, August 26: "There have been some big thrills in my life since I was stationed at Washington on Spet. 1, 1942. I have worked for 1. Directorate of Base Services, 2. Office of the Air Engineer, 3. Material, Maintenance, and Distribution, 4. Office of Strategic Services, 5. Office of Air Adjutant General, 6. Combined Joint Chiefs of Staff, 7. Management and Control, 8. Secretary of Air Warfare...Also I have been on two secret assignments, one of which took me away from Washington. These were the biggest thrills anyone could experience."

PVT. ORVILLE R. WHEELER, August 26: "Everything here is done on the double or else we get extra detail. You know I don't care for that because I want what little time I am off for myself. We usually spend half of our time off or more cleaning our equipment, rifles, shoes, etc...This place (Ft. McClellan, Ala.) is very hot, but it has cooled off a little. I hear that the first two weeks of September are the hottest of the year...I am now in a heavy weapons company. Of course I may be transferred after my basic training, which was extended from 13 to 17 weeks."

GARNETT M. HARRIC, S2c, August 30: "I hated to leave New York behind (for Cedar Falls, Iowa). At first I did not think so much about the city--I didn't have time. But after we received shore liberty and had time really to see the place, we all thought it quite wonderful.. The Navy made a movie of the activities of our regiment. We saw the previews of the graduation review just before we left. Our company received the Navy "E" twice during four weeks of inspection...One thing I could not get accustomed to was the Captain coming round for inspection and going through our things--the first time any man ever came round going through my things... We saw the WACs putting on a review for the Marines and we all almost switched over to that branch because they looked so nifty. I hate our summer uniforms, but our winter ones are very nice...This yeoman's course I am taking will last three months. The instructors are not quite so well polished as the ones at Hunter. Some of the officers are drips. The captain of the station, a lieutenant commander, gave us a welcome speech somewhat on the order of H.L. White...At the rate I am going I don't think I'll ever be an admiral. At the end of the war I perhaps shall be sitting out in the plains of Iowa having corn on the cob three times a day."

LT. DONALD YOUNG, August 28: "Next week my address is changing again. Temporarily, at least, it will be Glenville, as a civilian. I am being placed on inactive duty status Sept. 3."

PVT. LEON SMITH, August 18: "At the present we are all smouldering in the Terrific heat of the one and only Iran. And when I say smouldering, I really mean it. At this hottest time of year the temperature hovers round the colossal figure of 160 to 170 degrees F. day in and day out. During the afternoons when we have what we call our Siesta Hour, which

means no work between 12 and 5 o'clock, we wet towels and sheets and lay them over our bodies to keep from getting too hot... Soon I hope to go to the rest camp up in the mountains where Tootie Porterfield is now stationed. We all in the Desert District get ten days' leave there. Some of the fellows from my outfit who have been there say it is fairly nice...From my various travels I shall try to tell you about one place in particular: Basra, Iraq. The city is the principal port of Iraq and is situated at the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and is just a few miles from where the supposed Garden of Eden was. I have visited both places. In the Garden of Eden I saw the tree from which it is said Eve plucked the forbidden fruit. It was all very interesting but nothing like what I thought the Garden of Eden would be. The city of Basra has some very beautiful mosques, but all around them will be some of the dirtiest homes imaginable and little shops to destroy their beauty. In the public square is a statue of a lion raping an Arab woman. It looks really life like. The statue is supposed to represent the passion of the Arabs. Which isn't so bad at all...At last I can tell you about not only the Arab women, but Syrian, Turkish, Jewish, and Persian--all. I have been getting round a lot more in the past few months and have seen and done a few things. I have been here so long that even the blackest of the Arabs looks white to me now. One really sees some wealthy Arab Jews in Basra and some of the Arab Jewish girls are very beautiful...I have made the acquaintance of one of the wealthiest men in Basra who, of course, is a Jew as are all the wealthier. He wears a huge diamond which was given him by his father. It is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. He has refused \$10,000 for it. Wuth U.S. taxes and all, it would probably sell for 25 or 30 thousand, don't you think? I have been invited to visit him, and I will do so if I possibly can at all. He has promised to find me some rubies very cheap...I wish I could tell you what is going on over here. I can't but I am sure that we really are accomplishing something and that plenty of stuff is really going through to our Russian ally. If you could see a picture of this place when we first arrived and now, you could hardly believe that the change was possible...You have asked about Sanskrit. The only thing I have been able to learn is that it's just as dead here as in the States. When I mentioned it the other day to an Indian officer, he said he had studied it in school in southern India and that the prayers of all Indian soldiers are in Sanskrit. The officer has promised to get me more information on the subject if he can at all." (We wonder whether in the Garden of Eden Sheriff had expected to see the unshamed Eve plain and in her abundance?--Ed.)

#### HORSE FEED

The H.M. thanks Mrs. William Moore, Carey Woofter, Mrs. William Smith, and Clyde Luzader for gifts of \$1 each.

We should like letters from Raymond Freed, Dana Farnsworth, Lynwood Zinn, August Kafer, and Russell McQuain.

#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO August 24 to August 31

If you drop into the cocktail bar in Baltimore's Lord Baltimore Hotel, and have

an old fashioned or two or three, you may pay your check to Hoop Woodyard who is a cashier there...Ernest Lee Arbuckle left here for flight training at Sheppard Field, Texas...On the 26th Mrs. C. T. Whiting had a radiogram (or what it is when it comes via RCA communications?) from Hap, saying he was well...We hear from a southern camp that Lt. Col Robert Allen, a former co-editor of the Washington Merry-Go-Round, is in as bad grace with his fellow-officers as his partner is with Secretary Hull. A West Point captain was relating how he told Allen off...A boy of 7 or 8 approached a stranger on the street and with a serious face said, "Nobody can have any fun today." "Why?" the s. asked. "It's too hot."...Ace Morrison has been promoted to commander. He's in charge of the Navy V-12 program in New York City. Recent guests at the home of him and his wife (the former Miss Elizabeth Holt) have been Bob and Helen Mollohan, Paul Floyd, and Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Cato. This was Doc's first vacation in two years. He lately bought a home at Miami Beach...Phyllis Rohrbough will teach four classes in English and one in French at Corpus Christi's high school, enrollment 1800...Cpl. Rymer (Doc) Garrett here from Camp Kerns, Utah, on emergency furlough to visit his wife who was injured in the flood and to see about repairs for his damaged home. Says he's an aerial engineer or crew chief of a DC-3 transport but now is receiving instruction in gunnery. (Because transport crews did not know how to use weapons, the Germans drove some of them so far up in the Tunisian hills that they have not been found yet.) Civilian transports, he tells us, are timed slower than military ones to avert flames from back-firing and to lesson wing vibration, which frightens passengers, while the planes are on the ground. He was rejected for overseas service because of a slight injury to his back. His wife suffered a severe cut on her forehead, which became infected, and still has not recovered from shock...At 11:20 p.m. on Aug. 23 the fire siren blew a tremendous blast. We looked a circle, saw no light, and jumped into Tate Hyer's car with him to drive down Main Street. At the Brick Corner Elder Wildeye was directing traffic, as the fire wagon, driven by Paul Kidd, whizzed down Court House Hill across our bow. We followed, and behind the old Whiting Hotel saw some men with flashlights moving round and now and then kicking up an ember. The "office" of Thaddeus Warsaw Byrne's Kennels formerly a garage, had been ablaze. Thad was out chasing Reynard. Some say that jealous fox hunters tried to destroy Thad's dogs. Others believe that heat resulting from the friction of their lightning speed caused the fire...Cpl. Clarence Underwood has returned to Ohio State after a long furlough here. He will take an engineering course, what kind he doesn't know until he completes an eight-month basic course...Ches Morris, an assistant field director of the Red Cross, has lately been transferred from Augusta to Fort Bragg...On Sunday we met Brooks Starcher, clean shorn, on the bridge. He said he was up from the farm for a week-end fling in our bright lights. When we told him we feel right smart tol'able for an old man, he asked our age. When we told him that, he said, "Hell, I'm forty," and turned on his heel and went his way...We didn't ask him whether he's kin to the Lesters of Tobacco Road, but the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Methodist minister, told

us he sowed two pounds of turnip seed... While camping with his wife and a party on Cedar Creek, the Rev. Gilbert Moore, Baptist minister, landed a fair-sized muskie the other night. Without saying "See" to anybody, he jumped into his car and drove 35 miles an hour to town to show the fish to Frank Poole...Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough has lived for some months in an apartment building flanked on one side by the Congressional Library and on the other by the Supreme Court Building without having yet learned the truth of our insistence that it's salt risen bread, not salt rising... She and Mr. Rohrbough have been spending a few days here. Ed is in New York waiting to get overseas...Jack Stalnaker, browned by the Arkansas sun, here on furlough... Something is wrong when we feel the desire to draw, but we wanted to do a sketch of the "capture" of Kiska; an invasion armada of hundreds of ships and landing barges, may be 20,000 troops waiting to debark while naval guns terrifically bombarded Gertrude Cove, then the assault and convergence upon intact barracks, intact guns and gun placements; then finally ringed by bayonets, tommyguns, and mortars one lone can of Japanese evaporated milk, opened but still sweet. The Times' Mr. Baldwin, without whose quotations editing this sheet would be difficult, confirms our suspicions: "The circumstances surrounding the evacuation of Kiska ought to make someone's face red, and the situation was not helped by the Navy's seemingly disingenuous and naive statement. Censorship is keeping from the American people many facts which they are entitled to know and is covering up mistakes and inefficiency." In a later article Baldwin makes these statements: "We have made almost all the errors in the military books in some of our past operations and have won primarily because of numerical and material superiority, not because of greater fighting efficiency." These mistakes, he says, are common to any green and greatly expanded fighting services, but they must be taken to heart. He believes Kiska showed gross failure in elementary intelligence work, that the same fog which helped the Japs to escape could have enabled us to land three- or four-men patrols for reconnaissance work. Our Sicilian Campaign was on the whole well conducted, Baldwin thinks, but too many conclusions must not be drawn from it because the beaches were not well defended and the Italians had little heart to resist. Our air-borne operations there had only limited success because most of our parachute and slider troops were landed miles, sometimes many miles, from their correct objectives. Of air support for ground forces Baldwin says, "The Air Force do not much relish the idea; close ground support is difficult (but necessary at times in every campaign) and their doctrine is more ambitious...In Sicily the close air support of our ground effort was not good; it improved later." Of air bombardment, as shown at Pantelleria and Kiska, he says its effects against a well-dug-in garrison are moral, rather than physical. He concludes, "The sooner we rid not only the public mind but also the service mind of military shibboleths and falsities created in part by our own censorship and our own propaganda, the sooner we shall win this war. We must learn from mistakes."

National headquarters of the Red Cross has spent and is spending about \$10,000 for flood relief in Gilmer County. Some \$2500 of this was expended for food and clothing; the rest for rebuilding, moving, and repairing homes and for household equipment. Restoration of destroyed property is based on need and not upon actual value of the property lost. Those who were able to rebuild, repair, or reequip their properties were not aided by the Red Cross. The county chapter also collected and distributed clothing to flood victims, and it plans to dispense 5000 cans of foods which various county organizations are expected to donate. The Red Cross holds as confidential information the number of families registered for flood relief...Most of the women driven from their homes by rising waters said they had time to put on only their "Princess slips." ...Enrollment at the College begins on Sept. 13. It is said that if as many as fifty students register, school will keep. We have heard no predictions except that enrollment will be above fifty...All county schools began yesterday...Bernyce Beall will teach the first grade at Glenville. James Murphy is replacing Boone Maxwell at Tanner. Boone resigned to continue working for the U.S. Rubber Co. at Institute. He lives at Dunbar...Whis Chenoweth, former NYA employee, is dressing tools for the Moran drilling company ...Dick Wilson, Tom's brother, is employed as a guard at the Huttonsville medium security prison...West Virginia now has a football schedule of eight games although nobody seems much concerned about it except Legs Hawley and the sports writers whose bread and butter it is. The games: W.Va. Tech (home), Virginia at Charleston, Pitt at Pittsburgh, Maryland at home, Carnegie Tech (home), Penn State at State College, Lehigh there and Bethany...It is said that Rudy Baric will likely be discharged from OCS because of a bad knee and will return to the University as temporary basketball coach. Rodgers is head football coach temporarily...Among 35 inductees who will go to Clarksburg on the 20th for examination are Denver Riffle, Pelb Wolfe, Bob Blair, and Decoe Parsons...We don't know the exact number of men from the county in the armed forces, but it probably is beyond 700...Mrs. Tom McQuain of Cove Creek now has three daughters in the WACS. Lois, a second lieutenant, is at Fort Des Moines, and Eunice and Edna have more recently joined up. Perry, a brother, is with the air forces in England. Bryan, another brother, is now doing construction work for DuPont in Washington state...Pat Gainer, whose waist is no longer waspish, here on vacation. He helps conduct a school for USO workers at Columbia University. Says his brother Francis is with a mobile USO unit now in Texas and Bernard is with the U.S. Employment Service at Charleston...Tate Hyer has been named chairman of the county United War Service fund drive which has a quota of \$4200...Down deep in Texas it's now Corporal Cannonaire Whiting (Richard)...Sam Craddock is becoming an inveterate London playgoer. Says plays are less expensive than movies. He writes that he has gained 15 pounds since he went across and now weighs 11 stone 10. (164 to you, as it was to us after a trip to the dictionary)...Karl Danley, presumably in a place more tropical than Australia, writes that he almost stepped on a rock python

while going to the latrine one night... Farmer Russ Hardman up from Tanner for the week-end...Ed Rader painting at Jim Branlett's and looking from the rear like his painter papa Buck...We gun-shoed up Main Street the other night at 9:30 and at the main square saw Alfie Cain sitting asleep on Dump Garrett's window ledge. He avows he once went to sleep while walking...Charlie King was in from Baltimore for a few days. He showed us his engagement book, but declares Baltimore girls are "all mouth and no action." Baseball has its fans, or boys are still boys: Shorty Hawkins and Bill Nottingham disputing and angry about whether St. Louis or Philadelphia protested a game they had played a few weeks ago. They couldn't find baseball pundit Jack Rader to get the facts. As we heard the story, Bill offered to bet \$100, but when Shorty laid the money on the counter at Bill's Bill would not cover it. Then Bill reduced the figure to \$20 and did not put up...In the California mountains where he was going guard duty the other night, Tony George saw a big pair of shining eyes, with darkness behind them. So, he wrote home for a flashlight. Fern offered to borrow Sis Taylor's lantern to send Tony...The top aerial gunner in Britain a few days ago was S. Sgt. Donald W. Crossley of Wellsburg. He has destroyed 11 planes. Although a squirrel hunter, he discounts the Dan'l Boone inherent skill and says the automatic computing gun-sight and other aids are responsible ...Former D & E and West Point footballer, Col. Chick Harding of Beverly, has received the Silver Medal for flying combat missions from England. The DFC had been awarded him previously for survey work over North Africa...S. Sgt. Clayton Woofter of Alum Bridge has received the DFC in the South Pacific...Minter Berry has been named manager of the college farm and will live in the cottage on the campus...For the first time in many years the college plans to offer courses in home economics...S. Sgt. and Mrs. Durgan Wright here. Durgan thinks he soon may be sent to Tennessee for manoeuvres... Fred Wells here on a delayed furlough for ten days while his outfit is being moved from Grand Rapids back to Chanute Field... Charles Griffith, in from Washington, says he has easy, pleasant work...Clark Wolfe also on furlough...Trooper Artie Bryant has been transferred to Middlebourne and is replaced here by Trooper Claude Hefner. We shall miss Artie's story about the time he got old Admiral (pronounced ad-mir'-al) Pettigrew told... Leave it to the women's service organizations. At least one of them has uniforms officers who dictate the length each woman may wear her hair, that being determined by shape of mug and length of neck. And for those who fall off the roof hard, they give inoculations. We overheard our Mr. Malaprops speaking the other day of a man needing a blood confusion...Married on Sept. 4 Jean Spelsberg of Clarksburg to Lt. (jg) Roland Holt, Jr. at Clarksburg's Lutheran Church. Roland is being sent for duty to Miami and beyond. His bride will accompany him to Florida. He flies a Ventura. Among those from Glenville who attended the wedding were his father, Goldie James, Eunice Cain, Betty Gainer, and Paul Kidd...Butch Beall yelled at us the other day, "It's getting fallish." We replied, "And

(To conserve space, we are abbreviating addresses as much as possible. This diagonal mark / is meant to indicate the end of a line as it should be written on the envelope. These characters c/o PM/N.Y., for example, mean In care of Postmaster, New York, New York. It has been necessary to drop some names from our mailing list because we learned that these men had been transferred and they had not given us their new addresses. When your address changes, please notify the H.M. promptly if you wish to continue to receive it.)

Sgt. Laddie R. Bell 35266571/343rd Service Sqdn./325th Service Group/APO 634/c/o PM/N.Y., N.Y.

Sgt. Robert W. Beall/344 Group/494th Bomber Sqdn./Great Bend, Kansas

Lt. (j.g.) Kenton C. Berry/Class O-8-C/West Coast Sound School/San Diego, Calif.

Pvt. Olen E. Berry 35279924/38th Sqdn./38 A.D.G./APO 528/In Care of Postmaster/New York, N.Y.

Cpl. Clair Boso/76th Signal Co.; 76th Inf. Div./APO 76/Fort Meade, Md.

Cpl. Woodrow W. Boyd/Hq. and Hq. Sqdn./2nd Air Force/Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington.

Pfc. Fred Brannon, 15115696/Regt. Hdq. Co./501st Regt./Camp Mackall, N.C.

Pvt. James G. Brannon, 15115136/Platoon 4530 Area C-3/Camp Peary/Williamsburg, Va.

Pfc. Samuel J. Brannon 35646553/Btry C, 253rd P.A. Bn./Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Lt. (j.g.) Ivan H. Bush, Jr., USNR/U.S.S. Edsall (DE-129)/In care of Fleet Post Office/New York, N.Y.

Robert J. Butcher, S2c/Navy No. 923/In care of Fleet P.O./ N.Y., N.Y.

Pvt. Roland Butcher (Being transferred)

Cpl. Osborne S. Campbell 35274661/62nd Fighter Sqdn./APO 637/c/o PM/N.Y., N.Y.

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Luke Field/Phoenix, Ariz.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO (continued)

which it is, sir," just as Bert Fleming would. Autumn has planted her first hesitant kiss softly and capriciously on the earth. Hickory and walnut kernels are plumping, green pastures are patched purple with ironweed, and the weeping willow and box elder have for days been dropping their leaves. The pair of blue herons at the Rock Bar must hear in the clear blue skies of day and in the chill and fog of nights the approaching whistle of the Southbound train. Summer is a woman still handsome and wise, but Earth is being fascinated by the youthful Autumn.

THE AIR MEDAL has been awarded to first Lieutenant Homer L. Moore for missions flown in the North African Theater of Operations, the War Department announced on September 7. Tiny, who pilots a troop-carrier plane, flew from England to Africa last November when the invasion was made, and since then he has taken part in the invasion of Sicily.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

CPL. RICHARD C. WHITING, Camp Bowie, Texas, Aug. 29: "I like it much better in the field than here in the battery. We work harder for a while in the field digging fox holes and setting our guns in, but that doesn't take so very long, and then we rest until a fire mission comes down. It costs a great deal to fire our gun each time, and we usually fire about eighteen rounds...My rating, which was a surprise to me as we had not expected to receive promotions for some time, came through ammunition corporal on my gun section. I see that my gun gets the stuff to fire with, and I check on it and the rounds fired. They must be expecting to ship out a battery when basic is over...We have a chance to take the air corps test, but I still want to remain a soldier; so I won't even bother with it. I like the artillery fine...How are all my old friends including those sad-hearted Reds fans? The Cards are tops always. Tell all the fellows to write me."

LT. HAROLD L. SCOTT, Nashville, Sept. 6: "I received a pleasant surprise the past week when I ran into Sammy Williams here on the post. He informed me that Bill Whetsell and Billy Karantonis would be here about the 8th of this month. Sammy shipped out the next day...When in Nashville last week I met Everett Stalnaker of Troy. He is on manoeuvres here. It was swell to see someone from my home town...I may be transferred from this post at anytime now. A good many of our physical training officers are being sent to special service school and then overseas."

