

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

S/SGT. CHARLES W. GRIFFITH, Washington National Airport Staff Squadron, Air Transport Command, Washington, D. C., March 26: "When I was home on my twenty-day furlough last month, I really expected that to be my last furlough for the duration...but no soap. Instead of transferring me overseas to China as I had supposed, I find myself transferred across the water (Potomac River) to the new outfit I'm in. Guess they will be striking medals any day now for the battle of the Potomac. I'm sure entitled to one...I'm still the manager of the War Department theater here, and can't complain for it is swell work. Essential too, they tell me, but when a fellow has been on his fanny in Washington as long as I (almost two years) it is time to be seeing what the other side of the globe looks like...Oh well, this is the Air Corps and anything can and does happen... Would like to hear from all my old friends in the service."

SGT. CLAIR BOSO, 76 Signal Co., 76 Inf. Div., APO 76, Camp McCoy, Wis., March 26: "The HM is always a bright spot in the week, because during the time I'm reading it I'm living back in my much longed-for mountains with familiar places and friends...A great many miles have passed under my G. I. ~~shoes~~'s (that's the correct size so you can see I'm ready for bed at night) since I last wrote you. And there have been some changes made. The greatest with me is that I've gathered another strip and that extra twelve bucks helps out. Then so far as the army is concerned, we have finished five weeks of maneuvers in northern Michigan and it was pretty rugged. I'm sending a clipping from our camp paper "The Real McCoy" describing the conditions we worked under... The thing that I like best in your paper, after finding the addresses of my friends, is the ups and downs in the life of Tate Hyer. I don't know whether he will remember me or not, but I was exposed to his antics for one week in the summer of '28 on the Elk River and I've never forgotten him...If things run now as planned I'll be visiting Central West Virginia about the middle of next month. I'm due for a fifteen-day furlough, but it has been postponed so many times I'm almost afraid to plan. But I never give up hope."

G. I.

Sitting on my G. I. bed
My G. I. hat upon my head
My G. I. pants, my G. I. shoes
Everything free, nothing to lose
G. I. razor, G. I. comb
G. I. wish that I were home.

The issue everything we need
Paper to write on, books to read
They issue food to make us grow
G. I. want a long furlough.

Your belt, your shoes, your G. I. tie
Everything free, nothing to buy
You eat your food on G. I. plates
Buy your needs at G. I. rates.

It's G. I. this and G. I. that
G. I. haircut, G. I. hat

Everything here is government issue
G. I. wish that I could kiss you.

We should like to hear from James Brannon, Shirley Campbell, John Hamilton, Patty Jack, Isadore Nachman, and Damon West.

The HM thanks Jeanne Gainer, Mrs. Harry Whiting, Mrs. Guy Stalnaker, and Charles Griffith for saddle soap.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
March 21 to March 28

Much argument on the court house lawn among feathered visitors newly arrived from the south about the gasoline-tourist situation there. The robins think the OPA ought to loosen up a little, but the catbirds maintain that if the said tourists can't get back home under their own power, they can stay down there. Personally, we'd like to know whether it's lack of transportation that is holding up the arrival of spring, or if she's just dilly-dallying around...S/Sgt. Gabe Chabut sends us a new address, indicating that he's taking off for one of the battle fronts...A/C Glendon Brown home for fifteen days from Memphis, Tenn. Is transferred to Pensacola, Florida...Lt. "Nate" Rohrbough has been placed in command of the cadet regiment at Corpus Christi, Texas, according to the "Waldron Prop-Wash"... Pvt. Tony Miller, former coach at Tanner High, home on furlough from Ft. Riley, Kansas. His wife, student at the college, plans to return with him...Uncle Ben Jamison has been having an argument with the flu, but is now able to be out and around. The town isn't itself without Uncle Ben and Charlie Starcher ambling along the main stem...Arlene Workman, former student, is employed by American Airlines at the Washington National Airport, and living at Alexandria, Va..."Biz" Dawson, one time coach at the college, renewing acquaintances and doing a little spading in his campaign garden. He's hoping to grow a Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Schools in it...S/Sgt. Charles G. Mick is completing training on a Liberator at Pueblo Army Air Base. He is engineer officer...Warrant Officer Woodford T. Moore, USMC, home on twenty-day furlough from Naval Air Station, San Diego, Cal. He has been in the South Pacific area for several months as one of the crew of a C-54. His was among the first planes over Guadalcanal...Miss Brand, late of the college faculty, has been visiting in town for several days. She now lives in Morgantown...An army wife whose husband has been crossing the Pacific wave by wave in a Liberty ship, has formed a habit of numbering her letters. Recently she had her first letter from him. He had landed safely and been met with a considerable batch of letters, of which the first was No. 12. So now she wonders where the other eleven have gone... Carmelo Nocida, who keeps the town heels in repair, is being inducted into the armed services soon. The Navy almost had him but Carmelo objected so strenuously that authority yielded, and now he "Feex shoe in the army" for the duration...