LT. (j.g.) KENTON C. BERRY, USS Leary, c/o F.P.O., New York, N.Y., Sept. 6: "Pardon this worse than usual handwriting, but I'm writing this on my knee and this old 'four-piper' destroyer is making about 25 knots...It's hard to tell where I shall be for the next few weeks, but my wife is living at the Morningside Residence Club, 100 Morningside Drive, New York. Perhaps it would be better to send my mail there until further notice."

S. SGT. GABRIEL A. CHABUT, Hawaii, Aug. 25: "When I read those fifteen books on World War I in your literature course and wrote a paper on the general theme running throughout, it never occurred to me that someday I would be participating in World War II. Neither did I thoroughly understand or realize the seriousness of the things described therein. Today I look upon them from a different point of view because of personal conversations with boys who have returned from the active theaters of operations. It is surprising how suddenly this whole change in life has come about and what an unbelievable short period of time has expired

since we left Glenville...Recently the USO director of this particular club decided to extend the club library hours from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and asked me to take charge ten evenings a month. I was only too glad to do this. It has given me an opportunity to do more reading as well as to learn what service men like to read. There is a surprisingly great demand for books of poetry. At present I am reading A Daughter of Samurai...Jason Meadows and I have tickets to see a presentation of Macbeth. It has been officially verified that the settings, lighting, costumes, and even the acting are superior to Broadway. I have seen Capt. Maurice Evans and Judith Anderson several times...I'm still a busy body in finance, with many things to learn. A person could spend a lifetime learning this one branch of the service. It's very interesting but very deep and complicated at times."

PVT. WINSTON SHELTON, Co. D, 67th Bn., 14th Regt., Camp Fannin, Texas, Sept. 5: "Altogether there are six Glenville and G.S.C. boys here: Jack Conrad, Kermit Fisher, Jake Fitzpatrick, Sheldon Riggs, Clifford Stalnaker, and I. The last four will complete their basic training by Sept. 29 and will probably return to school--not G.S.C. though...One of the things we appreciate most is news of service men we know. In that way your bulletin is one of the most liked and best appreciated papers we know."

ENSIGN F. F. WHITING, Philadelphia, Sept. 11: "Sorry I haven't gotten round to writing that piece for the H.M. but I've been so busy between work for the Naval Communication Service and trying to have a good time in Boston that I haven't been able to do much writing, as what free time I've had I've put in gathering more material...It has taken a place like Philadelphia to make me appreciate Boston. Here there is nothing but baseball games and movies and only one or two second-rate plays. Fortunately there will be a change from baseball to football next Thursday when the Chicago Bears play the combined Phila-Pittsburgh teams. Got to see my Cards play three games...I would give anything to have been sent where I was supposed to be sent, but in the original orders they got my name in with the Lt. (j.g.)'s and so when the ensigns were transferred, I stayed with the j.g.'s. The catch is that the ensigns got a good assignment and have been staying in New York for three weeks doing nothing but waiting transportation to a most acceptable base in the Atlantic...Not only do I work with WAVES here but at present one of them is boss on the job. And that is something which she gets a kick from and she doesn't hide it. She is outranked by all the men on her crew, but because she has been here at this job longer, she rates the No. 1 spot. I get along all right though as I am the only single man in the place. The girls in the service are doing a good job here and were they the only ones in the office, I think everything would be more efficient. But you know it's inherent in a man not to take orders from a woman, especially when she isn't his wife...I suppose you have

been corrected about the position Bob Fidler played on Nate's team. As well as I remember, he was a guard not a back. (The error occurred to us suddenly in bed one night, but too late to change the copy.--Ed.)

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This H.M. scribe (D. W.) regrets that after eighteen months he must leave the free and pleasant realm of the Horse's Mouth. After being hors de combat for eight years, he is again going to attempt to earn a living. Meanwhile, he is persuading H.M. Editor Mabel Wolfe to continue publication and is trying to enlist the aid of Tate Hyer and Hunter Whiting as correspondents. He hopes sincerely that service men and women will continue to write as in the past. Letters should be addressed to Miss Mabel Wolfe or to the H.M... This scribe has been temporarily appointed assistant professor of journalism and director of publicity at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., where he will teach one class and give the rest of his time to publicity work. He reported for duty yesterday. At all time he will be glad to see H.M. readers who are in his vicinity, and he can be reached at 7 Payne Hall, Washington and Lee University... To all of you he wishes the best of luck.

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For the benefit of financial contributors the H.M. gives this second accounting: Vol. 1, No. 19 to Vol. 2, No. 12 inclusive, gifts received \$49. Expenses; postage \$39; stencils \$7.35; and paper \$4.50.

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The H.M. thanks Mrs. Floyd Cunningham and Mrs. C. L. Underwood for gifts of \$1 each.

We should like to have letters from Dana Farnsworth, Bob Beall, Guy Stalnaker, Leroy Davis, Fred Goff, Blake Hayhurst, and Isadore Nachman.

#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO

September 7 to September 14.

Lt. (j.g.) Lynwood Zinn, on the eve of his departure for duty at San Francisco, said he had nothing to write us about at Richmond; that recently mostly negroes have been going through the induction station and that the usual number of them has had "hair cuts" and "strains"... Lt.-Cmdr. Dana Farnsworth, recently of the South-Pacific, has been transferred to Besheda, Md... Jack Luzader is one of six V-5's chosen to report for football practice with the regular Rensselaer Polytechnic squad... Red Wilfong's Weston Minutemen defeated Joe Hall's Terrors 19-0 in a night game at Weston of the 11th... We took a short walk in the woods with T. Hyer to exercise his new grouse dog, an English spaniel. Never have we seen more squirrel cuttings under the hickories. As for the dog Tate is returning her to her owner... Destry Craddock gets his second furlough in two years, beginning the 27th... John Rohrbough went home from his third-grade classes at Corpus Christi with a first-grade Spanish reader which he showed to Nate and remarked, "How in the hell do they expect me to read this when I can't read English?" Nate has recently been instructing in boot camp... Married on April 13,

Miss Bobbie Jeffries to William Kafer at Monterey, Va. Bill is now in midshipmen's school at Annapolis... Jennings Luzader, with Walter Heater, in from Fort Meade, S. D., where he says the squaws are pretty, and the town of Deadwood is wide open. Says he got even with his gopher-hole sergeant who called him a damned dumb hill-billy by crowning him with a chair when a riot started at Deadwood. Because he prefers to be a buck-a. private, he has refused pme stripe... Lt. (j.g.) Walter Berry of the USS West Virginia is here on a 30-day leave.

September 14 to September 21

KILLED IN ACTION Lt. Wilson Vindar

Withers, in Sicily August 15, 1943. He was the husband of Ruby Ramsey Withers, graduate of Glenville State College, '36... Pvt. Orville D. Wolfe has been granted an honorable discharge after serving about a year with the U.S. Coast Artillery... The Landus Rhoades Have a son, Jack Sherwood. Landus was recently promoted to Pfc. ... Married Sept. 9 Mavis Dye, Yeoman 2 Class, to S. Sgt. Sigmund R. Scrafin of Columbia, S. C. Mavis is now working in the office of the Secretary of the Navy in Washington... Raymond Bodkin, who resigned as principal of Cedarville grades, will teach at Bruceton Mills high school, Preston county... Adele Harpold Walsh has been assigned to Camp Patrick Henry, Va. She is a field director for the Red Cross... Enrollment at Glenville College at the end of the first week was 101. Of this, 86 are women, 15 men. Miss Rose Funk has been named house mother for the seven boys in Louis Bennett Hall... After a week's furlough here, Pvt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker returned Saturday to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, to resume studies in a U.S. Meteorology School... Dick Fultineer had a gala day making the two touchdowns and line-bucking the extra point when the Glenville Red Terrors won over Calhoun County High Saturday, 13-6... Pfc. James Richard Smith, home for the first time since he was inducted in January, says the liquor situation is worse here than in Arkansas. (He is stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson). He had to go to Weston to show furlough papers to authorities there, in order to get his "rations"... Sailors Rondall Gainer, Ted Fultineer, Bobby Whiting, Earl Ray Ellis, Bennett Stump, and John Cooper were in the village on short leaves the past week... Annabel Bush was married to S. Sgt. William Hughes at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 11 at her home in Charleston by the Rev. J. C. Musser of Dunbar, formerly of Glenville. Hughes is stationed at Tampa, Florida... Melvin Layke Smith, of Glenville, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant... Richard Whiting is expected here today... We saw T. Her riding his sister's bicycle down the Main drag Saturday afternoon... Lt. Isadore Nachman is now at San Juan Hotel, Orlando, Florida... What with the price of eggs going up, we weren't at all surprised to hear a young mother at the grocery store say: "Joe, you carry the baby and let me have the eggs. You might drop them"... Mary Morgan Herndon, who is employed at Wright Field, Dayton, O., spent the week-end here... O. D. Miller, painting the Democrat office inside and out... Pvt. John Tyson has been granted a medical discharge from the Marines. He plans to teach in Roane County...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

ROBERT J. BUTCHER, R. M. 3c, Fleet Post Office, New York, Sept. 13: "Thank you for the last issue of the H. M. It has many friends here, and few are from West Virginia. 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 were the only stumbling block... Sheriff Smith will be a baked duck by the time he gets back to the states. The heat there should enable him to whizz through the hottest dances at home. I have seen the Sheriff burn down at more than one. To everyone everywhere I would like to say hello, and that I hope it won't be long before we can all meet in good old Glenville for the best homecoming yet."

ENSIGN CHARLES E. WILSON, USNR, Box J, Naval Mine Warfare, Yorktown, Virginia, Sept. 18: "Received a copy of your paper the past week and was very pleased with the news and addresses it contained... Have been trying for some time to locate some of the boys whose addresses were listed... I was transferred to sea duty the past week but will receive my mail at this station."

PFC. LAWRENCE D. PETERS, 907th Guard Squadron, Chanute Field, Ill., Sept. 21: "I am coming home the 16th of October for twelve days and hope to see my friends in Glenville and Gluck Run. Tell all the boys to write to me."

LT. (JG) AUGUST KAFER, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 12: "Sorry I haven't got around to writing you a few lines in 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 the Nelson Craddocks. I hope it's a boy. I hope to collect a cigar some day. Sorry to hear he had to leave the states. May be 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 Tiny Moore was in on that Italy deal? Keep your ears open on the news. Big things are going to happen down here."

PVT. CLIFFORD H. JIMISON, Room 1410, Murray Barracks, The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., Sept. 29: "I am no longer stationed at Ft. McClellan... I want to thank you for sending the H. M. I receive a paper from my home town and have access to several other papers but none of them has as much news as the H. M. I am saving every copy and hope some day to put them all in my room at home... We are the first group of ASTP students to be sent here. The buildings are all old and are modeled after the ones at West Point. The barracks I am in is a four story affair with accommodations for 84 men on each floor. It is built like a castle but looks something like a prison with its heavy gates and barred windows... School starts Oct. 11

and ends Jan. 8, then we have seven days leave and come back for another 3 months to finish our training. I am getting along fine and hope to be back in West Virginia sometime."

KILLED IN ACTION Sergt. Joe Chabut in the Sicilian campaign on August 7. He is a brother of Gabriel, former Glenville College student, who is now in Hawaii with the U. S. Army. Joe was married about a year ago and was employed in Chicago at the time of his induction.

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The H. M. thanks Mrs. Elmer Shaver, R. R. West of Charleston, and Frank Wolfe of Baltimore for gifts of \$1 each.

We should like to have letters from Olen Berry, Robert Reed, Tony George, Oral Cunningham, and Robert Hauman. Also from all others who care to write.

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## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

September 21 to September 28

West Virginians like their lick with out benefit of rationing. During a recent bonus period they bought out a month's supply of wine in a week from 54 of the state's 130 stores... Eastern Area Headquarters of the Red Cross announces the assignment of Paul Hyer of Sutton, a former GSC student, as general field representative for Maryland... Pfc. Richard Smith, on recent furlough from Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, had notice on his arrival of his promotion to corporal, and returned to camp to be informed that he was promoted to sergeant. Left camp a private first class, spent a furlough as corporal, got back to camp as sergeant. At that rate Little Doc will be a major by spring... Joe Hall's Red Terrors routed Sutton's Blue Devils 31 to 6. At a recent practice session Arland Wilson of the Terrors, cracked a bone in his ankle... Pfc. Raymond "Bud" Luzader home on furlough from New Orleans. Bud has four brothers in the services... The situation on the home front is getting tough. An eligible and reasonably handsome school teacher asked us the other day: "Just what am I supposed to do when the big girls get a crush on me?" Huh! As if he didn't know... Sgt. Charles Griffith is back in the theatrical business. Running the new Post Theater at Bolling Field, Washington. Some different from managing one in Burnsville, W. Va., probably... Paul "Shotgun" Fitzpatrick has been in hospital at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, with malaria. He is home now on furlough... Pauline Burke has resigned her teaching job and gone with her family to Baltimore. She is a sister of Lt. Johnson Burke of the Air Corps... After emulating Pisa's leaning tower for some years, the wall in front of Max Nachman's finally collapsed on the sidewalk. It is being rebuilt by Jack Walters and his cigar, with a noticeable dearth of kibitzers. Time was when the job would have had a critical gallery studying the placing of every block, and bets would have been freely and audibly offered on how soon the whole thing would slump into the street again... The H. M. hears that the Lord Baltimore Hotel has decided to worry along without the services of Hoop Woodyard, as

bartender... John Baker Ellis has transferred to the Air Corps and is at Sheppard Field in Texas. Ernest Lee Arbuckle is there also and writes that he can now march five miles wearing a gas mask without falling out from suffocation...Sgt. James Woofler, in a week-end globe trot from Langley Field to Washington, D. C., got involved with some of the scenery along the road. He was taken to Fort Belvoir Hospital, where the medics stitched him up. Sgt. Earl Wolfe, of the Medical Detachment there, reports him practically as good as new at present writing...A theater manager in Hartford, Conn., says a woman planked down \$375 for a \$500 bond, with the remark that she had been saving it for a divorce, but had decided to buy a bond instead because she hated Hitler worse than she did her husband...Ensign Fred Madison Whiting, at the Ration Board office, ordered by Corp. Richard Whiting to put name, rank, and serial number on the form he was filling out. Being a corporal in the army, an ensign fresh out of Harvard is just another Navy man to Richard... Bernyce Beall is teaching first graders a smidgin of readin' and writin' and says they have taught her "Pistol Packin' Mama"...Everett Withers, founder of H.M., writes from Washington & Lee University that he spends part of his time introducing English to some engineering kaydets...Corp. Billy Wheeler, Medical Division, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, home on furlough and reporting that in recent night maneuvers they reach objectives by consulting the stars. And he doesn't mean astrology, either. Says he hasn't got lost yet...

September 28 to October 5

Pvt. Billy Adams, Pioneer at GSC's '42 Homecoming, writes from Camp Wallace, Texas, that life there would be bearable if somebody could find a way to remove the mosquitoes...The long-continued fracas between County Supt. Marion Rogers and the Lewis County Board of Education has ended with Rogers winner, unless the Board appeals. Judge Jake Fisher ruled that Rogers was ousted illegally and ordered the board to reinstate him...Former mayor Ray Thompson is able to be out again after a recent illness. Lionel Fell is still confined to his home with a heart ailment. Miss James, of the college faculty, exercises the dog while Ying is laid up... After the August flood Burnsville imported a flock of negro prisoners to help her wash her face and comb the mud out of her hair. Having finished the job they are now living in barracks at the Glenville Fair Grounds and will work on some of Gilmer County's roads for a spell...Mrs. Fred Lewis died at her home, The Beeches, Oct. 2, after a long illness...Kingsley Smith, attorney of Weston, GSC alumnus, was in our midst the other day, announcing to anybody who was interested that Glenville is the only place he knows which doesn't change. When he drove into town the first thing he saw was Thad Byrne looking anxiously up and down the main stem and inquiring, "Has anybody seen that so-and-so hound of mine?"...The Red Cross is collecting food for the flood victims who lost gardens and canned stuff. The executive secretary reports very good results so far...Mrs. W. D. Whiting is in

a Clarksburg hospital suffering from a fractured hip...Recent marriages: Arrah Wanna Singleton to Dr. Frank H. Russ, in Rochester, Minn.; Seaman Frankie Woods of the WAVES to Corp. Blaine Tanner, at Walter Reed Chapel, Washington, D. C.; Ruth Wolfe to Lowell Williams, at Glenville...Doddridge and Glenville high school football teams battled on even terms through three scoreless periods and then each team scored touchdowns to bring the game to a 7-7 conclusion at West Union, Friday...The Billy Deckers (she was Betty Sue Curtis) have a daughter, Pfc. Decker is stationed at Las Vegas, Nev...Mrs. Emma Wolfe has received the Purple Heart, medal for exceptional courage in action, which was awarded to her son. S. Sgt. Paul E. Wolfe, killed in action in North Africa...Destry Craddock and Billy Bennett, USMC, are returning to Parris Island after furloughs. Destry has added a pound or two since he was home before...Chief Specialist Frank Martino and his wife, the former Leah Stalnaker, spending a short furlough at their respective homes. They are returning to Martino's former post at Sampson, N. Y...Joe Rodriguez and Jesse Lilly, freshwater sailors from the Great Lakes Training Station, and Pvt. Leo C. West, Field Artillery, stationed in Tennessee, home on furloughs...John R. Wagner, of the College, has purchased the motor skeeter that Tom Reed used to carry the Cedar Creek mail on. Tom says he had no trouble training the skeeter to stop at every box on the line, but when it refused to go on unless he put something in the box, he decided to get a car. Too much trouble to keep posting empty envelopes for the people who didn't get any mail...Mrs. C. T. Whiting had a letter from Happy, the first she has had since June, saying he is in Australia and thinks he may be near Buck McCartney...1st Lt. Maurice R. Shock writes that he is temporarily in a replacement battalion at Camp Meade, Maryland. Says he saw a game between the Redskins and the Bears and one between the Yankees and the Washington Yankees...Lee Scott Gainer is expected here today...Willerma White, former GSC librarian, of White Sulphur Springs, was married Sept. 26 to Pvt. John Gyax.

New and Revised Addresses

Glendon Brown A/C  
Bat. 33, Co. F, Plat. 2A  
Wasp Barracks 319  
Navy Pre-flight/Athena, Georgia

A/C Birl J. Cottrill  
Class 7043 C (c) Cadet Reg.  
U.S.N.A.T.S.  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Pfc. Solomon Levin  
Co. B, 36th Cand. Class  
O. S. M. C. Barracks  
Quantico, Virginia

Hunter Rymer, Jr. A/S  
Co. 4398, 16th Battalion  
U.S.N.T.S.  
Bainbridge, Maryland

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. COMDR. MAYNARD F. YOUNG, Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y., Sept. 26: "When I had that miraculous leave in Glenville last June I saw a few of my old friends, but must agree with comments in the H. M. that the old home town is rather a deserted place. Made me sort of 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 a real pleasure and vacation...One thing which strikes me most when I return to Glenville is that things continue to progress there whether I am there or not. Don't think I am as conceited as that sounds! The progress I mean is not so much in buildings, though there is that, too. It's the growth of the people I used to know so well! When I walk down the street some young man or woman will speak to me, using my first name, and I won't have any idea who it is. Sometimes I find he or she is married and has a family, and 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 that most of our regulations in the USN were copied from the British - it gives me, misquoting Hamlet, "Pause". I'm for 'em."

WILLIAM H. MOSS, CCM, 58 USN Const. Batt. c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 27: "Thanks very much for the issues of the H. M. 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 Southwest Pacific for about 6 months and if color by indication, I have become perfectly acclimated to this part of the world. We were stationed in the Fiji Isles for about 2 months before going on up the line to island "X" where we are now...I am part of a Naval Construction Battalion and am in charge of surveying and drafting on our various construction jobs. We are known as C. B.'s (Seabees.) This island is populated by dark-skinned natives and of course 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."

LT. ROBERT T. HAUMAN, L.A.A.F., Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 8: "Haven't written sooner because the monotony of instructing doesn't leave me much to write about. However, the less that happens in this kind of flying the better. I was recently promoted to flight commander and am well satisfied with my work. I would like it a lot better if we could get a few more West Virginia boys down here...Ted Jr. and the Mrs. and getting along swell, but we'll all welcome the day when we can get back to the West Virginia hills and out of these plains and sandstorms. I still

receive the H. M. with the usual enthusiasm."

ROBERT E. REED, A. S., USNR, Bethany College, Bathany, W. Va., Oct. 12: "Semester tests start a week from tomorrow and they will certainly need plenty of studying. 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...I had a swimming test today and will have a strength test tomorrow. We have liberty every other week, and the Navy isn't treating me so badly. I weigh 180 now and when I weighed in July 2 it was only 149."

A/C Earl Spencer, 70th AAFFTD, Flight H, Lafayette, Louisiana, Oct. 12: "Lots of water has gone under the bridge since I wrote last. I have completed 40 hours of flying and will ship to basic training Nov. 1. If you have Steryl Brown's address will you publish it so I can get in touch with him? The H. M. brings me a lot of information as well as vivid glimpses of the good ol' Main Street of Glenville. It gives me a sort of sinking feeling to think of the football games there at home and then wake up to the realization that the war's still on. But it won't last forever. I think I'll get a pass and go see Coach Nate at Corpus Christi, and I hear Mr. Freed is somewhere in Louisiana. Maybe I'll run into him sometime."

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The H. M. thanks Everett Withers, Harvey Beall, William Moss, and Anonymous for contributions.

We should like to have letters from Earl Rymer Stalnaker, William Wheeler, Robert Lee Jack, Earl McDonald, and Landus Rhoades.

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## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

October 5 to October 12

Gilmer County continues to furnish its share of the muscle behind Uncle Samuel's heavy hitting. The Draft Board has called 60 men for today. Among them are Howard Sprouse, Monk Wolfe, Jr., Bruce Summers, Hugh Osborn, Bruce Haney, Harvey Beall, Pete Garrett, and Elwood Stewart...Creed Barton received his silver wings and a commission as 2nd lieutenant at Spence Field, Ga. He is being transferred to New York...Jesse Lilly and Miss James of the College discussing the merits of the GI haircut.. Jesse liked it because it didn't require combing and asked if that was the reason she wore one...Bill Whetzel notifies us that he has been moved from Nashville, Tenn., and is now an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Ala...Pfc. Winston Shelton, transferred from Camp Fannin, Texas, is now at Princeton University. How these boys do get around...Jim Harper, of Pictureland, has rented a bachelor apartment over the theater. His family have moved out to the Recreation Center and that's too far away from Jim's work. He will be all of sixteen, come his next birthday...O. D. "Mohammed" Miller

has acquired a half-interest in Bill Nottingham's pool room, and is taking an active part in the management. We hear that he intends to devote his spare time to decorating the walls with historical murals...Pvts. Clive and Damon West, of Troy, managed to dovetail their recent furloughs. Damon took  $4\frac{1}{2}$  days to come from Camp Stoneman, Calif., and thinks he would have done better to try hitchhiking. Even with gas rationing it couldn't have been slower than the trains were...S. Sgt. Olih Gherke on furlough from Elgin Field, Fla. He is in the Air Corps and gets fifty hours a month flying time, with an occasional chance at the controls while in the air...Squirrel season opened with very little excitement, even among the squirrels, due possibly to the scarcity of ammunition. Some of the veteran hunters came back from their various jobs in war industries to see that things got off to a good start. Among them were Red Wilfong, Sport Whiting, Earle and Harry Bennett, Hayden Powell, Bob Combs, Roy Beall, and Rex Miller. Only casualty reported to date is the traffic light at the Main Street crossing, which has lost the green lens looking toward the bridge. In our opinion it was shot up by a dawn-fuddled hunter, but another school of thought holds that some extra early Hallowe'ener chunked a rock through it...Alex "Bull" Regdon, who was at Glenville some years ago, is a lieutenant in the special service division. When he entered the service he was Physical Education instructor and assistant coach at North Carolina State...Pvt. Pole Marshall is home on a 20 day furlough from Panama...Johnny Wagner passed a test for entrance to Annapolis, ranking second among those competing...Karl West, in an ASTP unit at West Virginia University, home to register for the draft on his eighteenth birthday. He reports that his unit has been ordered not to sing while marching in class. They got to be so good other classes stopped work to listen!

#### October 12 to October 19

After six weeks of perfect fall weather had turned the trees into pillars of flame, a two day rain brought the leaves down and spread an untidy carpet over everything...Abe Lilly has been named coach of the Burnsville Bruins...Lieut. and Mrs. Clark Hardman here for a visit with relatives. He is instructor in a meteorology school for pre-flight cadets...Seaman 2-c Patty Jack has finished boot training at Hunter College, N. Y., and is now at Stillwater, Okla., for specialized instruction...A Bear Fork citizen proudly displayed his young son to a neighbor. "He'll be president some day", he asserted. The neighbor spat and thoughtfully considered a piece of kindling. "What fer? Ain't nothin' the matter with Roosevelt, is there?" ... However, since Dick Tracy outsmarted Mrs. Pruneface we hear that he is the county's favorite in the coming presidential campaign...In spite of scarcities and rationing the USA still wastes enough food to feed most of the starving countries in the world and enough gasoline to fly bombers to the moon and back...Pfc. Harold Southall writes from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., that his outfit has P-47's, "Thunderbolts", now. He was recently

graduated from an armament school at Buckley Field, Colo...Van Arnold clubbing hickory nuts from a tree on the Aubrey Jones farm near the Fairgrounds, fell and fractured his hip. It was several hours before anyone found him. He is in a hospital at Clarksburg...Staff Sgt. Leroy Davis and Mrs. Davis home for a few days from St. Petersburg, Fla... Lt. (jg) August Kafer writes from somewhere west of San Francisco that he has been seeing some action lately. "With Italy out," he says, "we have only two more nuts to crack"...The Red Cross reports that 255 families who suffered loss in the August flood have been helped at a cost of \$38,000. The local chapter has collected over a thousand quarts of canned food for distribution in this county...Isabelle Coffman, of the High School faculty, and Dick McClung County Agricultural Agent, were married in Morgantown on October 16...Coach Joe Hall of the Terrors came down the other morning to find a placid cow on his front porch. He returned her to the owner, un milked, and says he would rather have a can of gasoline...Oke Horner and Erly Singleton staged a laugh contest in front of Tally Wright's barber shop on a recent evening which could have been heard in any adjoining county. General conclusion is that, while Erly's efforts reach a higher pitch of intensity and tickle the ears more, Oke has an edge in the matter of volume and endurance... A water main erupted in front of Buttz Craddock's last Sunday. Butch Beall turned the water off and gave the town's housekeepers a chance to find out what grandma did when the well went dry... Pfc. Bill Edwards writes from Fort Knox, Ky. that he will soon finish his basic training there. He's in an Armored Force School studying radio. Says he'd like to hear from his former roommate Ray Watson. (Ray Watson, A.S., USNR, Room # 1, Cochran Hall, Bethany, W. Va.) Jesse Stump, husband of Mildred Thompson, has enlisted in the Seabees...Cpl. Royce Miles has just been discharged from a hospital in Massachusetts where he's been confined with pneumonia...Ronnie Gainer has been transferred from Great Lakes Naval Training Station to Norfolk, Virginia...Staff Sgt. Frank Hammer and Mrs. Hammer have a son. He's stationed at Camp McKall, N. C...Soldiers home on furlough: Lee Scott Gainer, Norman Brannon, Ralph Pritt, and Bernard Williams...

#### FOOTBALL SCORES

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2nd Lt. Steryl Lamar Brown  
Co. E, 36th A. D. C.  
MB  
Quantico, Virginia

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

CPL. CLAIR BOSCO, 76 Signal Co., 76 Inf. Div., Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Oct. 18: "Our outfit is up here for a series of winter maneuvers and extensive training in snow-shoeing and skiing. It looks like it is going to be a most interesting piece of training. I have been around the east coast and the middle west for over a year now and have yet to run into anyone from West Virginia, but I still have hopes. This army sure can separate a group of men...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 Corps work and needless to say it is of a restricted nature, but I'm very much interested in it, even if 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."

PVT. TONY GEORGE, Camp Haan, Calif., Oct. 22: "I see in your paper you want me to say a few lines. I'm fine. Just moved out of the hill to an old ranch. Living o.k.; cooking our own food. Don't get much sleep in this outfit, as we work mostly at night. We have a mission from eight to eleven, get up at one, or three, or four for another mission...As soon as we get our training done here we will be put in the Air Corps in Florida...I'm doing some boxing now. I fight in the finals tonight for 175 lb. class...I pull guard every 18 hours. Walk or sit five hours at a time. Got a letter from Harold Wilson. He is an MP in San Diego... Hope to be in Glenville by January. Lots of luck."

PATTY JACK, S2/c, Willard Hall, Stillwater, Okla. "We go to school here from eight to eleven A.M., forty-five minutes for lunch, school again from eleven forty-five to four, four to five drill. From seven-thirty to nine-thirty is study, and I mean study. Then from ten to six A.M. we can do as we please. Actually we have about fifteen minutes a day sparetime, except when we get week-end shore leave. It's a fight to get a shower or an ironing board...Went to town last Saturday night along with a few thousand other soldiers, sailors, WAVES, and farmers. We walked up and down the streets about a thousand times, went in all the stores, saw two movies (one of which made me think of Pictureland on Saturday night), ate in every cafe, drug store, or hole-in-the-wall we came to; and finally got back to our little beds so late we didn't get up till ten-thirty on Sunday."

LT. HAROLD SCOTT, Nashville Army Air Center, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 17: "I was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant the past Friday...While in Nashville a few days ago I ran into Nelson Wells and wife. We had a good chat. Billy Karantonis was transferred to Lowry Field, Colo. He writes that he likes the field fine."

PVT. EARL R. STALNAKER, Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 28: "I have been going to school here at the University of Iowa for

a little over seven months, taking a pre-meteorology course. We were to get twelve months schooling here and eight more in an advanced school, but recently we were told the disappointing news that we won't get to the advanced school. It seems they overestimated the number of weather men needed so they're closing the field. We've been reclassified for other types of air corps service, but it's hard to tell where we'll end up. At any rate, we plan to finish this course here, which lasts till March. If we do complete this course and pass everything we'll get 47 semester hours of college credit, which isn't bad...The only person I've seen here that I used to know is Johnny Williams from near Elkins, who went to school at home. I hear that Garnett "Bullwheel" Hamric is at Cedar Falls which is about one hundred miles from here...The best news we've had here lately is that we may get home Xmas. I sure hope so-those W. Va. hills will look plenty good after seeing nothing but nothing for seven months."

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The H. M. thanks Bertha E. Olsen, Goldie James, Mrs. Lee Jack, and Rusty Stalnaker for bales of hay.

We should like to have letters from Laddie Bell, Samuel Brannon, Goff Summers, Jack Woodyard, and Egbert Mollohan. Also from all others who care to write.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
October 19 to October 26

A spate of marriages netted the town three serenades in one week. Wib Beall says the increased custom practically wore the hinges off the Grille's new front door, as well as ruining the month's allotment of ice-cream. Didn't even have enough left to set out his accustomed dish for Main Street's pet pole-cat...Charlie Barker and Charlie Checkerboard raking leaves on a windy day. Charlie B. sitting down on a basket and remarking that he didn't mind doing it once a year but that every damn day for a month was too much. His idea was that leaves should let go and all come down at the same time, with no dilly-dallying about it...Charlie Checkerboard's window displays a service flag with two stars for his grandsons in the army...Billy Decker, of the Air Corps, Las Vegas, Nevada, reports that he graduated as an aerial gunner, was promoted to sergeant, selected as an instructor and became a father, all in one week. Everything would have been perfect if he had only got a furlough...Pfc. Ralph Turner, Normantown, on his first furlough. He is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas...Ensign Fred Madison Whiting and Ensign Frederica Louise Schmitt, of the WAVES, were married in Philadelphia October 17. Day after Madison got his orders for sea duty, but they managed a three day furlough to come home...The Ration Board announces that there ain't no truth in the rumor that an infuriated citizen sabotaged their offices. In the course of repairing the Court House roof, workmen had left Ernest Stalnaker's long ladder leaning against the building. They had tied the foot to the old pump in the yard but the top was without any security except what might be furnished by a watchful providence. While Providence was otherwise occupied, a high wind swung the

ladder into the Board's windows. Backed the ladder and four windows... Ted Fullin-  
neer, Bobby Whiting, and Robert Peed all  
home on furlough at the same time from  
Bathany College... James Junior Marks, S1/c  
writes his father at Orton that he was in  
on the troop landings in both Sicily and  
Italy. He was on a gun at the stern of  
his ship and shot up a machine gun that  
opened fire on the troops... The war on the  
battle fronts seems to be going well for  
our side, but one of our favorite philo-  
sophers, a feline ancient of days known as  
Jeremiah, takes a gloomy view of the food  
situation at home. What with salmon  
nothing but a memory and hamburger way up  
among the luxuries a cat is hard put to  
tell where his next sardine is coming from  
... County schools have put classes an hour  
later so some of the young 'uns won't have  
to start to school in a blackout... Pfc.  
Albert Woofter got a snifter of printer's  
ink in the plant of the Evening Standard  
recently. He says that linotype machines  
in London squirt just like Judge Marsh's  
used to when he worked on the Democrat...  
Champ Clark Wolfe home with a medical dis-  
charge and much disappointed about it,  
since he was all set for a try at aviation.  
He resumes at the Glenville Post Office  
November 16... The James Satterfields and  
Earl McDonalds and Denver Thompsons are  
interested in the announcement that baby  
carriages are again being manufactured...  
The HM has received an invitation to at-  
tend the dedication of the new Science  
Hall of the college on November 8. Repre-  
sentatives from the Dept. of Education and  
members of Board of Control are expected  
to attend... Helen McGee and Paul Woodford  
were married in Oakland, Maryland, October  
20. Other recent marriages: Erna Kishner  
to Lt. Carlin Ellyson, Sept. 10, at Wil-  
mington, N. C.; Kathleen Powell, of Den-  
ver, Colo., to Lt. Layke Smith, Sept. 18,  
at Denver; Ruth Glass to Sol Levin, Oct.  
31; Beulah Waugh to Robert Bush, last July  
at Virginia Beach.

#### October 26 to November 2

When the squirrel season opened Bert  
Fleming had a few shells cached under the  
mattress which he aimed to use if the Japs  
got this far, but the dangers of invasion  
deemed slight when stacked up against the  
delights of a toothsome squirrel stew, so  
Bert, accompanied by Mrs. Fleming gunshod  
out to a certain patch of woods in the  
early morning. His luck was good, and  
when they struck the road Mrs. Fleming was  
carrying a right nice collection. Came  
then Game Warden Thurman Weaver who opined  
that since she had recently been hunting  
he wanted to see her license - or else.  
Bert contended that she hadn't done a lick  
of hunting, never intended to do any,  
didn't need a license, didn't have one,  
and didn't intend to get one, and if Thur-  
man would come up to his place he would  
show him by the book that no case could be  
made against her. The resulting argument  
was long, loud and belligerent but was  
apparently won by Bert since up to the  
present Mrs. Fleming is still at large and  
still has no hunter's license. Berts  
Graddock, appealed to for a legal opinion,  
said: "Hell, if a man can get his wife to  
go huntin' with him at all he don't need  
a license - he ought to have a medal."...  
The High School Terrors played Casaway  
on Rohrbaugh Field October 30 to a 13-13  
tie. Only casualty was Charles Perry,

who got his collar bone broken. It was  
Monk Wolfe's last game before reporting  
for duty in the Marines on November 3.  
He rated a banquet at Conrad's Saturday  
evening... Bus Mowery has been appointed  
to the physical education staff at W. Va.  
University, starting November 1. He  
formerly coached at Sutton and Clendenin  
High Schools... Felen Wright has organized  
an all girl band which made its entry on  
the big time by playing for the Halloween  
dance at the college gym... The Nelson  
Graddock's have a son, born October 27  
at St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg.  
Nelson is in England... Fred Lewis, Jr.  
leaves this week to work in a war plant  
in Knoxville, Tenn... Leona Davis has gone  
to Cincinnati to work for the Crosley  
Corporation. As a secretary to Mr. Cros-  
ley himself. No foolin'... On October 31  
at the Baptist Church in Glenville, Capt.  
Scholar presented to Mrs. Emma Wolfe the  
Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and the  
Purple Heart, which had been awarded to  
her son, Staff Sergeant Paul Wolfe, killed  
in action in North Africa... War Ration Book  
Four, lately issued to some 8700 of  
our citizens, has a page of stamps marked  
"Spare", but we find that it doesn't mean  
you can buy a tire with one... Mary had a  
little lamb, She also had a bear. Now  
I've seen Mary's little lamb, But I've  
never seen her bear... Wahnetta Conrad, of  
the late and unlamented Bloody Bucket got  
ninety days for resisting an officer...  
The Kanawha Valley Fox Hunters meet had  
83 dogs entered. Highest honors were  
won by O. D. Ware's Melody. Emmett Hull  
says both dogs and foxes have slowed down  
from what they were when he was young...  
Edna C. McQuain, of the WAC, is stationed  
at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga... The Wayne Millers  
are moving to Baltimore where two of their  
daughters are working in a defense plant  
... The National War Fund drive is under  
way. Quota for the county is \$4500, and  
Tate Hyer, Chairman, says we gotta make  
it somehow. We've got more than seven  
hundred men in the service and, by golly,  
it's up to us to show 'em we appreciate  
what they're doing... Pfc. Lawrence Peters  
home on fifteen day leave from Chanute  
Field, Illinois, where he is an MP...  
The O. S. Braumont's, of the D & M, have  
a son, born October 30. This is the first  
boy in a family of four girls... Ensign  
William Kidd and his wife, the former  
Madelyn Conrad, home on leave from Holly-  
wood, Florida. Ensign Kidd is a Navy flier  
... A thin young soldier stepping sadly  
on a weighing machine in a bus station.  
He looked startled but enormously pleased  
at the result, and tipped the machine a  
wink before retiring to a table to order  
a jag of ice cream... John Harper, high  
school senior, leaves November 16 to enter  
the Army Air Corps... Mrs. Othelia Scott  
of Troy has four sons serving with the  
armed forces... Pfc. Howard Hale, in New  
Guinea; Paul C., Panama Canal Zone;  
George D., England; and Lt. Harold Linn,  
stationed in Nashville, Tenn... Madison  
Whiting has been transferred from Phila-  
delphia to Boston, Mass... Arlene Walton,  
county school teacher, reports at Hunter  
College, N. Y. tomorrow for training with  
the WAVES...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. GARNAL W. LAMB, 101st Btry., VLA Barrage Balloon Sep., Camp Tyson, Tenn.: "For the past 8½ months I have been in a barrage balloon camp, the only one in the United States. We spent the summer on maneuvers in Tennessee and Louisiana. It was a tough five months. We slept in a bed nine times. Mosquitoes, alligators, and poison snakes kept us guessing all the time we were in Louisiana and in Tennessee it rained every other night, but we accomplished our mission. We were the first to take a barrage balloon on maneuvers."

S2/C HAROLD HUNTER RYMER, JR., OGU Barracks 642, USNTS, Bainbridge, Md.: "I've received two copies of the H. M. and have enjoyed them very much. I like the Navy very well and am stationed here at Bainbridge for the present. However, I leave soon for school, but I don't know when or where."

M/SGT. ROBERT LEROY DAVIS, Hqs. 55th Bomb Wing, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla.: "I have been in Florida so long I feel like a permanent resident. Was promoted to Master Sergeant recently. I thought Bert Fleming ate buzzards instead of squirrels."