Anne Withers broke her little finger playing soft ball. Whaddaya mean, soft? ...Attending a movie show at a camp on a South Pacific island Billy Griffith and "Bigfoot" Howard Taylor caught sight of each other and had a reunion that lasted three hours by the clock and got louder every minute of the time. Bigfoot said it was the first time he had run across anybody he knew in all the months he had been in that area...An OCD representative from Clarksburg presented volunteer service awards to more than 250 Gilmer County people at the Court House March 27...Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood is now in an Atlanta Hospital, recovering as rapidly as can be expected from injuries received recently in an accident. His address is Ward 5B, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga...Charlotte Hyer, USMC, Camp Lejeune, N. C. has sent some pictures to Tate of herself and the truck she drives, both in their battle dress. She is with the Motor Transport Division... Cpl. Jewell Beeson, who has been in India for a year, writes from New Delhi that he has visited a Hindu temple and attended a service there. He is in the Rear Echelon Division and works in the same office as Melvyn Douglas, the movie star...Anne Lynn Hickman has had bronchial pneumonia. Is sufficiently recovered to resent being kept in bed...Richard Whiting of the Army and Bobby Whiting of the Navy got together in Washington and managed a very pleasant week-end, probably by agreeing not to argue the relative merits of the services ...PAC Karl W. West, Seymour, Indiana, writes that on a recent cross-country flight the pilot of the plane was forced to land at Memphis, Tennessee. Karl admits he might have been airsick if he hadn't been too busy working the radio.

March 28 to April 4

Dr. Herbert Withers is appointed on the Board of Education to serve while T. Bryan McQuain is on leave of absence to the Navy...Earl Spencer, of Richwood, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He won his pilot's wings at Blytheville Air Field in Arkansas...Word comes that M/Sgt. Leroy Davis has moved into Africa and finds both the dark continent and its citizens not too bad...Reanna Gainer has gone to Washington to work for the FBI...Cpl. James Collins, radio operator and gunner, home on furlough after having won his wings at Kessler Field, Miss...Raymond Boyles, recently one of the W. Va. State Police Force, is now a private in the army... William Rymer, of Troy, has also exchanged his police uniform for one in the Army Air Force...Pvt. Nelson Erwin says he enjoys the scenery in New Guinea, but, given a chance, will take Troy any time... James Murphy, former Tanner coach, has been sent to an infantry RTC, Camp Blanding, Florida...S/Sgt. Sexton Wright has finished training at Quartermaster Supply School at Camp Lee, Va., and is being transferred to Camp Claiborne, La., after a short furlough at home...State Road Commission trucks are dumping dirt in front of the old Shackelford building with the idea of getting the sidewalk up level with the road...Sgt. Thurl Stalnaker home on furlough from Ft. Belvoir, Va... Woodrow Rhoades, USN, on thirty day leave