PVT. GEORGE ADAMS, Camp Gruber, Okla.: "The past two weeks we have been operating all sorts of machines: jeeps, command cars, trucks (1½ -6T), bulldozers, graders, cranes, power shovels, air compressors, and two earth augers. We are a light road maintenance company. Since a company consists usually of about one hundred and nineteen men, and we have over two hundred there are several due for shipment. A cadre will be sent out of here in November which will take care of some of them. So far we have not had very hard work except a few five to ten mile hikes. I would say from my experience of the army so far that it is not nearly as hard as farming."

A/S BERNARD G. BOGGS, Co. 1657, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.: "We've had this afternoon off and I'm catching up on my writing. We got our first shots yesterday for typhoid, tetanus, and smallpox, all on the same arm, and maybe you think it isn't sore! I go over to the Regimental Office next Monday to work. Don't have to do KP or stand guard in that job. Hope to get to go to Service School in the Hospital Corps."

1st LT. GEORGE GORDON THOMPSON, 315th Fighter Sq., 324 Hq. Gp., APO 525, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "Recently I received the news of Bob Fidler's death. It was only a couple of years ago that we were going to the same school and playing on the same football team...My past two years have taken me over the greater part of the globe, and the experiences have been most interesting. Palestine, Egypt, and India were all high lights. The Italian empire in Africa was something to behold. The reclaimed desert reminded me of the San Joaquin Valley of California. Very beautiful. Before going back to the States, we hope to see Europe and the British Isles."

PVT. SAMUEL J. BRANNON, Btry. C, 253rd F. A. Bn., APO 402, o/o PM, Nashville, Tenn.: "If it hadn't been for the H. M. I would have lost contact with most of my old friends in Glenville. Right now I am somewhere in Tennessee on maneuvers. Before that I was in Camp Phillips, Kansas; Army Air Base, Alliance, Nebraska as Airborne Artillery, and in Wisconsin. I was with Harry Woodyard in Kansas. He is the only fellow from Glenville that I have been stationed with...As you know, writing in a pup tent by candle light isn't the best place in the world to pen a masterpiece so just keep sending the H. M. and we'll do the rest."

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We should like to have letters from Ivan Hays Bush, Jr., Shirley Campbell, Stanley D'Orazio, Ruddell Reed, Jr., Hayward Summers, and Albert Woofter. Also from all others who care to write.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
November 2 to November 9

Aviation Cadet Puzy Luzader was at tailback for the Naval Flight Prep. School of Rensselaer Polytech., Troy, N. Y., in a game with Brooklyn on Nov. 6. Score 68-0 in favor of the cadets. Puzy is better at football than at economic geography. To a question in class about a coke plant in South Troy, he replied that he didn't know Coca Cola had a plant in the city...John McCutcheon to Russell Hugh McQuain, somewhere on the high seas west of San Francisco, "I am enclosing two sticks of chewing gum. One for you and the other for the censor"...High Osborne and Shirley Westfall have bought the south bank of the river between the two bridges from Gid Fisher and Mrs. C. L. Griffith. The Bowser store will move to the brick building which used to house the Texaco service station...Sgts. James Woofter and William Burford of the First Sea Search Attack Group, Langley Field, Va., hitchhiking in from Charleston on three days pass, and complaining that it had become a very precarious and uncertain mode of travel...Celia Nachman and Eunice Cain have gone to Orlando, Florida, to retrieve the Nachman car which Izzy has been using. He is transferred to active duty, probably in the Pacific area...Ch. Mach. Mate George Edward Page Riddle home on twenty days furlough. He has been in the Navy ten years and didn't miss much of the fighting in the south Pacific...Randall Luzader found a skunk nosing about Don Turner's planing mill the other day. "Grab it!" yelled Don. Randall grabbed all right, but he isn't quite clear on what happened next. Charlie Killingsworth rendered first aid with a hose...Rymer Garrett home from Camp Mackall, N. C., on two days leave... Joe Hall's Red Terrors took on Woodrow Wolfe's Clay High School team and got thrown for a loss, Nine to seven. But they fought the Burnsville Bruin's to a muddy seven to six victory on Rohrbough Field November 11. This ties them with Gassaway for the Central West Virginia championship...A Ludwik Glass worker lost out in a battle of bottles the other AyEm and wobbled off the old bridge. He landed in the edge of the river with his voice intact and managed to rouse citizens

to the rescue before the crabs got him... The Lee Gainers have six sons in the armed forces; the Ray Luzaders, five; and the Herbert Brannons, three. Several out of the fourteen are now overseas...Glenville State College's new science hall was dedicated on November 8th. Gasoline rationing plus a cold dreary rain limited the number of those present to 125 or so. The building was begun in August, 1941, just in time to run into obstructions like priorities and war scarcities. However, it seems not to have suffered much except delay. Its four floors and basement are completely finished and fairly, if not lavishly, equipped. Science is not only a closed, but also firmly locked book, as far as we are concerned, so we could only note with admiring incomprehension all the gadgets and what-nots of the various rooms. The biological laboratory has a lot of wonderful daylight table lamps, but they are all bolted fast. (We tried them to see.) The chemistry department is on the top floor with the best view from its windows of any place in town. We got sort of lost among the rooms of the physics department and finally landed in a windowless cell with a sullen lump of a machine lurking dangerously in a corner. Upset us no end and we retreated to the basement to look at Doy's plumbing and electric shop, with tools and supplies all arranged in neat rows. We bet Doy could put his hand on any given pair of pliers blindfolded and with the lights out. There is a dearth of students to fill the spaces of the building, but that will be remedied in the future, we expect...Baker 3-c James Brannon home on a ten day furlough and stating emphatically that the Seabees are not only the youngest of Uncle Sam's divisions, they are by far the toughest...He may be right at that...Arlena Walton has joined the WAVES and has gone to Hunter College, N.Y., for boot training.

#### November 9 to November 16

The first snow, November 9. According to oldtimers that means nine big snows before spring. And us with no nice cozy foxhole handy...1st. Lieut. H. L. Moore has been awarded the air medal for achievement in action over Sicily. Recently Tiny piloted a plane carrying Gen. Badoglio to a conference in Naples. The weather was so bad Badoglio's own plane wouldn't take off...November 11 was still a holiday for some, but not in Italy or the South Pacific. Armistice, huh!...Virginia Morris Courtney, of Charleston, granddaughter of Mrs. R. F. Kidd, has a daughter, born Nov. 9...Evelyn Snoderly, of Fairmont, has been appointed 4-H Club agent for Gilmer County, succeeding Mrs. Adele Harpold Walsh, who is now with the Red Cross as a recreation director...Sgt. Earl Wolfe, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and Cpl. Alison Davis, former county teacher, home on short leaves...Influence of the comics on current fashions: A girl in a beauty shop with coiffure copied directly from Jerry's in "Joe Palooka"...Doil Fitzpatrick, janitor at the High School, has pneumonia...1st. Lieut. and Mrs. Marvin C. Meyer (she was Mary Leone West, GSC '38) in town on a week's leave, from New Orleans. Lieut. Meyer is in the Sanitary Corps, in command of a unit working on malaria control

The Draft Board announces the names of seventy men called for induction November 27...Dr. Bartram is scooping up the gravel bar under the bridge to use in a retaining wall to keep the river from digging his house out by the roots when it goes on a rampage...Pfc. Samuel L. Wilson, 999th Mec. Co, (S.P.), Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver 8, Colo., writes that his brother sent him a copy of the HMI and that he would like to have another. The HMI hastens to oblige...Staff Sgt. Don F. Morgan, of Pine Grove, a former student at the College, an aerial gunner with a heavy bombardment squadron of the Seventh Air Force has been awarded the Silver Star and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He has been overseas for a year and has been on missions over Wake, the Gilberts, and other enemy-held islands in the Pacific...Sue Brown and Cpl. Reynolds Brooks were married by the groom's father on November 9. Cpl. Brooks has been stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., for sixteen months, but will enter University of Louisville in January for specialized training...Nelson Wells, Red Cross Field Director, Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Sgt. Fred Wells, Chanute Field, Ill., met at home Nov. 15, for the first time since Nelson entered the service months ago. Both are being transferred and this is a stop-over en route...Mrs. Edward J. Pickens died a few hours after the birth of a son Nov. 6. Her husband will be remembered as a blind student who graduated from Glenville College in 1942...The air-mail plane made a perfect pickup last Friday only to lose both mail bag and hook in a brier thicket halfway down the hillside. Dorothy West reports with considerable resentment that the pilot sailed around and flipped his wings at her while she scrambled to collect then and hoist the mail bag in place for a second try. He even sent down a note on Saturday saying to put the hook in the next mail...1st Lt. Harold L. Scott has been transferred to Greenville, Miss., a basic flying field which he says is the best one in the Southeast. He is assigned as a physical training instructor...The J. Duane Gorman's (she was Catharine Wilson) of Philadelphia, Pa., have a son born on Armistice Day...In a recent unpleasantness at his pool-room Dump Garrett claimed he had been robbed and had three of his customers up before Squire Kee. She dismissed the charge against one of them but the others will have to tell it to the Grand Jury...Ted Fultineer, former Red Terror athlete, played stellar football in the game between West Virginia U. and Bethany Saturday. Score W.V.U. 26 - Bethany 13. Ted is a V-12 student at Bethany...Pfc. Lemon Luzader has been transferred from the Army Air Base at Vichy, Missouri, to Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky...Rabbit season is on, and the recipe for rabbit stew which begins, "First catch your rabbit," is still the best one in the book...The college femmes have organized a Red Cross knitting club. The H. M. figures that they will add to the supply of sweaters available for the armed forces at the rate of 54,379 stitches a day.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. STANLEY D'ORAZIO, Hq., 336 F. A. Bn., APO 448 c/o Postmaster, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 22: "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 for 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 the 'Blues' had aviation support so we learned how to defend against planes. In Tennessee we shall face tanks and paratroops for the first time - it should be a good war...Mock combat has indicated that war is much like sports in that the team in the better physical and mental condition with the higher technical proficiency and stronger will to win will be the winning unit. Field life separates the men from the boys - many who strutted in garrison are washouts in the field... Mississippi was damp and cold and we understand that Tennessee weather may be 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...I'm always glad to see the HM's long envelope in my mailbox, always glad to read of the experiences of other Glenvilleites. 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 maneuvers, and what could be better than a reunion with a West (by God) Virginian?"

JESSE R. LILLY, S 2/c, 29th Reg. Off., Bks. 3002, Great Lakes, Ill., Nov. 14: "Thought you had quit publishing the serviceman's all popular paper but today I received the three last issues all at once. These damn Lillys - if there weren't so many of them I'd get my mail sooner. The HMs had been to my old address and to several companies here who probably have a Lilly or a thousand in their ranks. When I did get them they were marked up like some of Coach Nate's scratch paper he used in diagramming opponents' plays...I really miss the ole town and school. Hold her down till we can get back."

PVT. OLEN E. BERRY, Somewhere in Italy, Nov. 10: "We are allowed now to tell you of some of the places we have seen or visited. Have you ever heard of Pompeii? Well, I visited the ruins and spent quite a bit of time going through them. It's an interesting trip to make once but not to repeat - just ruins with paintings, inscriptions and relics of olden time Roman splendor. Boy, those people must have led a cramped life. The streets are only as wide as a small cart. For the old time chariots, you know."

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The HM thanks Jeanne Gainer for a bale of hay.

We should like to have letters from Loren McCartney, Jack Luzader, Damon West, Bennett Stump, Charles Wilson, and Nelson Wells.

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## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

November 16 to November 23

We found we needed an office clock. Not but what we have a clock - two of them in fact. A seventy year old veteran and a retired alarm clock as well as a watch that loses from five to seventeen minutes a day. But the office has a mantel and what is a mantel without a clock? So we went to Riley Murphy's time shop, poked about among his loudly ticking antiques and found just what we wanted. Didn't need a thing, we were assured; except a dot or two of oil here and there, and maybe a little adjusting. We could have it day after tomorrow. Day after tomorrow in we went. Riley was working on a gun. No clock. Hope may die, says Riley, these soldier boys keep bringin' watches to have fixed before they go back to camp, till I can't get nothin' else done. But I'll have it the last of the week for you, sure. The last of the week, the first of the week, the middle of the week, all the same: no clock. We've decided to learn to tell time by the sun. When there is any sun...Pfc. Roland B. Wilmoth, USMC, is back in California after nearly two years overseas. He writes his father that he will get a thirty day furlough soon and encloses a license tag from a Japanese truck which he picked up in the Solomons...T. Bryan McQuain, veteran Marine of the other World War, has enlisted in the Ship Repair Unit of the Navy. He will probably have five weeks training at Great Lakes before being assigned to active duty...The Okey Hoovers have received word that their son, Cpl. William Hoover, has been seriously wounded in action in Italy...Cpl. Richard Whiting sends us a copy of the service paper from Camp Maxey, Texas, reporting, among other items, the untimely death of the camp mascot who chased one too many automobiles...Under "Occupation" on a ration book for a child of five, there was listed "Small girl". Well, being a small girl probably is a full time job... Mr. Bush, of the liquor store, seen carrying a large package. In preparation for the imminent closing of the store, maybe. No announcement yet as to where the thirst citizens are to procure their nourishment after the first of the month...Bernard Hayhurst, of Parkersburg, former GSC student, has been inducted into the army... Unusual activity in Glenville Autocraft's show window caught the public eye a few days ago. Turned out to be the Rev. A. O. Goff's new vulcanizing plant getting under way. When it goes into high, the reverend promises to repair anything from bus tires to pink balloons...Kathleen Wolfe and Sgt. Fred Wells were married Nov. 17 at Jo Reeder Wolfe's home in Jane Lew. They have gone to Chanute Field, Illinois, where Fred is stationed at present. Kathleen plans to return and help the post office through the Christmas rush...Leon Bell, of Clarksburg, former student, home on leave after being commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the Coast Guard. He is assigned to an Anti-aircraft Battery. Was on his way to be best man at two weddings: one in Boston and one in Rochester, N. Y...Ensign Birl Cott-rill, Jr., received his commission and pilot's wings at the Naval Air Base at

Kingsville, Texas, Nov. 17. Home on leave reporting that it took him fifty hours to come home, twenty-four of them spent in getting out of Texas. He is assigned to Corpus Christi as instructor... Nora Pauline Jones and Lt. Steryl Brown were married at Richwood November 21. Last year Steryl was basketball and football star for the Pioneers, but is now carrying the ball for the Marines. Part of the honeymoon was spent at Firestone Lodge... "Where is Cadet Smith?" "AWOL." "What do you mean by that?" "After women or liquor."... Lyle Satterfield had to attend a strictly hen party the other night to get Nina's key after he had locked himself out in the cold, cold night. And when he had cautioned her particularly to take her key so she wouldn't be getting him up to let her in!... Jack Cain, after a long hitch in the South Pacific, is doing cartoons in a movie short for the Navy... The Polb Wolfes have moved from Camden Flats into the M. P. parsonage... Mrs. Mary Fisher Freed has been appointed Home Service chairman for the Braxton County Chapter, American Red Cross. Her husband, R. E. Freed, on leave from the College, is a field director for the Red Cross stationed now in Louisiana... Joe Rodriguez has finished training at Great Lakes and will go to Camp Elliott, California... Pauline Pulliam and Cpl. Edward Crutchfield, GSC '36, were married November 19, at Sutton. They will be at Pecos, Texas, where Cpl. Crutchfield is stationed.

#### November 23 to November 30

Gilmer County farmers held their annual corn and potato show November 20 in the Town Hall. We don't know when we've seen such a collection of fat, snug potatoes. Looked like war profiteers. Corn had some hefty entries, but they all looked more or less alike to us. We didn't even count the rows of grains on any of them. The squashes - punkins to us - varied from a pale golden crook-neck that was all neck, to one built on the lines of a wash tub and about that size. Some items that resembled over-grown strawberries turned out to be a new kind of pop-corn. We can't report on whether it will pop or not, since every time we considered the possibility of lifting any of the smaller exhibits we found somebody had turned a very suspicious eye on us. Dick McClung took off his high boots for the occasion and appeared as an ordinary citizen... Ralph E. Cox, whose wife was Alyce Marie Bonnett, has been given the rating of Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Cl. upon completion of his training at Great Lakes... Billy Kellar has recently finished a special course in training for storekeepers and expects to be assigned to duty on the west coast - or anywhere else on this perturbed globe that the Navy may require... Bessie Boyd Bell, of the College faculty, is in a Clarksburg hospital following a major operation. A number of students and faculty members went over to have blood typed for transfusion, but none matched her type, which is one of the rare ones. Finally the hospital found a professional donor. Last reports have her on the way to a speedy recovery... The Draft Board started sixty-two to the induction center at Clarksburg.

Saturday, November 27, all of them going through selective service except Fred R. Garrett of Glenville who was a volunteer. Jack Keith, Jr. was in charge and got the two buses loaded and ready to take off about eight-thirty... The State Supreme Court has decided that the Lewis County Board of Education throw out Marion Rogers, former county superintendent, without due cause and orders his reinstatement. Upholding Judge Jake Fisher's decision in the case... Lila Lee Brannon and Pfc. Raymond A. Neal, of Linn, now stationed in California, were married in Charleston November 16... An instructor's first aid course at the College was given by Joseph Copper, field representative of the Red Cross. Classes were held for five nights, three hours per session, and ten persons made the grade... Two funerals at Glenville on November 28. J. W. Fishback died at his home on Stewart's Creek on Thanksgiving afternoon and Van Arnold died in a Clarksburg hospital late that same night... Mrs. Bob Davis, of Baldwin, from the nearby schoolhouse, watched a man drive up in a pickup truck, enter the yard and remove three shoots from the line and drive off with them. Only then did she realize that the man wasn't Bob, and that he wasn't just helping take in the wash... Flight Officer Freddie C. Kight, former student, is a radio operator with a night fighter squadron which has seen service in England, Africa, and Sicily, and is now in Italy. He reports that Italy is more like the U. S. than any place he has been yet. He has three brothers in the Air Forces... Rev. C. L. Arehart, Presbyterian pastor and member of the College faculty, has decided to stay in Glenville. Was offered a pastorate in Virginia. The addition being built to the parsonage here may have had its influence... Pvt. Damon West has been awarded the army's Good Conduct Medal, given for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for a period of a year or more. It was presented by Major Donovan Kirk, commanding officer of Camp Stoneman, California... Home for Thanksgiving furloughs: Pvt. Robert L. Simmons, AAAC stationed at Manchester, Conn.; Lovell L. Bush, just completed boot training at Great Lakes, hopes to get on a patrol bomber; Cpl. Walker N. Burke, Camp Barkley, Texas, "No like"; Pvt. Frederick W. Snider, MP Training Center, Camp Barkley 8 days; Sgt. Thurl Stalnaker, Ft. Belvoir Va.; Paul Gainer, Coast Guard, stationed at Philadelphia; Sgt. Woodrow Maxwell, Co C 101st Infantry, Camp Campbell, Ky.; T/Sgt. Homer I. Ellyson, 99 3rd Ord. Hq. Auto Mt. Co., Camp Barkley, Texas... Elizabeth Hope Woodell, SN (GSC) '35, is one of a contingent of 99 Red Cross workers recently arriving in London. Miss Woodell is a staff assistant... Ann Elizabeth Biggs, of Parkersburg, former summer school student here, will give a concert at an assembly program at the College on Dec. 1. She studied voice at the Cincinnati Conservatory last year Ed Snider and Herbert Brannon installing partitions in the Town Hall so that the fire truck can be kept warm and ready to roll in an emergency. Deward Black has been made manager of the A&P, in place of Denver Riffle who expects to help Uncle Sam manage the war from here on out.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. A. F. RHORBOUGH, USNR, 3022 Prescott Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas: "I am too damn busy to write letters, but all of us away from home sure appreciate receiving the HM. It will be a great day when the Gilmer County men and Pioneers come back home and we get together for a tall tail session... Life here is a fast one. Plenty to do and interesting work. The winter here is going to be a grand and glorious season. People work a lifetime to save enough money to spend one winter in the South, and a lot of these people do not like it here. I don't know what they think they want."

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The HM, edited and authored by M. Wolfe and I. West and subsisting entirely on gratuitous bundles of hay from its (we hope) admiring readers, reports no red ink on its ledgers at the end of the year. In fact it has lately hit a stou-tish jackpot that's left its manger piled high with provender contributed by Erma Edwards, Paul Floyd, Mrs. Therin Rogers, Mrs. B. W. Craddock, Marye Morgan Herndon, and Mrs. Joe Bonnett. However, it whinnies an urgent request for more letters and longer letters from the armed services.