after several months at sea. He is waiting reassignment...The annual Red Cross drive for funds has passed the half-way mark on its way to the county quota of \$6,000...The army gets nineteen men from the county on April 5. Thirty-three more are called for physical examination on April 11...Charles "Checkerboard" Lewis has been seriously ill at his home for some time...Junior Marks, of Orton, Signalman 3/c, USN, has seen duty on three beach-heads, Sicily, Anzio, and another in Italy...Pvt. Russell Amos, son of Otto Amos of Revere, has returned to Camp Fannin, Texas, after a furlough at home...The price survey of the food stores in the county showed no violations that were more than a cent or so out of line...Everett Ellyson is at Great Lakes for "boot" training...They tell about the enterprising young lawyer who sat up half the night trying to break the widow's will... Sgt. Joseph M. Herold, USMC, was married to Elaine Brown, of Richwood, in Richmond, Virginia, on March 10...The hotly contested scrap paper drive put on by the grades in the public school ended in a victory for the fifth, with 4088 pounds. All told the collections amounted to 18,780 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. One of the first graders is credited with the extra half pound... Mildred Thompson Stump has given up her school in Clay county and joined her Seabee husband in California...Glenville College will combine commencement week activities and will hold the Baccalaureate sermon and graduation on the same day, May 28...Marguerite Moss Martin and small son from Alexandria, Virginia, home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moss...Pfc. Winston Shelton seeing friends on the campus while on furlough from ASTP training at Princeton, N. J...As was Sp. (T) 2-c Helen Heater who is stationed at Gordon Field, Atlanta, Ga...A cute little trick from St. Paul Wore a newspaper dress to a ball The dress caught fire And scorched her entire front page, sport section, and all... Raymond E. Freed, field director with the Red Cross, writes from Hawaii that Pfc. Fred Shreve, USMC, recently wounded in action, was discharged from the hospital there on March 6, and is back with his unit. He saw Kyle Bush, temporarily attached to the same hospital as a doctor, who said he had been on several raids in the Pacific Area with units of the Army and Marine Corps. He said also that he never received the HM and Mr. Freed opines that, while war is hell under any conditions, it is undoubtedly "heller" without the publication. For which we bow and promise to send Lt. Bush this and any following issues.

NEW ADDRESSES

Lt. (j.g.) A. Kyle Bush/Care CINPAC Medical Officers Pool/ CINPAC Fleet P O/ San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Millard Cunningham/Co. C, 275th Inf./ APO 461/ Camp Adair, Oregon

William A. Kafer, PhM3c/Naval Hospital Staff/ Great Lakes, Ill.

Carlton Matheny, S2c/ C.B.M.U. 531/c/e Fleet PO/ San Francisco, Calif.

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LT. A. F. ROHRBOUGH, USNR, 3022 Prescott Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas: "I am care taker for a large group of Naval Aviation Cadets. No group on earth like them. They are the finest men this country has, but also the most devilish. I am at present Officer in Charge of the 12th Battalion of Waldron Field...I have a garden here in Corpus Christi, and I must admit it is a good one, onions, tomatoes, beans, peas, lettuce, watermelon, cucumbers, and a lot of other things I can't spell. I will have a good many things to eat if the wind doesn't blow them away...John is growing like a weed. This country is good for him. Perhaps he will be a Texan in growth. That is all I wish him to be as far as Texas is concerned. There are good people here, but Texas is the only place on earth to these people. They think Texas is winning the war besides doing all the fighting...Airplanes and sailors are all that we have here. It is a fair town but far from being a city...Corpus Christi may be the winter resort after the war for people from the Middle West, but not for the people from our section of the country. It is too far from home; 1600 miles by road is too far to come...I had a most interesting experience this winter when I took a ten-day leave and drove to Mexico City. It is a wonderful country to see. Those people are still living in their native ways without knowing there is a war going on."

PVT. PAUL SIEGRIST, Class 44-21, 2nd G.S.S., L.A.A.F., Laredo, Texas: "At the moment I am trying to recuperate from a hard fought volley ball game. Maybe you can understand why the vigorous exercise if I told you this: the winner gets an overnight pass and now our flight is in the finals...Laredo Field is an exceptionally good base as army bases go. It is probably the newest in the Middle West, well laid out and nicely run. I am living in a new section of the base, rightly known as the 7th gunnery squadron. I am now waiting to be assigned to a school squadron, which should be the first of next week...The only thing I'm not satisfied with is the heat. It's terrific. I'll be glad in a way when I get sent north to a cold climate. We are only four and a half miles from the border line, so you can understand just how hot it is...In our third week of school we get a pass to visit Mexico."

We should like to have letters from Robert Butcher, Karl Danley, Billy Decker, Earl McDonald, and Maynard Young.

The HM thanks Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, Mrs. Ancel Reed, and E. G. Rollyson for horse feed.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
April 4 to April 11

Spring is officially here. The college is planting shrubs on the campus

and the golf club has started mowing the fairways, and sprinkling a little sand on the greens. What with the gasoline and tire shortages and Nocida being inducted into the army, the club would regard the season with more optimism if it could be moved within walking distance of town...S 2c Harry Rymer, Jr., has been transferred from Jacksonville, Fla., to Chicago, Ill... Pvt. Melvin H. Snyder and Pfc. Garrell Divers, brothers-in law, met in Hawaii recently. Melvin is now in New Guinea, and considers the Japs far from defeated. Garrell is in the Marshalls...Home on furlough: Pfc. Leo P. Hinzman, from a camp in Tennessee; S lc Earl Nicholson, recently of the Marshalls, the Coral Sea, South America, and Panama; Pfc. Richard Smith from Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.; Pvt. William W. Jones, Camp Patterburg, Ind.; Sgt. Raymond Jones, Westover Field, Mass.; Joseph Byron Moore, from Great Lakes Naval Training Base, Ill... Cardell Murphy is dispensing liquid nourishment at the liquor store in place of Harry Whiting, resigned...Tony George has arrived in the South Pacific area. Tony, who gets sick riding in a car, says what the ocean did to him was plenty, and that unless the army can find some way of getting him back home besides in a ship, he might as well stay down there... Lt. (jg) Fred M. Whiting and his wife, who is an ensign in the Navy, were home for a three day leave from their posts at Boston and Philadelphia. Lt. Whiting expects to be assigned to sea duty immediately...Sgt. Woodrow Maxwell home on short leave...Little Tom Reed and Walter Osborne added to the general unpleasantness afflicting the earth by exchanging a few blows Saturday p.m. Some financial transaction was at the bottom of the difficulty, but the HM did not hear whether the punches cancelled the debt or merely added to the unpaid interest... Mrs. Raymond Bodkin has gone to work for the Ration Board, and will help cope with the citizens' rationing problems. The latest to come to our notice was the man who had allowed a mouse to build a nest from his tire certificate...Sgt. Harold James Price and Emma Jane Berry were married Easter Sunday by the Rev. G. J. Johnson. Sgt. Price has been in the Aleutians and Alaska for thirty-one months... William McKinley Wright, USN, writes from the South Pacific that on a recent visit to Hawaii he not only had beautiful scenery to look at but saw several friends from the States...Lt. Lynwood D. Zinn, USN, is a medical officer aboard one of the Navy's LSD-8's...Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Wilfong, of Northview, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday. Their three sons and their families came to spend the day with them...Miss Margaret Kenney, Miss Grace Lorentz, and Mrs. Nora V. Roberts, of the college faculty, have been ill with flu... Ludwik Glass Company disclaims any knowledge and gives no countenance to the job-selling that seems to have been going on hereabouts. Carmelo Nocida and a foreman at the plant were accused of

trafficking in jobs to the amount of \$50.00 each. The foreman was discharged by Squire Julia Kee, but Nocida was held for the grand jury...Buderman Boulevard has had its annual face-lifting, and the debris used to fill in Lewis Street's depressed sidewalks along the old Shackelford Building. The Boulevard has such a precarious hold on the hillside that the Road Commission would save money if they let the whole thing slide down to the river bank and anchored it there...Garland Brannon's brother has been awarded the Purple Heart while on active service in Italy. He was seriously wounded and is still in a hospital close to the front...Tate Hyer and his Scouts collected tin cans noisily and efficiently in spite of dirty weather on Friday and Saturday...Heard in an air raid shelter: "Is there a macintosh in here that's large enough to keep two young ladies warm?" "No, but there's a MacPherson who's willing to try." was the reply from a dark corner...Mrs. Elmer Shaver has resigned her position with the West Penn in favor of a housekeeping and victory gardening job for Elmer and herself...Homecoming civilians seen along the Main Sten for Easter vacation included: Martha Chapman, Bonnie Allen, Evelyn Jones Beall and daughter, Ruth Jones Roberts, Emmett Bush, Mary Jane Jack, Gwendolyn Smith, Fred Eberle, Farley Bell...Mrs. Leone West Meyer has returned from Florida for an extended stay with her parents. Her husband is in New Guinea with a malarial survey unit.