We should like to have letters from Stanley N. Gluck, William Kellar, Paul Scott, Leo C. West, Clifford Clem, and Karl Danley.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
November 30 to December 7

Albert M. Brake, GSC '41, has received a medical discharge from the army, and is working as truant officer in Nicholas County, taking the place of John Husk, who is at Camp Peary, Va... Lt. Ruby Bradley, of Spencer, Army Nurse Corps is a prisoner of the Japs on Luzon Island, Philippines... Lt. Nate Rohrbough sends us a copy of the "Beam", news sheet of the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas. They are all worked up about whether they are going to have Christmas trees or not... Bruce Summers of Glenville, Denzel E. Hamric of Linn, and Levi Smith of Glenville, are learning to shoot big guns at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Field Artillery Training Center... The War Department has authorized a lapel button to be worn by men honorably discharged from the armed services, in an attempt to discourage the empty-headed fool who thinks it's a duty to ask every man in civvies why he isn't in the army... The Gilmer County Liquor Store is definitely closed. Mr. Bush has gone to Weston to help with the distribution there, and the rush of our citizens to the Lewis County center is expected to begin any hour... The Ration Board reports a noticeable increase in requests for extra sugar for reasons which vary from canning summer fruits to feeding bees. Nobody has admitted an intention of using it to ease the prevailing drought but the Board has its suspicions... Peggy Gainer and Louise

Grogg went to Washington November 27, where they have Federal positions... Word comes that Major T. Tess Callaghan, 17th General Hospital APO 790, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., is in command of a field hospital at one of the fighting fronts. He had practiced medicine for some years in Chicago before going into the Army... A/C Denver R. Barnett has completed the aerial gunnery training course at the AAF Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo, Texas... Dr. Guy Stalnaker, heading for the big woods with his trusty rifle, met his daughter, Leah, and her husband, C. Sp. Frank Martino coming home on short leave. Doc gave up his fall hunt without a murmur and came back with them... Garnett Hamric, of the WAVES, was recently promoted to Yeoman 3d Class at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is now stationed at New Orleans... Clarence Underwood, Jr., is home with a medical discharge. He has re-entered GSC... Ann Elizabeth Biggs, former student, gave a concert at Assembly December 1. She sang several groups of songs and was pleasantly applauded... Rymer Garrett home again from Camp MacKall, N. C. He says he's been practically commuting ever since the August flood, which washed away his home... Pfc. Leman Luzader in from Ft. Knox, Ky. Says he preferred Vichy Air Base. Knox is all cluttered up with soldiers... Goff Lynch (Gink) Summers, Aviation Cadet, Butler University, expects to get home for a few hours at Christmas. He reports that he can get a plane into the air and can get it down all in one piece but while he's up he flies like the Chinese ace, Wun Wing Low... Andrew Joe Reed has passed V-12 examinations for Naval Aviation. He won seven firsts in Gilmer County's Corn and Potato Show... Lt. Homer Paul West, Bates Field, Mobile, Alabama, hears a latrine rumor that he may move out soon. All to the good, he says, as he has been there for several months, and the flies bite much larger hunks out of him in Mobile than they ever did in Glenville... Lt. and Mrs. Herbert Woolard, Jr., (she was Dorothy Brannon) have a daughter, born November 28. Lt. Woolard is a Liberator pilot and is stationed at Mt. Home, Idaho... Some people make every minute count and others make the minutes count for something. A woman waiting for a bus at the Grille recently set up a mild fluff among the habitues by knitting, and with four needles, while she read a magazine. We can't say what she got out of her reading but will testify that the sock she worked on, destined for some army foot, progressed rapidly, with nary a dropped stitch... Wilbur, one of the Yeager twins, home on a short furlough from Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona... Mrs. Lulu Fryatt, Gilmer County teacher, is in a Weston hospital with a broken pelvis, result of a fall. Orpha Heater is substituting in her absence... Charles Neal and Wilson Reed, Jr., left November 28 for the Navy... Marye Morgan Herndon in from Dayton, Ohio, with her brother Jimmy, who is being transferred from Fort Knox to a camp in Louisiana... Lt. Robert Hauman, making an extended cross country flight, dropped in at the

Clarksburg airport last Wednesday evening, circling for a landing just as his father arrived to meet him. The trip from Lubbock Field, Texas, had required eight hours actual flying time...A grave digger dug a grave so deep he couldn't get out of it. His shouts for help finally attracted the attention of a drunk. "Get me out of here. I'm cold!" The drunk peered into the grave. "No wonder you're cold," said he. They forgot to put any dirt on you."...

#### December 7 to December 14

A sizable invasion army moved on Preston County for the opening of the deer season. It met with no opposition and took no prisoners. All the old hands, Judge Marsh, Marvin Cooper, Russ Hardman, et al., toted their shooting irons into the wilds and then toted them back again as clean as when they started out. There wasn't a buck in any of the carloads. Tate Hyer complained that the woods were so lousy with hunters there wasn't any room for deer...Naval Aviation Cadet Guy Stalnaker, Jr., has completed ground school work at the pre-flight school at Athens, Ga., and has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., for flight training...Sgt. and Mrs. Demming Wells and the baby have returned to Camp Barkley, Texas...Nell Ware of the Grill, has donated a pint of blood to the Clarksburg blood bank...First donor from Gilmer County...Lilla Gladwell D'orazio back in town for a few days while her husband is on maneuvers in Tennessee... Mrs. W. D. Whiting, who has been in a Clarksburg hospital for some weeks suffering from a broken hip, was able to come home last week...Norris Gluck, formerly of Troy, now somewhere in England, sends a picture of himself dressed in several pounds of borrowed Scotch costume. He comments that the photographer seems to have greatly exaggerated his figure from the knees down...Ruddell Reed, Jr., has been transferred to Selmar Field, Monroe, La., for training as navigator...Pvt. Bill Boggs recovering from a recent operation, home on furlough from Ft. Bragg, N. C...Landus Rhoades USMC, has completed training as aviation machinist's mate at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Nashville, Tenn. He enlisted in March, 1943, and received his boot training in San Diego, Calif... Pvt. Tony George, Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft, Camp Haan, Calif., home on 15 day furlough. He moves about town entirely surrounded by worshipping six to ten year olds...Lt. Hoy C. Barton has been transferred to a fighter squadron, Army Air Base, Dover, Del...The prize money in the Farming for Better Living contest was turned over to the Gilmer County War Chest by the winners. Amounted to \$57.50... Lyel T. West, has resigned as office manager of the Federal Housing Administration in W. Va., and is taking a long overdue vacation at home...Johnny Wagner says you can push a good chicken just so far and no farther. One of his pullets lately fell a victim to ambition and laid two eggs in one day, and then laid herself down and died...A War Salvage committee is collecting discarded clothing for the needy, but after examining our scanty wardrobe, we have come to the regretful

conclusion that the only way we could discard anything would be to trade it for somebody else's discards...James E. (Ace) Collins, of the Navy, home for a furlough with his wife and baby... Harry Decker, who has had a garage at Sand Fork since Henry Ford sent the first Lizzie into these hills, died of a heart attack at his home there Friday evening, December 10. The Deckers have three sons, two in the army and one a senior in high school...Pfc. Oral Cunningham has been transferred to Lynn, Mass., for special training. He is studying the turbo-supercharger, a device developed since the beginning of the war... New babies: to Master-Sgt. and Mrs. Hunter C. Bennett, of Monroe, La., a daughter; Pvt. and Mrs. Denzil Jones, a son; to Pvt. and Mrs. Ray Stalnaker, a son...Madeline Powell, of Glenville, was married on November 25 at Clarksburg to Rildo Barnes, of the Phelps Canning Company...Harold "Wildkitty" Wilson, Military Police, home from San Diego, Calif., after a hitch in North Africa. Reports that some of the Italians who surrendered said they had been waiting till the Americans got there so they could surrender to them...Home on furlough: Pfc. Woodrow Maxwell, Camp Campbell, Ky.; S2c Carl L. Cox, Great Lakes, Ill.; Pfc. French J. Brown, 304 Signal Operations Bn., Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Seaman Harvey H. Boggs, U.S.S. Ranger; S/Sgt. Sexton D. Wright, 84th Quartermaster Co., APO No. 84, Camp Claiborne, La.; M/Sgt. Darise "Buckeye" Janison here before being transferred to Texas. He has been on maneuvers in Tennessee and Mississippi...June Wilson and Ensign Warren Lamb will be married at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Glenville on December 18... Pvt. Harvey Ellison, who has been overseas for several months, writes from Camp Stewart, Ga., that he is back in the U. S. A. and has a furlough coming up at Christmas or thereabouts...Mary had a little lamb. She stood against the light, Who gives a damn for Mary's lamb, With Mary's calves in sight...J. Duane Gorman has been promoted to Chief Yeoman. He is stationed at Philadelphia...

#### New and Revised Addresses

Ralph E. Cox, PhM 3/c, U.S.N. Hospital Staff, Great Lakes, Illinois

Pfc. Lee Scott Gainer, Co. C, 167th Eng. Combat Bn., APO 403-A, c/o PM, Shreveport La.

Pvt. Denzil E. Harrie, Btry C, 28th Bn., 7th Regt., F.A.R.T.C. Section 7, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lloyd Jones, ARC, 14th Headquarters Sp. Troops, 3rd Army, c/o PM, Leesville, La.

William C. Kellar, S1c, Aviation Storekeeper School, Receiving Unit Dept., U.S.N.A.S., Alameda, Calif.

Jack Luzader, A/C, C.A.A.-W.T.S., U.T. Jr. College, Room 23, Atlanta Bks., Martin, Tenn.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. DAMON W. WEST, T. C. Det., Camp Stoneman, Calif.: Have just completed my fifteenth month as a supply clerk in Station Complement at this camp. For the past two months I have been carrying on, or attempting to, with only one hand. Last October, while playing football, I broke my left arm, and it has been in a cast ever since...Two weeks ago I spent a weekend in San Francisco with Bob Flesher of Troy, who is stationed at Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, Calif. On my way back to camp I met Walker Lowther, of Linn, now a mess sergeant at Camp John T. Knight, Oakland, Calif...My broken arm will keep me out of basket ball this season but now and then I attend a game at one of the local high schools."

A/C RUDELL REED, JR., Cadet Det., AAFSG (BAAF), Ft. Myers, Fla.: "I have been transferred to Navigation Training. Was at Selmor Field, La., for 2 weeks, and then shipped here for gunnery training. We get 6 weeks here with firing from AT-6's, B-17's, and B-26's, then back to Selmor for Advanced Navigation. It's not as exciting as flying, but it's a good second choice. Please send the HM to the above address. It's like a letter from home and I'd hate to miss it."

CPL. JOE C. ELLIOTT, 2d Amphibian Tractor Bn., H&S Co., 2d Marine Div., c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.: "I enjoy reading your paper very much. Was able to get some addresses from your Sept. 7 edition. 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 awhile and like it very much. Most of the boys are a little homesick for the States. We have a lot of entertainment to help keep up morale, but still we think of the States."

PVT. WILLIAM B. SUMMERS, Btry. C, 33 Bn., 8 Regt., Fort Sill, Okla.: "I received your paper today. All the fellows in Barracks 2 read and enjoy it...I am not going to get to shoot the big guns. I am just a glorified grease monkey. The best of luck to you."

Lt. A. F. Rohrbough, Corpus Christi, Texas, sends us a Christmas card, as does W. H. "Jake" Moss, with the SeeBees some where down under.

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The HM thanks Maxine Satterfield, L.D. Zinn, A. F. Rohrbough, and William B. Summers for contributions.

We should like to have letters from Woodrow Boyd, Samuel Craddock, Robert Davies, Junior Marks, and Sexton Wright.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
December 14 to December 21

New fad among the younger set - bells on shoe laces. Pictureland thinks that it may have to apply the rules for a Moham- medan mosque: remove shoes before entering...The Nicholas Murins (Ruth Annabel Hull) have a son born Dec. 13. The father is stationed in Calif....Charles Whiting, of the Internal Revenue Department, here for

a short vacation with his mother, Mrs. Emma Whiting, and other relatives... Donald Young, who was recently given a honorable discharge as a lieutenant in the army, has a job as draftsman in the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va....We still receive sad tales of the August flood. The latest being that Avis and John Stalnaker's losses included their marriage certificate. John had to go clear to Oakland to get a copy for the army...Dick Hamil and Harry Whiting and wives visiting along the main stem for part of the Christmas holiday. The Wilfongs are moving into a new house in Norwood, a suburb of Wheeling...Joe Rodriquez has ditched the Navy in favor of the Marines. Joe has the idea that while the Navy usually gets into any trouble that comes up, the Marines always do...The James Satterfields have a daughter, and the Leo Kings (she was Sara Margaret Fisher) a son...Karl West is on inactive duty waiting a call from the Air Force. He's all packed and ready, now that he got a new army watch for Christmas...Pictures of the Lee Gainer boys in all the papers. Six sons and grandson to represent Gilmer County in about every branch of the service...J. L. Rymer, brother of N. E. Rymer of the Draft Board, died at his home in Auburn Dec. 15...The Red Cross has a passel of sewing on hand for the needy of this and other countries and the Woman's Club has appointed a delegation to help run up seams...A. H. Moore recently had a letter from a Charleston resident who had talked with two pilots fresh from action in Sicily and Italy. They knew Lt. Homer Moore very well, they said, and had seen him only a few days before. At that time Tiny was fine and still piling up flying hours, cloud hopping in the Mediterranean area...Ol' Man Winter won the first round in the annual battle of the plumbing. Pipes froze in houses and cars froze on streets, while the unhappy population froze in homes and on streets and all points between... Gilmer Countains get around: Harold Turner of Letter Gap and Johnny Kuhl of Withers met recently snack in the middle of a London street, and practically the whole British Isles heard the reunion...As a result of a tiff between Harley Hinkle and Paul Furr, Harley was haled before Justice Kee to give reasons, of any, why he had in possession a deadly weapon. Said weapon being a blackjack which he had forgotten to turn in when he stopped being a prison guard...Aviation Cadet Guy Stalnaker, Jr., has been ordered to the naval air station at Memphis, Tenn., for progressive flight training...S2c Dale VanHorn sends Christmas greetings to friends from somewhere in the Pacific...Sgt. Hylan Miller is now stationed in England...Walton H. Marks, of Letter Gap, after three years in service, during which he saw action in North Africa and Italy, is spending a 25 day furlough at home...Arlena Walton, S2c, WAVES, has finished boot training and is transferred to a naval training school at Milledgeville, Ga....Billy Kellar is ordered to the west coast and will be assigned to school as an aviation storekeeper at Alameda, Calif...I. N. Hardman, has resigned as chief clerk of the Ration Board, effective Dec. 31. His successor has not been named...Cpl. Tech. Billy Wheeler in from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where his detachment has been

spending three out of every four weeks in the field. It's cold in the Ozarks, too.

December 21 to December 28

No snow for Christmas, but plenty of cold weather. Very little of the usual exciting expectation even among the small fry. No community tree, on account of scarcity of fruit and candy and need for saving electric current. No Santa Claus, except Rev. Gilbert Moore making a pilgrimage the length of Main Street, wishing everybody a happy holiday... Still, in spite of the somber back-drop of the war, it was a gay and gallant day for many, because the Army and Navy came home in force to help celebrate. Every bus has been bringing them, and cars going to meet some boy at the railroad, thus stretching a too short furlough a few hours farther, come back loaded to the running boards with other uniformed boys picked up at the station... Harvey Ellison and five friends got into Charleston too late for a bus and chartered a taxi for the trip to Glenville. After eighteen months in Porto Rico, Harvey was in a tizzy to see the old town and could not wait till next morning... The HM hopes that next Christmas will see the big job finished and any American found in foreign parts will be there of his own free will and not because of anything Hitler, Hirohito, and Company have to say about it... Joe Hall's Red Terrors played a holiday game with GHS alumni on furlough from the armed services and lost 43 to 73. The service team was made up of Bob Whiting, Ted Fultineer, Rod Lamb, Earl Wolfe, and Rusty Stalnaker... Clyde Luzader returning from a military funeral wearing his blue American Legion cap passed some of the younger Shumans. "Is he in the army?" one asked. "Naw!" scornfully answered a better informed scion. "Course not. He's in the Navy!"... Sgt. Connie Montgomery of the WAC here for the holidays. She is now stationed at Newport News, Va... Pvt. Danley Luzader home for the first time in two years. Is stationed at a hospital in New Jersey... Leon "Sheriff" Smith writes to a friend from Iran about the drouth there. A bottle of Scotch costs a measly \$40 and isn't easy to come by even at that... The old Bucket, though somewhat emasculated, still makes the front page occasionally. This time its proprietor proclaimed that he had been robbed. Of \$1200, no less, and somebody was going to jail for it. He made good on the threat and a suspect did languish in Sheriff Vanhorn's hoosegow over night, but was set free next morning when Del reported that he had found the cash among the litter on his desk... The ration board clerks give out the information that the gasoline books to keep the county's truck wheels rolling are ready to hand out, by heck, and as expected, it was a hell of a job... The Bud Satterfields, of Pittsburg, (she was Betty Jo Lynch) report the birth of a son, December 18... Mildred Thompson Stump, who has been at home since her husband joined the SeeBees, will teach in the Widen grades after the holidays... Everett Withers, founder of the HM, home for Christmas vacation from Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va. Says his work is not too hard, and that he has recently been assigned a civilian class

in Freshman English... Nick Regdon, who in years past operated the B & B here, has been in the Aleutians for some months, and was in the battle of Attu. Nick is a veteran of World War I, in which he took part at the advanced age of 14... Lieut. Blake Hayhurst is also on a brief leave from duty in the Aleutians. He flew 3600 miles before he even got as far as San Francisco... Home on holiday furloughs and passes: Paige Furr, Camp Davis, N. C.; Barnard Boggs, Dana Arbogast, Harold E. Hall, Buddie Bennett, Herley Neal, Clarence Snyder, and Wilmer Anderson, Great Lakes Training Station, Ill.; Fle Lawrence O. West, USN; Hale J. Heater, Camp Stewart, Ga.; Lyle Fling, Camp Endicott, R. I.; Sgt. Thurl Stalnaker and Sgt. Earl Wolfe, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Kermit Stalnaker, USN, APO San Francisco... Lieut. H. Laban White, Jr., and Gwendolyn Beall ~~was~~ married Dec. 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ray at Sissonville. Mrs. Ray is the former Evelyn Beall, sister of the bride. Lieut. White is stationed in New York City at present. The Rev. Jake Musser officiated... C. M. Bennett has been quite ill at his home here but latest reports have him much improved... Ernest Lee Arbuckle sent to Santa Ana, Calif., for flight training and William O. Whetsell to Arcadia, Fla., for more of the same... Sgts. Sexton Wright, Buck Jamison, and Bantz Craddock, Jr., home from a few days from Louisiana, Texas, and North Carolina... The city's firemen had a workout Monday night when Delbert Stalnaker's smokehouse caught fire. The blaze was too far along when discovered to save the house but fast hustling and plenty of water kept the dwelling house from burning. Biggest loss was several hundred pounds of cured meat. And does that mean something in ration points! ... Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood, formerly of the College, now with the Chemical Warfare Service, home for a few days leave... Stanley West home for Christmas with his family. He is working in a shipyard in Jacksonville, Fla., and is limping with a temporarily stiff knee. Banged it on a concrete pier while dragging a fellow workman back from a long fall into the bay... Naval Air Cadet Jack Luzader, now stationed at Martin, Tenn., soloed Dec. 14 the first of his class to take off unchaperoned... Gink Summers took a flier from Indianapolis for a brief visit Christmas Day with his family. Says he would rather fly than eat... Margaret Wilson, aged mother of Blaine and Ford Wilson died Dec. 24 from injuries suffered in a fall a few weeks ago... Received notice of change of address of Thomas Hendrick addressed to The Horse's Mouth Bit, Teeth, and All... Co-Editor Mabel Wolfe of the HM will take a holiday fling in Baltimore but will return in time for the next swishing of the Horse's Tail...