April 11 to April 18

Things have come to a pretty pass when even an officer of the State Police is not immune from robbery. Trooper Hefner's room at the Conrad Hotel was thoroughly burgled by Leeman Miller, who not only removed therefrom money, watch and various other small articles, but also a pair of trousers...Billy Luzader is home for a short leave, having finished boot training at Great Lakes...Harvey Beall and Mrs. Beall home from Fort Sill, Oklahoma...Annabel Garrett Wilson and her husband both decided to join up with Uncle Sam for the duration. She made the WAC but he was turned down, so now he keeps the home fires going while she goes to war...Lee Scott Gainer on leave from Shreveport, La.; Ensign Warren Lamb, from USS Concord; Cpl. C. B. Richards, from Plant Park, Tampa, Fla...Georgia Pearl Stalnaker has given up her job with the Kanawha Union Bank to work for the FBI in Washington. Rosalie Teter, of Linn, takes her place at the bank...Robert M. Whiting, USN, is in England and has met some other West Virginians there...Wilbert Bostic, of Gilmer, was killed in a mine accident at Charleston, Thursday evening...Pfc. Wm. A. Boggs, is home on leave after twenty-two months in Alaska and the Aleutians...Annetta Minney Summers and small son has gone to join Pvt. Bruce Summers at Ft. Sill, Okla...Pvt. Roland Butcher home on furlough, and busy getting acquainted with his eighteen months old daughter whom he had last seen when she was all of three hours old...The "Pioneers" will meet a team recruited from college and high school faculty members.

Proceeds of game to go to the Red Cross war fund...Muriel Garrett McGinnis and Oris "Bud" Currey were married Saturday, April 15, at Grantsville...Pvc. Robert Hoover is home on leave after eighteen months in Alaska...Lt. "Red" Davies has been transferred from Dayton, Ohio, to Philadelphia. He is in the Supply Division of the Signal Corps...Karl Danley, who has been in New Guinea since last October, writes that jungle rot is getting in his head. Can't think of a thing but pretty girls...The Whiting Hotel is being re-roofed after a recent wind-storm left the ancient landmark practically uncovered to the elements...Twenty-seven out of thirty-two Gilmer Countians passed the pre-induction tests for the army this week, and are now awaiting their call to active duty...Roy B. McGee, long time undertaker, is selling his farm property on Sinking Creek and moving his establishment to Tanner...Pvt. Harold P. (Peewee) Reese, former student at the college, has been assigned to Truax Field, Madison, Wis., for training as a radio technician...Nancy Wolfe Barton is visiting her husband, Lt. Creed Barton, at Blackstone, Va. Her sister, Ruth Williams, is substituting for her at the local health office...Elmer Shaver has been elected president of the Golf Club and B. E. McCullough president of the Rotary Club for the coming year...Lovie Belle Saeler and chow dog are here from California visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart...Pvt. Kermit Fisher has arrived in North Africa...Harold Gaston's family have been notified that he has been missing in action since March first...Junior Craddock, USMC, in Hawaii recently tried to telephone Raymond Freed, who is with the Red Cross there, but reports that the telephone there suffers with static (like the one to Troy) and he wasn't able to contact him...Lt. Bernice Cridlin, former health nurse here, has finished basic training at Bainbridge, Md., and has been transferred to Camp Picket, Va...Pvt. Olen Berry writes from Italy that he is close enough to combat to hear the artillery gun fire but hasn't been in it yet...Chief Petty Officer Duane Gorman, Mrs. Gorman (Catharine Wilson), and small son will spend part of a leave in Glenville about May first...The kids collected about ten tons of scrap paper in the recent drive, which Principal Earl Boggs of the High School has sold for \$138.51...Miss Margaret Prunty, county health nurse, and Cpl. Robert Smith were married Tuesday, April 18, at Parkersburg. Cpl. Smith has been in the Aleutians and Alaska for thirty-one months...Lynn Gainer, USMC, in action in the Marshalls recently, writes that he has been promoted to corporal...Rev. and Mrs. C. Lloyd Arehart have moved to Dunbar, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church...Paul "Babe" Jones and Roy Boso, cousins, met accidentally in the Hebrides, for the first time in two years...Mary had a little dress Her dress was light and airy; It didn't show the dirt at all But, boy, how it showed Mary... The Red Cross War Fund is still \$1900.00 short of its goal, but the money keeps coming in.

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PVT. ANDREW EDWARDS, 900th Signal Co., Depot Ayn., APO 149, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y., April 9: "I have been in England for quite some time, but would be willing to scrap it and come back to a real country. At the present time it is quite pleasant with the flowers and trees beginning to blossom, but it is one helluva place during the winter. I have been to London several times and have enjoyed visiting some of the historical places, but I will have to go several times yet before I will have seen all that I want to see...Do you know where many of the fellows from the class of '38 are? Are there any of them over here in England? I haven't seen or heard of any of them being over here, but there is a possibility I might be able to meet some of them if they are here. Regards to all and best of luck."

CARLTON M. MATHENY, S2c, C, B. N. U. 531, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., April 15: "I received my first copy of the HM, and found in it information about boys I hadn't heard from since I entered service...I have met some boys out here from West Virginia, but haven't met anyone from Gilmer County yet...We have very poor recreation out here. The shows are about all that we have to be entertained by...I do appreciate receiving the HM."

CPL. RICHARD C. WHITING, Co. E, Adv. Enl. Bn., Bldg. 65, Room 246, Fort Washington, Maryland, April 25: "Haven't written to you for quite some time, but they keep a fellow busy here. I'm almost through and will be home for a short furlough before long. After that I will return to my native Texas. Guess I'll soon be able to call myself a Texan... Had quite an experience last week-end. Was waiting in Union Station for my cousin Bob Whiting and happened to see Charlie Wilson. That night we met Jake Fitzpatrick/returning from home...I am spending my last week-end up here and sure do hate to leave Washington. It's a soldier's paradise - if only I had a major's pay... They really shoot the stuff to us up here at this school. Same course they used to give in O. C. S., but we are just learning the business so the officers can keep their ratings. We are called paragraph troopers of the chairborne command...See you around the first of May."

WILLIAM A. KAFER, PhM3/c, Navy V-12, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, April 29: "Received the last issue of the HM a little bit late, but that was due to a change of address again. I hope to be here for the next six months...I wonder who is raising that garden Nate spoke of in his last letter. I know Bill Whetsell and Rod Lamb did all the work in the garden he had in Glenville. Suppose he "sucked in" a few air cadets... Tell everyone back there hello."

We should like to have letters from Garnett Hamric, Robert Hauman, Blen Law,

Ray Nottingham, Leon Smith, and Orville Wheeler.

The HM thanks H. L. White for spur grease.

The following is a copy of a letter written by a mother to her son in the service. They reside in any rural section, with the exception of our native West Virginia, where this could not possibly have happened.

Dear Sun,

Your paw has a job now, the first in 48 years. We air a little better off, \$17.75 every Tuesday, so we thot that we kud do a little fixin up. We sent to Sears Roebuck for one of them contrapshuns called a bathroom. It took a plumber to get the thing in shape. On one side of the room is a long thing that looks like what the pigs drink out, but you git in it and wash all over. On tother side is a little white thing called a sink, that is for lite washin, like the face and neck. Site, ain't it?

But in the other corner we really got sumpthin. This thing you put in one foot and wash it clean, then you pull the chain and get fresh water for other. Two lids come with the durm thing, but we had no use for them in the bathroom so I use one fer a bread board and tother one I framed your grandpaws pitcher in.

These is awful nice people to deal with --they sent us a roll of writin' paper too.

Well take keer yourself,
Your Maw

The basket ball season here ended in a razzle-dazzle fashion, Thursday 27th, when the students of G.S.C. teed off against faculty members and former students in two tilts involving both sexes for the benefit of the Red Cross. The take was slightly over a century note, and townspeople packed the gym to see the fray. In the preliminary the girls from Verona Mapel Hall lost to the old timers in a rough and tumble affair 14-12. In the main go such luminaries as H. L. White, John R. Wagner, and Earl Boggs donned college uniforms and endeavored to show the youngsters how they did it in the good old days. The college boys turned on the heat and toppled the faculty to the tune of 53-36. In tournament fashion prizes were awarded to outstanding players but the ancients would have settled for a bottle of liniment.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
April 18 to April 25