Wishing all our readers a HAPPY  
NEW YEAR.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

RUSSELL H. McQUAIN, Som3/c, USS, Y.M.S. 273, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.: "Many thanks for the HM during the time I've been in, and be sure and keep it coming until everything gets squared away and secured...The spot here isn't bad at all and no shortages of the vital necessities of most guys in uniform are evident. Money seems to flow freely, especially mine. There are several other hillbillies here from the home state and I recently had a pleasant surprise when I saw Sgt. Cecil Davis, Jr., who has been stationed here for some time...This mine-sweep duty is neither very glamorous or romantic but as long as I get three good chows a day, plenty of liberty, some mail, and payday comes regularly, without straining myself I'll be satisfied. Not long ago it looked like we were trying to rival Noah's Ark, or at least Early Singleton's menagerie, when, with a dog already aboard, a monkey and two parrots were added. However, for sanitary reasons the two foul fowl were exiled. The other two being bad enough in that respect. Here is a bundle of hay, if it gets past the censor!" (It did. Thanks. - Eds.)

CHARLES KING, A/S, Co. 2035, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.: "I have just got out of the hospital but feel fine now. I like the Navy but it is tough as hell. We got our shots yesterday and there are a lot of sore arms around here today. When I went to the hospital I was separated from the boys from home and an with a bunch of boys from New Jersey. All of them talk like tough guys...Remind Tate Hyer that he owes me a dollar for passing my exam. I suppose everything is O. K. around there, and all the windows are still clean!"

ENSIGN JAMES E. SATTERFIELD, USS Alsea, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.: "We receive the HM quite regularly and are glad to see that change of hands did not affect its free style and everything. Nice goin'...I was lucky enough to be ashore part of the time Christmas, which was very nice under the circumstances. The best present of all was a slight 7 lb. addition to the family a couple of weeks ago, of the female species. I never thought there was Indian in the family before. Everybody is getting along fine now, and the Naval Hospital says they haven't lost a father yet. I was beginning to have doubts...We have been very busy for the past few weeks getting this ship in commission and everything. Some time in the future I'd like to get one good night's sleep. So long for now, tell the guys hello."

PVT. OLEN E. BERRY, Hq. Sq. 38th A.D.G. APO 528 c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "Perhaps it will be of interest to know that I have been in Italy for quite some time now. This is an interesting spot and I am glad that the army saw fit to bring me here. 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 and interesting country..."

Incidentally, you guys that are complaining about the rigors of camp life and training - don't. You have no idea how valuable everything 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 luckier...Keep the HM coming. It is one of my principal expectations at mail call."

PVT. LAWRENCE D. PETERS, 907th Guard Sq., Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.: "I feel fine and weigh 200 pounds now. I like the army and am proud to be a soldier, for when a fellow is in the army he knows he is doing a big job for his country. I like the MP force and think I would like a job with the police some place when this war is over."

RALPH E. COX, PhM3/c, Recruit Records Office, Building 109, Great Lakes, Ill.: "I've got to work this night before Christmas, but I'm not exactly wrapped up in my duties right now. In fact, I wish I didn't have any, and was in West Virginia. For tomorrow at least. Thanks for the HM. Although not a native of Gilmer County, I do have a special interest there and like to read what happens to the other fellows in the service. I have no idea how long I'll be on this station but I could have a much worse assignment than now."

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The following mail from an anonymous member of Uncle Sam's armed forces reached us a few days ago:

'Twas midnite and the street was dark,  
The passing cars were few.  
A girl came from a nearby park,  
A lovely sight to view.

I asked her if she'd like a ride;  
She seemed to hesitate,  
The she stepped in & breathed a sigh -  
Alas, I could not wait.

I took her to a lonely lane,  
Where stars lit up the sky,  
My blood ran hotly through my veins  
With a thought to do or die.

Her eyes were of the deepest blue,  
Her hair was black and fine,  
And when I touched hands I knew  
That she was surely mine.

I put my arms around her waist  
And kissed her ruby lips,  
And as I drew away, my hand  
Slipped gently to her hips.

"Twas then I found out who she was,  
It hit me like a bomber,  
For 'round her waist was slung a gun,  
'Twas Pistol Packin' Mamma ! ! !

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The HM thanks Mrs. Floy Decker and Russell H. McQuain for contributions. We should like letters from Lois McQuain, Carlos Ratliff, James Marks, Francis Fisher, William Cain, and Jack Stalnaker.

Christmas, from all accounts, was not a mirthful day, and the New Year may not be a particularly happy one, but there is yet a chance that we may make it triumphant. Victory in 1944 will go a long way toward paying for the troubled and desperate time of the past months, and if grim courage and heroic effort will do it we should soon be able to see the beginning of the end. The HM wishes you all the best of luck and a safe and early return to these hills...Sgt. James McMillen, wife and two children, home from a camp in Mississippi to visit Mrs. McMillen's parents, the Roy Langfords. The Langfords moved back to Glenville recently when Roy took a job with the Glenville Hardware Co., replacing Deward Black... Aviation Cadet John Furr joined the Caterpillar Club when he had to bail out of his plane while on a training flight. He was caught in a snowstorm and when his gasoline gauge began to hit bottom he decided to make contact with a Pennsylvania farm. He and his co-pilot landed without injury and were picked up a little later... Sgt. Aubrey Goff, of Lower Leading Creek, who also took an interest in World War I, was home for the holidays from Orlando, Fla...Mabel Wolfe, HM editor, spent a week in Baltimore visiting her sister, Mrs. Pat Bush and brother Frank, and Sgt. Earl Wolfe, of Fort Belvoir, Va...Paul E. Thorne and a friend in home from a Navy Base at Petuxent River, Md...James Waitman Miller, S2c, of Glenville, writes from Seattle that he is back in the States for a spell after seeing considerable action in the South Pacific...Gilmer County gets more law abiding every day. We hear that more people came around and paid their capitation taxes last year than ever before in history. And that in spite of us losing a lot of population to the armed forces as well as contributing welders, ship-builders, and air-plane mechanics and such like to various factories here and there...MM 2/C Andrew P. Britton, USN Rec Station, New Orleans, home on holiday furlough...Robert Lee Jack got home from a camp in Florida for his first furlough since entering the service, just in time to get a glimpse of his sister Patty, of the WAVES, stopping over on her way to duty at Norfolk, Virginia...Harry "Sport" Whiting, who has been helping Glenn Martin build airplanes since he was given a discharge from the army returned home a few days ago. It is rumored along the Main Stem that the departed liquor store may be revived under his management...Lt. (j.g.) Clifford Clem, of Sutton, home from Hingham, Mass, for the holidays, spent most of them in a hospital on account of having to get rid of an appendix...Everett Withers, founder of HM, was home from Washington & Lee University for a few days at Christmas. Says it takes him two days to get there by bus, and six hours by car, if he had the car and if he had some gasoline.

January 4 to January 11

Arlan Berry, Gilmer County's legislator, was named on the sub-committee appointed to draw up a soldier's vote bill to be acted on at the special session of the Legislature. He is a member of the

Judiciary Committee...Lewis B. (Clabber) Woofter rolled his car over the road near Auburn the other icy noon and he and his wife and daughter were considerable bruised up before the car stopped on the edge of a stream...Sgt. Bantz W. Craddock, Jr., of the Marines has left Parris Island for the West Coast... Eula Garrett Barker has resigned her teaching job and gone to Akron where her husband is employed. Mrs. Brooks Reed will take her place at the Rudkin school...Residents on Chestnut Lick have seen some deer browsing in their woods lately, and are offering free hay and protection if the animals will spend the winter. Main difficulty is to convince the deer of their friendly intent...The flu epidemic has its advantages for the younger fry. Schools remained closed for an extra week on account of the number of cases in the county. Practically the entire citizenry either have it, are just getting over it, or are coming down with it. Good thing it isn't as severe as in other years...Selective Service sent 39 men to Clarksburg Induction Center January 8. Another call has been received but this county will not send anybody in answer to it...Raymond E. Freed, former instructor at the College, now field director with the Red Cross, gives a new address: c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif...The Christmas Seal sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis League has reached \$404.00...WPB promises more girdles soon, genuine pre-war two-way stretch, but the gals have their fingers crossed. They've been gypped by pre-war rubber before...Harlan A. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Nellie Coey were married December 29...Roy B. McGee, undertaker and farmer of Sinking Creek, a well known and conspicuous figure on the Main Stem, and Mrs. Rugie Miller Fling were married at the Glenville Baptist parsonage by the Rev. Gilbert Moore on January 5. Wedding dinner was assembled and served at the Ables Restaurant...Charlotte Hyer left for Charleston January 9, to report for duty with the U. S. Marines Corps Reserves. She will go to Camp LeJeune, N. C. for training...Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Young of Latrobe, Pa., have a son, Guy Bayard II, born January 3... The Navy Department has notified the parents of Lt. (j.g.) August "Gook" Kafer that he is missing in action somewhere in the South Pacific. He was a dive bomber pilot, and was on Guadalcanal during the fighting there, but his recent location was not known to his family. There are seven of the Kafer boys and six of them are in the services...John Hamilton sends a new address: Lt. John W. Hamilton O-398788/1998th Truck Company (Avn) APO 503 c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. He writes that he is still in New Guinea and working with the usual perseverance and willing to return to the United States anytime... Ernest Lee Arbuckle, U. S. Air Corps aviation student, has been transferred for advance training from Collegeville, Minn., to Santa Anna, Calif...Lt. Harold L. Scott of Greenville, Miss., U. S. Air Corps recreation specialist, is spending a short furlough with his relatives at Troy...The Glenville Red Terrors basketball team lost their first game this season to Weston 50 -29.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

T-V HOWARD J TAYLOR, ASN 35210681, 3484 Ordnance (MTI), APO 913, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.; "I have been in this part of the woods for about two years now. I have been in New Zealand and the Fijis...Due to censorship I can't tell much more, but hope you like the folder of the Fiji Islands (I could tell much more about the people). In the folder is a picture of me and some of the Fijian women (beauts, ain't they?), also a picture of a Jap whose warring days are over. He was so nearly starved when found in the foxhole he couldn't stand, so he had to lay down to eat,"

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THIS IS WAR

"Yes! We work for the O. P. A.  
'Pretty soft', we hear them say,  
'An easy job' -- no brains are needed,  
Just simple rules of rationing heeded."  
So, if you've time, just lend an ear  
From 8 to 5, and you can hear --  
'I've lost my books, I can't buy meat!'  
'I'M walking around in my little bare  
feet!'  
'We're outa gas' -- The ceiling's high!  
'How many groceries will my points buy?'  
'My tires are blown!' -- 'No quota yet?'  
'You ride around, and here I set!'  
'The grocer took my X, Y, Z'  
'He shoulda taken my R, S, T,'  
'No pie, no cake -- Oh gosh, Oh gee!'  
Mr. Jones rides on sticker 'C'!"

"This isn't all -- some days there's  
more  
But, confidentially -- THIS IS WAR".

Anonymous

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The HM thanks Miss Rose Funk, Mrs. Fred Whiting, Mrs. Arch Brown, and Carey Woolfer for contributions.

We should like letters from Harvey Beall, Raymond Freed, Charles Griffith, Paul Scott, and Homer P. West. Also from all others who care to write.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
January 11 to January 18

Something special in the way of weather has irked the populace the past week. Rain, sleet and snow, in that order, and two frigid mornings that we groped blindly through a cottony mist brought a number of opinions as to why we are so afflicted, ranging from revenge by an angered Providence to sun spots. And, of course, the war. Those who blame the actions of the Draft and Ration Boards are in the minority. During the unpleasantness a West Virginian who was stuck in a North Carolina city, where all bus trips were canceled till a snow storm was over, made some caustic comments about stopping traffic for a little dribble of snow. A Traveler's Aid official coun-

tered with, "We don't need you Yankees coming down here to tell us when it's safe to run our busses," "Huh!" was the reply, "I'm no more a Yankee than you are. I'm from West-by-god-Virginia, and when it snows there it snows, but we don't stop the busses and sit around waiting for it to melt.".... Mrs Nina James has gone to Akron where her husband is employed, leaving the Gilmer Post Office flat. Mrs. Darnall has taken over till the P. O. Dept. finds a new P. M. ....Sgt. Sexton Wright is back at his old stomping ground, Camp Lee, Virginia. He started out there in July, 1941, and has been in five different camps scattered over these states....Aviation Cadet Joe Decker has started pre-flight training at San Antonio, Texas....Kermit Fisher and Jack Conrad finally met somewhere in the wilds of Camp Fannin, Texas, after both being stationed there for some months....Lt. H. P. West, Army Engineers, writes from Mobile, Ala., that he is now eating again after having had the flu....Robert M. Whiting, CAerM, USN, is now at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. Expects to be sent back over seas after a brief spell of duty there .... Sgt. Kenneth Burroughs and Anna Katherine Corell were married at Radford, Virginia, December 18....Eddie Orr, of Glenville and Morgantown, and points east, west, north and south, has been inducted into Uncle Sam's fighting forces ....The Bucket of Blood's original scarlet has faded. The change may be only temporary, of course, but of late it has become so mild and inoffensive that it has withdrawn its legally filed objection to Judge Fisher's edict that nothing stronger than Dr. Pepper be served on the premises....Mrs. James Satterfield and small daughter (she was Eldred Jimison, AB, '42) are here for a visit with the W. H. Satterfield's of Northview. Ensign Satterfield has been assigned active duty in the Atlantic sector....William Rymer, nephew of N. E. Rymer, secretary of the Draft Board, leaves the State Police for the U. S. Air Corps soon....Pfc. Brooks Golden and Dorothy Paddock were married in San Francisco recently. He's in an army dental clinic at Camp Stoneman, Calif..... Home on furlough: Monk Wolfe, Jr., USMC, Parris Island; Pfc. Coye J. Lowther, Westover Field, Mass.; Sgt. Rolla Yerkey, ASTP, Fort Benning, Ga.; H. N. Gerwig, S F 2/c. USS Kaweah; Pvt. Hunter E. Bush, Ft. McClellan, Ala.... Cpl. Simon Hall, Jr. and Irene See were married January 3. He was a Vo-Ag. teacher in this county before going into the army, and is now an engineer on a B-17, stationed at Army Air Base, Dalhart, Texas ....One of Hunter Beall's gasoline pumps got in Carl Starkey's way Saturday and was right upset about it. Red gasoline all over....Sgt. and Mrs. Averill Boggs (she was Wanda Greenleaf) have a son, born January 6. Sgt. Boggs is stationed at Indianapolis, Ind.... Goldine Woodford has moved to town for the winter, staying with the Paul Woodfords.... Pfc. William Edwards was visiting friends on the campus this week. He recently graduated from a radio school at Fort Knox, Ky., and is being transferred to Camp Meade, Md.

Leon "Sheriff" Smith is now with the Persian Gulf Service Command in Iran, and has sent home a news sheet published by the personnel with pictures and news of the Teheran meeting....Noel Bush, former Glenville resident, has joined the Navy and will train at Great Lakes, Ill....When the legislature r'ared back and enacted a bill providing machinery so the state's widely scattered men in arms could vote, they set the closing date for filing for office on February 5. This has brought out a crop of candidates already, most of whom are due to be caught by a frost about May 9. The early date should allow time enough for the ballots to roll in from fox holes in New Guinea, machine gun emplacements in Italy, subchasers in the Atlantic, submarines in the Pacific, or wherever they must come from. Gilmer County's representative Arlan W. Berry had a big pen in drafting the law....Earl Spencer goes to Blytheville, Ark., for advanced flight training. Says he weighs 213 lbs., which should qualify him for piloting the Mars ....Sgt. Robert Johnson, Camp Campbell, Ky., home on furlough for two weeks. He has been with a recruiting unit in Indiana until a recent transfer to Kentucky ....Arthur Moore, former principal at Normantown High, now a field director with the Red Cross, is stationed at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla....Willie Hoover, now serving in Italy, has been promoted to Sergeant....Pvt. Paul Haumann, on furlough after recent maneuvers near Nashville, Tenn. Will return to a post in North Carolina....Mrs. Dotson Norman, mother of James P. Norman of Glenville, died January 19 after an illness of only a few hours....Arlena Walton, Seaman 2/c, WAVES, is stationed at Milledgeville, Ga.... Lt. Isadore Nachman has arrived in New Guinea. He is serving with Army Air Corps Intelligence....Aviation Cadet Karl West has been sent to Greensboro, N. C. for pre-flight training....Pvt. and Mrs. Bruce Summers announce the birth of a son, January 20, Steven Bruce. Pvt. Summers is stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla....Kate Wolfe Wells leaves shortly to join her husband, Sgt. Fred Wells, at Chanute Field, Ill....Lt. Robert Shreve, Army Air Force, has been promoted to Captain and is back in the states after several months overseas....Mrs. Denver Riffle soon treks south to Camp Gordon Johnston, where Denver is located....Pfc. Lyle J. James, of the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Marvin H. Sager, somewhere in the South Pacific, have been awarded the army's good conduct medal. This medal is given for meritorius service and in order to qualify for it a soldier must have no marks against him during his service.... The Board of Education has put in a tank back of the high school activity building and is going into the gasoline business. Servicing their own busses and trucks instead of depending on the dealers....Linn McGee, home on first furlough from Camp Barkeley, Texas, looking brown and husky and several pounds thinner than when he left here six months ago....Pvts. Samuel E. Riddle and Pell McCartney, both of Tanner, who entered the service recently are stationed at

Ft. McClellan, Ala....Aviation Student Rex Hardman is at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a five months course of instruction prior to appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Force....The War Fund Committee collected \$2,876.75 in Gilmer County and has closed the drive, turning over the receipts to the national organization. Most of it will go to the USO....The Tanner school bus teetered on the edge of dissolution Thursday morning when it slid off the icy pavement back of the high school. No passengers were aboard, and a wrecking car managed to drag it back before it fell into Turkey Run. Only damage was to the driver's morale.... A/C Jack Luzader has passed his final check flight at W. T. S. Martin, Tenn., and after two or three weeks intermediate training will be sent to a pre-flight school....Ensign Warren Lamb, USNR, home on furlough from Annapolis, Md....The Normantown Rod and Gun Club serves notice on the public that it is disbanding for the duration of the shot-gun shell shortage and invites its members to come in and divide up any funds remaining in the treasury....Gilbert Rhoades stopped his truck a bit quicker than suddenly on the town hill, and Beecher Reed ran smack into the rear of it, much to the detriment of both vehicles. All because of a cat, and a small cat at that, crossing the road....The liquor store has returned to our midst. Opens February first under the direction of Harry Whiting, late of Uncle Sam's army, and later of Glenn Martin's little plane factory at Baltimore.

RED TERRORS BASKETBALL SCORES

|            |    |         |
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| Glenville  | 26 | (There) |
| Sand Fork  | 48 |         |
| Glenville  | 71 | (Here)  |
| Tanner     | 18 |         |
| Glenville  | 33 | (Here)  |
| Doddridge  | 15 |         |
| Glenville  | 62 | (Here)  |
| Sutton     | 26 |         |
| Glenville  | 27 | (Here)  |
| Normantown | 35 |         |
| Glenville  | 71 | (There) |
| Tanner     | 23 |         |

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. WILLIAM B. GRIFFITH, Co. G, 164th Inf., APO #16, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Jan. 22: "The last HM I received was the November 16 issue which I was very glad to get. It took it two months to get here, but any news is good news. Thanks...I have been in New Caledonia for a week and then to the Fiji Islands. I was there for two months and found it a swell place considering. Was only a couple miles from the capital city, Suva. I have moved again and am now on another island. We have air raids very frequently and then, we hit our fox holes. There are Japs on the island and we also have volcanoes and pretty severe earthquakes. This is all I can say but more Japs, less days...Tell everyone hello, "Bula" in Fijian, and please continue to send the HM."

PFC. EDWARD R. NOTTINGHAM, 571st AMB Co., APO:635, c/o PM, New York, N.Y., January 28: "I am stationed here in England. I would like to tell all about it, but the censor won't permit it. In my line of duty I have visited nearly every part of it. I prefer Gilmer County. So far I have seen only one Gilmer County boy here, Roy Stump from Stumptown. I haven't had a chance to talk to him yet, as he is stationed about 150 miles from me...It seems that the censor has more to say than I do, so I will stop for this time."

T/SGT. EDDIE KENNEDY, 363rd Fighter Group Hq., APO 658, c/o PM, New York, N.Y. "I once took a little trip to Malden, W. Va.; in the year of our Lord, 19???. Well, that's the way I looked, acted, felt and behaved when I hit the United Kingdom. One thing was lacking: that old green Chevrolet. That car would have been a peach to drive over here. As well as I remember, it had a habit of staying on the left side of the road most of the time, and the mud it carried would have matched the surroundings over here. Everything is going fine so far. I've been bawled out, balled up and bogged down, but I'm still putting up a terrific fight. I think I'll get through if there isn't a pretty rigid counter attack somewhere along the line. If something like that happens, I'll retreat according to schedule and start again...Heard from Denzil Lohan in Panama. Now that's a nice place to be. A man wouldn't have to carry a stove in his overcoat pocket to keep warm."

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The HM thanks Mrs. Lee Jack, Mrs. Vera Garrett, Mrs. Ancel Reed, Dr. Guy Stalnaker, Edna McQuain, Ralph Cox, and Stanley West for contributions.

We should like to hear from William Berry, Ivan Hays Bush, Roland Butcher, Denzil Hamric, Charles Linton, and C. L. Underwood. Also from all others who care to write.

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The HM apologizes for being late this week. One half of the editorial staff has been laid low by a base, cowardly flu germ which attacked when said editor wasn't looking. The following report is submitted:

Temperature: Ranging from sub-cellar to roof.

Aches and pains: 57 varieties. Mostly new. All bad.

Loss in weight: 5 lbs.

Loss in energy: 463.27 ergs.

Recovery: Maybe.

Morale: Terrible.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
January 25 to February 1

Recent marriages: Pfc. Millard "Shy" Cunningham and Virginia Vinson, January 27, at Akron, Ohio; Lt. Creed Barton, and Nancy Wolfe. At Dover, Del., January 25; Junior Floyd and Mary Virginia Thompson, November 26, at Weston, W. Va. Sgt. Jack Woodyard here from Camp Swift, Texas, for week's furlough. Besides acquiring sergeant's chevrons he seems to have grown at least six inches taller and wider...Pvt. William Brannon, eldest son of Herbert Brannon of Glenville, was killed in action in Italy on January 14. He was a paratrooper and a commando and had seen action in Attu before going to the European theater of war. The Brannons have two other sons in the service...Sgt. Joseph M. Herold has been transferred from the Marine recruiting station at Charleston to Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C...George Tharp writes from San Antonio, Texas, that they've had two inches of real winter there. Enough snow for the Yanks and Rebels to fight the Civil War all over again...Cpl. and Mrs. Royce Miles here for a fifteen day furlough from an army base at Boston, Mass...Lt. A. F. Rohrbough, USNR, has a team of "Hellcats" that won the cadet basketball championship at the Naval Air Training Station at Corpus Christi, Texas. Looks like Nate still has the habit of turning out winners... On a recent afternoon a gentleman boarded the Clarksburg bus as soon as it stopped in front of the Grill. He was carrying quite a load, but the load did not include a ticket, so he was gently but firmly ejected by the driver. Undiscouraged, he managed to repeat some three times, each time being removed from the interior of the vehicle with less gentleness and more firmness. The last time the driver picked him up and heaved him out on the cold and indifferent pavement. This last brought it home to the befuddled one that he was being put upon something terrific so he started a counter-attack, tooth and nail. Especially tooth. Mangled the driver's finger till Doc Stalnaker had to make some minor repairs before the bus could proceed. It was a short war, but plenty gory...Sgts. Fred Wells and Denver Thompson home for short furloughs...Mrs. Raymond Neall (Lila Lee Luzader) has joined her husband in California... Jeanne McGee and Peggy Gainer home for short visits from their war jobs in Washington...Mrs. Rita White Hoey has resigned as teacher of the Shock school

to continue work at G.S.C. Will get her degree in June...Orville Wolfe, recently discharged from the service, took Paul Fidler's place in the Troy grades since Paul got his call from the Navy...Everett Withers has donated the old square piano which has been in his family for many years to the Glenville High School... Recent transfers: Pfc. Oral Cunningham from Lynn, Mass., to Daniel Field, Ga.; Pfc. Edna McQuain, WAC, from Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to U. S. Army Recruiting Office at Bluefield, W. Va.; Cpl. Bill Wheeler from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to Shreveport, La.; Billy Kellar from Alameda, Calif., to U. S. Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, R. I. ...A B-17 droned along on a trial flight at three thousand feet. Suddenly four soldiers bounced into the pilot's line of vision. "By golly," he commented, "there certainly must be some rough terrain down below. That's the second jeep outfit I've seen up here today." Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vass (she was Mary Miller) announce the birth of a daughter, January 26.

February 1 to February 8

Capt. Fred H. Goff, former deputy circuit clerk of Harrison County, has been given a medical discharge from the army. He will probably return to his post as clerk until the end of the calendar year. He is a former Glenville resident...The Frank E. Millers have left for Kissimee, Florida, where they plan to reside. At least for the duration...Rev. and Mrs. Arehart held open house for their neighbors Friday evening. Nobody has an entire new house any more, but even an addition is worth showing off...Ralph Cox has been promoted to Pharmacist's Mate 2/c...Pvt. Shirley Wildman home from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for short furlough... Charles Neal has finished boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is home for a few days awaiting assignment...Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gainer here for the first time in two years. He works for Muskingum Coal Co., Zanesville Ohio...The Lee Gainers have moved into their house in their house in the Collins Addition, where the Schrocks have been living. Mr. Schrock has moved his funeral home into the Withers house on upper Main Street ...Pvt. Walter Roe in from Ft. Belvoir, Va., and Bobby Whiting got the Navy to let him off from Bethany College for about thirty-six hours...The Boy Scouts are doing well with their paper salvage drive. A. N. West contributed so many technical magazines that Mr. Hull's car took one look at the accumulation and quit cold. The boys had to get a truck. They have sent one shipment to Clarksburg already...Arden Westfall, Red Terror forward, is ordered to report for service in the Air Corps February 14...Seaman Wilson Reed, home on leave from Farragut, Idaho, and Pvt. Willard Yeager in from Buffalo, N. Y. ...Capt. Bob Shreve reports for duty with a Ferrying Group at Nashville, Tenn. He is in the Air Transport Command and has been flying supplies from Burma over the Himalayas into China for too many months. Their northern terminal was Kun Ming, once headquarters for Gen. Chennault's Flying Tigers, and still a base for his air force. Bob says the scenery was probably the most magnificent

in the world, but that the pilots of the transport command didn't see it under the best conditions. Other things besides scenery on their minds, probably ...Gilmer County has oversubscribed its quota for the Fourth War Loan by about 105%. Up to \$190,184.50 to date. Total sales and purchases Glenville Public School \$8,675...February 5, midnight, being the dead line for candidates to file notices that they are making a race, Monday gave us a flock of entries to pick from. What with the decrease in the county's population (down to about 9500), some of them will have to vote heavy for themselves or we won't have enough ballots to go around...Will Gainer, father of Oscar and Loyd, died February 9 at his home at Tanner after several weeks illness...S 2/c Bernard G. Boggs writes from Great Lakes that he is training for Hospital Corps and made 98 and 100 on his last series of tests ...Pvt. Lee Shackelford, Camp Butner, N. C.; T/3 Richard Taylor, Camp Tyson, Tenn.; Pvt. Bernard C. Jones, Camp Barkley, Texas, home on furloughs... Lionel Fell suffered a paralytic stroke Sunday afternoon and is very seriously ill at his home...Jane Berkhouse returned to the store after lunch Monday to find a small, unnoticed fire nibbling away at the wall by the booths, apparently started by a carelessly discarded cigarette. It was extinguished without the aid of the Fire Department...Gilbert Cain is being temporarily transferred from Baltimore, Md., to Karney, N.J... Frank Beall, Jr., is making headlines in Latrobe, Penna., by his ability to play basket ball West Virginia style... Braxton County has hatched a candidate for President of these United States. The Hon. Claude Linger, R.S., B.H., A.Ec. possessor of the most distinguished beard in this neighborhood, has announced himself a candidate to succeed the present incumbent...The Little Kanawha Valley Sectional Tournament will be held here the week-end of March 3-4. Drawings: Sand Fork vs. Walton, Norman-town vs. Tanner, Glenville vs. Troy, Spencer plays a redrawn team...David Tevell, blind College junior, was presented with a Braille Bible Sunday by the College Sunday School class of the local Baptist Church...Robert J. Butcher R. M. 3/c, is spending a 15-day leave at his home after being out of the States 22 months.

RED TERRORS BASKET BALL SCORES

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| Glenville  | 42 | (There) |
| Troy       | 18 |         |
| Glenville  | 45 | (Here)  |
| Burnsville | 28 |         |
| Glenville  | 33 | (Here)  |
| Sand Fork  | 35 |         |
| Glenville  | 51 | (Here)  |
| Troy       | 27 |         |
| Glenville  | 25 | (There) |
| Doddridge  | 39 |         |

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

S/SGT. EARL WOLFE, Med. Sec. #1, 2572 S.U., Fort Belvoir, Va.: "It's about time I got in the saddle with a letter to your most welcome publication. It's the best source of information I can find from the hill country...I am Supply Sergeant for a large Medical Detachment here, and have worked in that capacity for over two years. I was recently promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant. The camp, in comparison with some others I have seen, is an ideal spot. It is well-situated, being 18 miles from Washington and 56 miles from Baltimore. It is well-organized and is top-notch in Engineer training...For the second year, I am coaching a basket ball team in the Post League, and we are tied for the lead, with five games to go. Even if we don't win the title, I can lay claim to supremacy in that old art of bitching at the referee, which didn't originate in Glenville but certainly took root there. Nate would be proud of me, and Al Lilley would throw in the towel. But I still contend that one should at least see a game before he handles a whistle!..Saturday night, I took a flier to a party at River Bend, which is situated near Mount Vernon. Included in the party were Marguerite Moss Martin and husband, Maxine Satterfield, Jack Bennett of Clarksburg, and other renegades of suspicious nature. It would have seemed like old times if Guy Bennett had been there to get thrown out; if Lardy Mendenhall had been present to chop the supports from under the building; or if Red Davies and Dink Noroski could have walked in to join in on the chorus of "Merrily We Roll that Keg"... I have been trying to get Durgan's Camp Lee address, so if I don't receive it before the next issue, I would like for him to write to me or take a globe-trot up this way."

JOHN COOPER, R. M. 3c, USS New Jersey, C R Division, c/o PM, Fleet PO, San Francisco, Calif.: "They'll let me say that I'm in the Pacific, but that's all. I like it better than the Atlantic because it is quite a bit different...Mail will probably be slow reaching me out here and we all like to get mail. The radio gang puts out a daily mimeographed newspaper so we know pretty well what is going on. I am wondering what Congress is going to do about the service man's voting plan. It really doesn't make much difference to us because we don't think much about politics. I guess the senators are having fun though!"

A/C RUDELL REED, JR., Prov. Sqdn. B, Flt. 28, Class 44-8, AAFANS, Selman Field, Monroe, La.: "It seems I only write the HM when I've changed addresses, but I've done it again. I'm at Selman Field in Advanced Navigation school. We spend 18 weeks here before receiving our wings and it's the most accelerated school I've seen in the army yet. They really try to keep students busy. They try to beat into us that the pilot is a navigator's chauffeur, but I don't think there's any of us who wouldn't trade navigator's wings for another chance at pilot training. Does the HM go to anyone at Selman or in Shreveport? If so would you let me know

their addresses. Thanks a lot for the HM. It certainly helps out with items about the fellows."

A/C JACK LUZADER, Navy Pre-Flight, Independence Bks., Room 100, Batt. 44, Co. C, Plat. 3, Athens, Ga.: "I am now at Navy Pre-Flight. It is a nice place, but we don't have much free time to ourselves. We get up at 05:45 and go to bed at 2200 (10:00)...I got my Navy haircut this morning, and I look worse than I did when I had my head cut...Bill Kerns (former coach at W. Va. University) is the officer in charge of one of the platoons in my battalion...We take the pack test this morning. They put 1/3 your weight on your back, then you step up and down an 18 inch step for 5 minutes if you can."

PVT. LEO CLIVE WEST, Ser. Btry., 56th F. A. Bn., APO 8, c/o PM, New York, N.Y.: "I am permitted to tell that I am now in Northern Ireland. Have been here for some time. We find many things quite different from what we were used to in the States. Life here is a fast one, always plenty to do...I'm always glad to receive the HM. It gives me plenty of interesting news of other Gilmer County boys in the service. I am in the best of health and getting along fine. Best of luck to all my friends back in good old Gilmer County."

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We should like letters from Robert Beall, Kenton Berry, Lloyd Jones, William Moore, Harold Scott, and Laban White, Jr. Also from all others who care to write.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
February 8 to February 15

The HM is no crusader and we have no missionary zeal whatever, but we may start a campaign against radio advertising any day now. We consider it is going too far when a fifteen-minute news broadcast is interrupted three separate times so that we may hear, with details, what a certain laxative will do for us. Lord knows what we'll have to listen to when they get around to contraceptives...Chas. S. Whiting, of the Internal Revenue Department, is being transferred to New Orleans. Some people are always lucky... Gilmer County was second in the state to go over its quota in the 4th War Loan. Stamps sales in the schools were \$8675... The AP sent out a picture recently of a gun crew somewhere in England in which friends were glad to recognize Pvt. Harry Hess...Sgt. Leroy Davis has been ordered on foreign service from St. Petersburg, Fla...The Ludwick Glass workers decided they would continue to worry along without the help of a union...Russell Hugh McQuain, somewhere on the Pacific, posed recently with a small sad monkey and sent the resulting work of art home. Erley Singleton immediately returned a picture of himself and his pet simian, just to show that the Navy had nothing on Glenville...Deward Black, manager of the A&P, has a daughter, born Feb. 7...The Navy has informed the family of Lt. August

Kafer that he was killed in action Dec. 27...Noel Bush, A. B., GSC, has entered the Navy and will take his basic training at Great Lakes...Lionel Fell died Feb. 12, after a week's illness. He will be long remembered as a friend of everybody he knew, and he knew practically everybody...Brooks Furr expects to be inducted into the army in March. He has turned the restaurant back to Leland and Mrs. Conrad, who will continue to dish out food at the old stand...Albert Woolfe writes from England that the daughter of an English surgeon has him going six ways, which is something West Virginia girls were never able to do. Maybe those English have something, after all...Margy Jack is in Norfolk visiting her sister Patty, a Yeoman 3-c in the Navy...Elmer Shaver had his tonsils out and all the telephones refused to talk, out of sympathy with his sore throat. The C&P had to send a trouble-shooter out from Weston to get them going again...The candidates are all out in the open now and the campaign is on, with bets being laid for win, place and show. There's a large field, most of them old hands and well able to take care of themselves when the mudslinging and biting on the turns begin...Okey D. Reaser has graduated from a radio school at Scott Field and will be assigned to a bomber as a member of the crew...Petty Officer 3-c Robert Butcher beaming at the local inhabitants after fourteen months in Newfoundland...Ray Stalnaker, Bill Porter and Glen Gainer home for a few days from California, Florida and Louisiana...The town's latest attraction for the younger set is a pictures-while-you-wait emporium in the partitioned off corner of Dump Garrett's poolroom. However, there is no maximum age limit so the shop did its prettiest the day Tate Hyer and Bert Fleming posed arm in arm...Spencer High defeated the Sand Fork Lions on the Sand Fork floor, 37 to 29. One casualty. Either the wind or the yelling (both were high, strong and continuous) brought down a large pane of glass from a window on one of the cheerleaders. Some damage, not serious.

#### February 15 to February 22

On a recent evening the flurried tenant of a certain upstairs apartment came into the Grill to telephone for the police. Her complaint was that a visitor was beating her up. By the time the town cop and a hastily deputized citizen arrived on the scene the tide of battle had turned and the visitor was on the receiving end. The mayor took a hand the next day and the apartment is now vacant. It wasn't so useful anyway, after the ladder on the back porch was removed...Pfc. Howard Arbogast, who was among the first of Gilmer Countians called up for selective service, is now in Italy...Eunice Cain and Celia Nachman have been visiting in Baltimore...Cpl. Harold Southall and Irene Floyd Harvey were married Feb. 2, at Pittsburgh...E. G. Rohrbough, Congressman from this district, in town for a few days. No matter how long his career in Congress may be it will likely bring him no more liking and respect than he rated as president of GSC...The Boy Scout paper salvage drive has netted some three thousand pounds so far. Basements and

attics haven't been so denuded of reading matter for years...The Bud Moore's of Sand Fork have a son overseas with the marines and a daughter in Government service in Washington...John Shuman, perennial Republican candidate for sheriff, keeps his name and face before the public by way of the Pictureland screen...Doc Whiting, of the college, mourns the death of his dog, Sinjin, who left these parts on Feb. 18, and was buried with honors in his own backyard...Thé YW and YMCA are collecting books to be sent to American prisoners of war. The HM hears that said prisoners prefer books that require slow reading and hard thinking. Time is something they've got a lot of, and thinking about a book takes the mind off --well, other things. We have in our possession some few volumes that are a bit over our head, though this is the only time we've admitted it, and here is where we hand them over to appreciative readers...Ensign Fred M. Whiting, Jr., USS Vincennes, reports he is on sea duty now and regrets that there is practically nothing that he can say about it...Billy Luzader has been accepted for the Navy and is waiting call to active duty. Hopes to be allowed to study radar...Ernest Lee Arbuckle is studying navigation at Santa Ana, Calif...Robert F. Bonner, USNR, has been promoted to Lt. (j.g.). He is somewhere in the Pacific area...S2c Jesse Lilly is in the Ordnance Gunnery Division. He is stationed at Memphis, Tenn...S2c Buddy Bennett, of Cox's Mills, has completed boot training at Great Lakes and is now at Newport, R.I. in fire combat training...Clark Hardman, former photographer for the GSC Mercury, has been promoted to 1st lieutenant...Evelyn D. Snoderly, 4-H Club agent, has resigned, effective March 4...Mrs. W. W. Johnson, has been very ill of pneumonia, but is improving. Her sister, Mrs. R. F. Kidd, is ill also...S/Sgt. Charles Griffith, Gravelly Point, D. C., is home on fifteen day furlough. He expects to be assigned to overseas service on his return to duty...Dr. D. L. Haught, President of GSC, attended a Regional War Conference of school administrators in Atlanta, Ga...E. Withers writes from W & L University in Lexington that Hank Greenberg refereed a basket ball game there recently, but refused to hold forth when interviewed later in the evening...Mrs. Elwood Stewart and children have moved to Akron, Ohio...Sgt. Fred Wells home on travel orders, transferring him from Indianapolis to Goldsboro, N. C...Anne Amick Keith has joined her husband at Camp Stewart, Savannah, Ga.

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There was a lady commentator,  
Who played with a big alligator;  
But she tickled its nose,  
And she trod on its toes,  
Till at last it just up and ate 'er.

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#### Red Terrors Basket Ball Scores

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| Glenville  | 36 | (There) |
| Normantown | 32 |         |
| Glenville  | 29 | (There) |
| Spencer    | 43 |         |
| Glenville  | 51 | (There) |
| Burnsville | 46 |         |
| Glenville  | 38 | (Here)  |
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## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PFC. JACK STALNAKER, Co. I, 182 Inf. APO 716, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "I just received the Dec. 28 issue of the HM and have passed it on to my buddy, George Wamsley of Elkins, who is in the same company as I. All the guys think the HM is a swell idea and all enjoy the Glenville wit...I have been overseas about 4 months and really it isn't too bad. The Fiji "boolas" hardly compare with our gals, but the French gals weren't too bad...I find the army chow over here better than in the states and as a result I wear a 30" waist instead of a 28"...During the time over here I have experienced many interesting things. Air raids and patrols hold the most interest I think. Being in the infantry we see everything first hand. As the saying goes: "The infantry has the artillery in back of them, the air corps over them, but all that is in front of them is - the enemy."...We have a swell bunch of guys in this outfit and you get to know them like brothers. Even with this life most of the fellows would rather be a USA "commando" I think...On the way over I saw more water than the Little Kanawha even when it runs down Main Street. An added feature was a volcano I got to see...It might be interesting to know that Nate's reputation goes overseas too. My buddy from Elkins (who attended D&E) knows his basket ball teams quite well, as does a boy from Fairmont in my outfit..."Iron Man" Griffith is in my division, but in a different regiment so I don't see him. I do know that he is O.K. and still as "Wild Indian" as Bill Wolfe says...With the darkening shadows of the South Pacific, I'd better close this dam thing. Letter writing over here is a hell of a job with censorship and all. About all you can say is "Hello, I'm O.K., good bye."...Thanks for keeping me in touch with all the guys, and I hope in the first Homecoming Parade after the war, they'll all be there. I would enjoy hearing from any of the fellows...Take it easy and don't overwork "Hoop."

S/SGT. CHARLES LINTON, Hq. 36 Inf. Div., APO 36, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "It was a pleasant surprise to receive my first issue of the HM a few days ago. I only wish I had been in on it from the start. I like to keep in contact with my friends from Glenville. Of course there are a lot of new names that I don't recognize, but it has been quite a while since I was there...If there is any news from Italy that any of the HM fans would like to know about, I will be glad to dig up all I can for you, if it's O.K. with the censors...Tell everyone I know hello, and that I hope to be coming to Glenville for a visit soon."

RAYMOND FREED, ARC, 151st Inf. APO 38, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "The HM is the most interesting publication received. Many thanks...For the present I am on the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. The climate is ideal, the natural scenery is too beautiful to describe briefly, and coconuts and pineapples are plentiful; but the grass-skirted hula girls, of whom you are probably thinking, are found only in commercial picture-taking establish-

ments, where they pose with servicemen for a price. Normal activities here have been greatly changed by the war. The people - well, here "East is East and West is West" and how they've mated in the heat!...I have quarters with the Regimental Staff in (censored), a most interesting Japanese Mission now taken over by the Army. Would like to contact any friends here, who may learn my location from the Red Cross Area Office, Bishop and Queen Street, Telephone 59-571...All HM readers who have personal or family problems are urged to contact Red Cross; they can really get valuable assistance."

BENNETT STUMP, AM2c, Naval Air Technical T. C., Jacksonville, Fla.: "Have been playing about three games of basket ball a week in the Victory League and have been refereeing some. The officials here don't know what it means to call over 8 or 10 fouls in a game. I called 43 the other night and got a write-up in the paper saying I had "narred the game." The chief in the athletic department here played on Southwestern team in the National Tourney in 1939-40. He said that Louie Romano and Jr. Rhoades were plenty good and his team was lucky to win...I saw Leroy Lester from Spencer last night. He played on the Great Lakes team before his transfer here. His roommate at Great Lakes was Jesse Lilly. He says that Scotty Hamilton is the best player at Great Lakes yet he plays on the third team...Lt. (jg) Nate Callahan is a dentist here at the recruit center."

PFC. ALBERT WOOFER, Co. A, 707th MP Bn., APO 511, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "I am reminded that I haven't notified you of my new address. I moved not long ago after spending 14 months in one place, and it was almost like leaving home again, but I'm settled now, and it isn't too bad. There are nine of us billeted together in a small town. We eat at the Red Cross Club or in cafes. We have British rationing coupons and can buy meat, eggs, butter, etc., in small quantities. Right now I'm planning to scout around to find someone who can cook a steak. I can fry eggs myself, but according to the other boys it takes a nice blond to fry a steak. They kid me quite a bit because I'm more interested in eating than in most anything else except mail from home...I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoy reading the HM. So you write 'em and we'll read 'em and in the meantime we'll hope it won't be too long until we'll be back in Glenville for good."

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We should like to have letters from Laddie Bell, Norris Gluck, Joe Herold, Nate Rohrbough, James Woofter, and Lynwood Zinn.

It has been necessary to drop some names from our mailing list because we learned that transfers have been made and new addresses not given. When your address changes, please notify the HM.

The HM thanks Elizabeth Lewis and Bruce Summers for horse feed.

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## RED TERRORS WIN TOURNEY

The Glenville Red Terrors came from behind in the sectional tournament here

and won the right to compete in the regional at Clarksburg for the fifth straight year. The Terrors defeated Spencer 42-40, after losing both games during the regular season to the Spencer five. In the finals they downed Sand Fork 33-31, after losing the regular season pair of contests.

Service men seen at tourney: Bobby Whiting, Bethany, W. Va.; Kermit Fisher, Camp Fannin, Texas; Earl Wolfe and a friend, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Charles Griffith Gravelly Point, D. C.; John Harper, Lincoln, Neb.; Birl Cottrill, Corpus Christi, Texas; Junior Stalnaker, Memphis, Tenn.; Earl Ray Ellis, Northwestern U.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
February 23 to February 29

A B-24 on its way from New York to some undisclosed field got itself lost over these hills in a storm Tuesday evening. The pilot ordered the crew to bail out when he gave the word, but Sutton airport's revolving beacon showed up in time for him to land the big plane while he still had gas enough for about ten minutes. A clogged oil line next morning caused one engine to burn out, so crew and plane were interned in Sutton for a week until another engine could be installed. This is the third army plane in trouble that has made timely landings at Sutton instead of cracking up on hill-sides... James L. Parks, former student, now in the Medical Corps of the army, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, above and beyond the line of duty. He is in Italy... Lieut. Kenneth Starcher is safe in a hospital after parachuting into the jungle from his Liberator somewhere over India. He is with the 14th Air Force Command in China... Hal Bernard G. Boggs finished his basic training at Great Lakes with an average grade of 97%. He is now at Sarapson, N.Y. Pfc. William Porter home on furlough after getting his wings as a top turret gunner at Las Vegas, Nev. He will be stationed for the present at Tampa, Fla... The Little Kanawha, suffering from delusions of grandeur, rose to about twenty-six feet and flooded out some of the inhabitants on the 23rd. Not much damage there being no gardens to destroy this time of year... Doil Fitzpatrick is rounding out a full quarter of a century as janitor for the Glenville public schools... S/Sgt. Charles Griffith home on fifteen day furlough from Gravelly Point, D. C., expecting to be assigned overseas duty as soon as he returns... Births: The Carr Patersons, a son, Feb. 15; Frank Stalnaker (she was Cotha Frame) a son, Feb. 24; Harley Regers (she was Goldie Reynolds) a daughter, Feb. 25... Hoy B. Cottrill, veterinary Surgeon of Sand Fork, died in a Clarksburg hospital February 29. He has two sons in the armed services, Jarrett and Birl, Jr... RM 3c John Cooper, somewhere in the Pacific area, finds the Pacific living up to its name and apparently likes it better than the uneasy Atlantic... Gray Barker, assigned to do a story for the "Mercury" about the College clock in its ivy-hung tower, insisted on being excused from class early enough to get in the belfry in time to hear the hour strike. What sacrifices these journalists make to put realism into a story!... Naval Aviation

Cadet Guy Stalnaker, Jr., home on furlough has finished basic training at Memphis, Tennessee, and expects to be transferred on his return to an advanced base. Probably Corpus Christi, Texas... Sgt. Fred Wells has been transferred to Seymour Johnson Field, N. C... T. Bryan McQuain, USNR, who enlisted some time ago in the newly formed Ship Repair Unit, is assigned at Bainbridge, Md., for preliminary training.

March 1 to March 7

The job of Public Relations Counsel for the Ration Board has been wished on Tate Hyer. The office personnel hopes he can convince the public that the Draft Board rations men to the services, while the Ration Board confines its efforts to unimportant items like food and gasoline... Mrs. Roosevelt's short visit at Weston and Jackson's Mill seems to have been enjoyed by the people who saw and heard her. She went on to Pittsburgh in Carl Woodford's plane... Pvt. Forrest Messenger has been assigned to Kessler Field, Miss., for pre-flight training... Billy Luzader has abandoned Fred Whiting's milk truck and gone to Great Lakes for training. He won't be eighteen until June... Mrs. Ina Hupp, former DPA director for Gilmer County, has taken a position in the state office of the DPA. She has been working in Dayton, Ohio... Two unfailing subjects of conversation are income tax and ration tokens. Nobody seems to know what to do about either of them... Linn Wiant has opened a shoe store in the room once occupied by Thompson's Drug Store... Pvt. Kermit Fisher, home on furlough, went to sleep at the wheel and scraped the fenders off his Aunt Hazel's car. No other damage except to Kermit's feelings... The Red Cross's annual drive for funds is getting under way. Mrs. A. H. Moore is chairman of the drive and Mrs. Esty Berkhouse is Executive Secretary of the Chapter. Our share is \$6,000 which isn't chicken feed, but we always do make our quota, in this county, and we'll try to lay it on the line this year, too... Homer Paul West, U. S. Army Engineers, Mobile, Ala., has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant... S2c Earl Ray Ellis and Louise Grogg were married at the M. E. Church, March 5, by the Rev. G. J. Johnson. Earl Ray is taking radio training at Northwestern U... Dr. John C. Shreve received a telegram Saturday with the information that his son Fred, who is in the Marines, has been wounded in action, somewhere in the Pacific area. The telegram gave no details... Everett Ellyson left Sunday for Huntington and induction into the Ship Repair Unit of the Navy. His rating will be Petty Officer 1c, USNR... Bernyce Beall, lady mayoress, has been ill with the flu and Mrs. H. Y. Clark taught for her last week. Gilmer County's Selective Service Board sent 57 men to Clarksburg for physical examination, March 3. Thirty-two passed... A/C Jack Luzader has been sent to Athens, Ga., for pre-flight training... Tanner High School won a basket ball game. With Walkersville... Gilmer County's quota in the Fourth War Loan was \$100,000.00 but the Citizenry didn't stop at that. To date they have bought \$223,000.00 Uncle Sam's bonds...

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PVT. WILLIAM B. GRIFFITH, Co. G, 164th Inf., APO 716, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., February 22: "Received the December issue of the HM today, but any news is always news over here... Since I was home last I have been in New Caledonia and the Fiji Islands. It was a swell place and I hated to leave, but am now on another island which at the present we and the Nips share, but "They'll be Some Changes Made."... Isn't any news but am getting along fine and wishing you lots of luck... Would like to have the addresses of Lee Scott Gainer and Landus Rhoades."

LT. HAROLD SCOTT, G. A. A. F., Greenville, Miss., February 29: "I get a great deal of pleasure from reading the HM and appreciate receiving it. The news is very good for my morale... I am coaching a basket ball team in the Officer's League here on the post along with my duties as Physical Training Officer of the Officer's Program. We are leading the League so far. We tied for the third round, and there is only one more round to play which we hope to win. We are hoping to have a good Post baseball team this summer. I understand there is plenty of material on the field. The past summer they won 21 against 11 losses. They went to the finals of the Mid-South Championship Tournament for service teams held by the Memphis Commercial Appeal... Give my regards to the fellows in the service."

SGT. JAMES WOOFER, First Search Attack Group, Langley Field, Virginia, March 12: "Since I last communicated with your illustrious chronicle my outfit has increased in size by veritable leaps and bounds. In a short time we should take over what little is left on this field that we do not already control, either directly or indirectly. There has been some speculation that we may be entering the last leg of our stay here. Langley Field was recently converted into a Staging Area, which, for the Air Corps is about the same as a P.O.E. for other branches of the service. Leroy Davis dropped in to see me a few weeks ago. Since he had been reported overseas by the Democrat, I was more than ever surprised to see him. At that time he was stationed in a nearby camp waiting overseas shipment. I presume that he has gone by this time. He was the first Gilmer County boy I had seen in many months... Since Tiny Moore has been promoted to Captain I'm sure Durgan Wright would refuse to ride with him - or do they have speed limits in the Italian skies? Maybe a few shots of "McGinnis" plus a German pursuit plane, would induce Durg to say, "Drive 'er"... If Bob Shreve should ever ferry ship down this way I can be found in the Operations Office of the hangar he would report to... Thanks again for the HM. It ranks first on my incoming mail list."

A/C WILLIAM O. WHETSELL, Class 44 F, AAFBFS (B), Bainbridge, Ga., March 13: Haven't much time to do much writing but am now taking a few of my valuable minutes to express my appreciation for the HM.

It is a pleasure to read of others whom I have been separated from and in the informal way the HM presents it. I know that it has cheered many a lonely heart... I am in Basic Training here, have 14 hours to my credit in the B. T. trainer. I soloed it in 4 hours 55 minutes. If I am fortunate enough, I will finish here in another month and a half. I start flying twin engine A.T.-10 in about a week. If we get through A.T.-10's we will fly B-25's in advanced at Albany, Ga. Basic flying training is the really tough road to travel. Washouts are many here, and are increasing every day. I hope I can weather the storm... Give all my friends my sincerest regards. I hope we can get back together again just like old times... I'd like to mention our basket ball team. We have played together for about 3 months, and I know Coach Mate's eyes would sparkle if he could see them. The first five averages 6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and are fast, good defensively as well as offensively, and can really throw a sizzling fast break."

A/C EARL RYMER STALMAKER, Aviation Cadet Pre-Tech. School, Sq. G, Sec. 12, Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., March 17: "I was graduated last Saturday, March 11, along with about 150 others from the Pre-Meteorology School at the State University of Iowa. Since our advanced training in meteorology was cancelled some of us were transferred to Seymour Johnson Field for communications training. This is a preparatory course for the real communications schooling at Yale. I believe the course here lasts about 14 weeks."

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We should like to have letters from Clair Boso, Gabriel Chabut, Olin Gherke, Robert Lee Jack, Perry McQuain, and Nelson Wells.

The HM thanks Evelyn Beall Ray, Mrs. Orda Chenoweth, Hunter Whiting, and William Whetsell for bags of oats.

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RED TERRORS IN REGIONAL TOURNEY  
The Glenville Red Terrors went down in defeat in the finals of the regional tournament at Clarksburg as Washington Irving turned them back with a 66-39 st score. The Terrors, after winning the sectional tourney held here, took a close semi-final game from Doddridge 40-37.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
March 8 to March 14

Claude Linger, Braxton County's entry in the coming Presidential free-for-all, has shaved off his beard, the occasion being the first American bombing of Berlin... Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood, former instructor at the college, has been seriously injured in an accident at Camp Benning, Ga. His jeep had an argument with an army truck and the colonel was somewhere in between. Latest reports have him mending steadily... The Earl McDonald's

(she was Lillian Hefner of Burnsville) have a son, born March 4 in a Clarksburg hospital...It's nothing new for the Gilmer County Board of Education to grant leave of absence to teachers going into the armed services, but now it is called upon to get along without two of its own members. T. Bryan McQuain of Glenville has already entered the newly formed Ship Repair Unit and Ira Reed of Troy has passed army physical tests and is waiting his call for induction...Lt. Stanley Jeranko complained clear from San Pedro, Cal., that the HM had ceased to arrive and wanted to know how come. We apologized for not being mind readers and knowing he had moved and he writes now that he has nothing to worry about except the weather. (He says no matter what we may have heard to the contrary it rains like hell in sunny California.)...Lt. Bernice Cridlin, former health nurse for the county, is now stationed at Ft. George Meade, Md... Evelyn Beall Ray in town for a few days. Told us Mrs. Buz Fisher had visited her recently and had some pictures of Buz taken in the Marshalls. Buz used to be editor of the Glenville Pathfinder way back B.H. (before Hitler)...Bernyce Beall's mother died suddenly at her home in Clarksburg the morning of March 10. She had been suffering from a heart ailment for some weeks...Tiny Moore has been promoted to captain. News which will please a lot of people. He has been in England, Africa, Sicily, and Italy for the past 18 months... Reverend C. L. Arehart has resigned as pastor of the local Presbyterians and will go to Dunbar about the first of April to begin work there on the fifteenth. He and Mrs. Arehart will be much missed...Lt. John Willard Shreve home on short furlough from the Pacific, where he has been seeing this global conflict from the deck of one of Uncle's fighting ships...James Murphy, coach at Tanner High, just made the finish line of the basketball season before leaving for the army. Juanita Bell McDougal will take his classes for the rest of the year...Cpl. Jack Conrad home on ten day furlough from Camp Fannin, Texas. He expects to be transferred as soon as he returns...Denver Riffle home from Florida for a few days and telling Mary Lila Luzader he would help the A&P out during the Saturday rush..."Lady, you'll have to pay half fare for that boy." "But, conductor, he's only three years old." "He looks like a six-year-old to me." "Sir, I've only been married for three years." "Lady, I don't want a confession. I want half fare."...The Glenville Democrat started spring cleaning in its storeroom last week and brought to light articles undisturbed since the flood of 1926, including (we hope) a stock of news print ...

#### March 14 to March 21

The schools have stopped snooting the rest of us in the matter of time and set their clocks up an hour Monday morning. No more do we have to watch teachers and students leisurely going to school at ten in the morning when we have been hard at work for an hour already...Lt. and Mrs. Robert Hauman (Lena Ruth Rymer) of Lubbock Field, Texas, are spending a ten day furlough here with their parents. Rumor has it that Robert, Jr., aged seven months, is pure Texan and doesn't like these hills...Lt. Eva Wiant, of the Army

Nurse Corps, has cabled her safe arrival somewhere in England...Riley Marhpy has left the business of keeping the local timepieces in repair to Bert Fleming and has gone to Langley Field, Virginia, to work for Uncle Sam on precision instruments... A local wife getting a registered letter from the post office which was addressed to her husband, asked how she should sign for it. "Oh, just put your husband's name, by you," replied the clerk. She handed back the book carefully signed "John W. Doe, by you." ...Selective Service lists are full of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, Bill Sherwood, of Normantown, recently inducted into the Navy, has five children, but claimed no deferment...Johnny Wagner has been elected president of the Sophomore Class at the college...OPA staged a check last week of all the retail food stores in the country. Gilmer County has 49, and without exception they made a good showing in compliance with price regulations. The check was made by members of the Ration Board and the office personnel, mostly by car but there were several slippery miles that had to be covered on foot...Charles King, who is now in the Navy, is at Iowa State College, taking electrical training...Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep, Her beef and bacon, too; Some crook has stole her ration book, And she don't know what to do. --Esquire...James E. Satterfield has been promoted to Lt. (jg) as also has Fred Madison Whiting, Jr...Billy Luzader has started boot training at Great Lakes ...Dr. A. S. Kelley, of Parkersburg, preached at special services at the Baptist Church on Sunday. The pastor of the church Rev. Gilbert B. Moore, will take Mr. Arehart's classes at the college for the rest of the year...Lyel West, who resigned as office manager of FHA in December, was rudely bounced out of his vacation last week, The OPA got him for their Charleston office...Lt. Steryl Brown writes from Houma (La.) Naval Air Station that he has an unbeaten and unbeatable basket ball team of Marines there...Mrs. William C. Kellar has gone to Quonset Point, R. I, to join her husband, a Naval Aviation storekeeper in the supply department of the Naval Air Base there...Susan Summers, third grade teacher at Glenville, will be back on the job Monday morning after a sick leave of six months...Pfc. Burl Bragg of Glen is here on a thirteen-day furlough from Camp Maxey, Texas...Newton Anderson, College alumnus from Buckhannon, will be a guest speaker here Thursday evening at a meeting of the local PTA...A drunk was reprimanded by a bartender because he showed signs of intoxication, so he drew himself up with dignity and said: "Misshen lister, I've only had tee martoonies and I'm not as much under the affluence of inkahel as some thinkle peep I am, and the drunker I stand here the longer I get!"...James Dotson, AS, is enrolled in Pre-Midshipman's School at Asbury Park, N. J...Bill Jones of Grass Run brought us a jag of maple sirup the other day which has earned us the envious regard of the neighbors. Mrs. Bill's sirup is quite something and the HM can wish nothing better for its subscribers than that they all return from the battlefronts soon to have a taste of it.