Pfc. Roland Butcher, former assistant Superintendent of Schools, came home on his first furlough in two years only to be laid low by a carbuncle, and was sent to the military hospital in the Elkins maneuver area...Bill Sherwood passed tests at Great Lakes for motor machinist's mate and has been recommended for service school...Blair Gainer, traveling at his usual rate of haste, hopped into a car

parked innocently at the curb and made off up street. A few minutes later he slid it into its former place and was his face red! "Hell! This isn't my car!"... Sl/c Wayne Bailey home on furlough with his folks at Cedarville after seeing considerable action in the Pacific... Some of the armed forces stationed in Alaska recently came home to Gilmer for furloughs. They had been there from eight to thirty-two months, the general opinion being that as a place to live West Virginia had it all over the far north...Sgt. Denver Thompson has arrived in Italy with the ground forces of the U. S. Air Force...A/C William Whetsell has been transferred from Bainbridge, Ga., to Turner Field, Albany, Ga...S/Sgt. Gabriel Chabut send us a new address: Finance Office, 13th Replacement Depot, APO 957, San Francisco...J. H. Hall, for several years proprietor of the Log Cabin Service Station, is ill of a heart ailment at his farm near Auburn...William "Jake" Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moss, is with the Seabees in New Caledonia, after some time in a hospital in New Zealand...Brooks Furr, whom we miss at the Conrad Restaurant, has been assigned to the Medical Corps for training at Camp Grant, Ill...Ensign Warren Lamb home for a few days after completing work at Annapolis. He has been assigned ship duty with a San Francisco APO address...Billy Luzader, in his neat navy uniform, behind the counter of the A & P while home on leave...Danley and Jennings Luzader, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Luzader, home on furlough at the same time. Jennings was called back to camp before his fifteen day leave was up...Ferman Rhoades has been assigned to the 655th Engineer Battalion at Camp McCoy, Wis...Pvt. Tink Huffman has been transferred from Las Vegas, Nev., to Tampa, Florida...The hill opposite Gilmer is being masticated by a bulldozer opening a strip coal mine. The coal is leased by Gilmer Fuel Company to a Pittsburgh operator...Lt. H. P. West writes from Mobile, Ala., that he was head usher or something at a wedding recently and had to stand at attention through the whole blame ceremony. If given a choice, we gather he prefers active duty...Lt. Harold Gainer has been graduated from the Transportation Corps School at the New Orleans Army Air Base, after a course in highway transportation...A/C Guy Stalaker, Jr., is continuing his flight training at Pensacola, Fla... John McCutcheon, of WVU, ambling along the Main Stem...Mary Jane Griffith home from her war job at Akron, Ohio on a short visit...Drusilla Kidd's fourth grade is all puffed up with sinful pride on account of having collected \$309.60 in war stamps this year, putting them ahead of the other grades...Forest Bowen, Troy High School graduate, has been in the fighting around Cassino, and saw the bombing of the famous monastery...Chief Machinist's Mate Jim Hardman, formerly of Tanner, here for a 30-day leave... Home on furlough: Fred Wyant, Paul Fidler, Maurice Collins, Jake Fitzpatrick.

April 25 to May 2

Ensign and Mrs. William Kidd (she was Madelyn Conrad) have a daughter, born April 18 in Charleston General Hospital. Ensign Kidd is on sea duty somewhere in

the Atlantic...The College will graduate thirty-six on May 28. Commencement speaker will be Dr. John W. Elliott, president of Alderson-Broadus College at Philippi...Pvt. Helen Goldberg, WAC, is stationed at Orlando Air Base, Fla... Damon West, Camp Stoneman, Calif., was elected on the post's all-league team, in spite of having a broken arm which kept him out of action for most of the season...Harry Pritt has a grin which curls behind his ears since he passed his physical tests for army induction..."Doc" Whiting of the College is disgruntled over being laid low with the flu for several days...Chief Specialist Merrill Gainer is home for a ten-day leave. His wife and small son accompanied him from the Navy Station at Charleston, S. C... SoM 3/c Russell Hugh McQuain, Jr., home for ten days on his way to additional training in New Jersey. He has been on a mine-sweeper helping to keep Panama's Ditch clear of floating destruction... Cpl. Tech. Wm. E. Wheeler, being transferred from Louisiana to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, with a stop-over at Glenville...Puss Snyder and Lee Peggs were married Saturday evening, April 29... With election day practically in their laps, the candidates are feeling the strain. Even Judge Marsh has finally succumbed to pressure and is going on an electioneering tour of the district. As for us, we are being not only neutral but absolutely silent on political subjects since we found out that we could only vote one ballot at the primary. Some of the aspirants we were interested in belonged to the party in which we are not registered...Pfc. Harold Gaston, of Normantown, has been reported missing in action in Italy...Sgt. Fred Wells has arrived in England...Lt. Walker Boggs, of the Navy Ferrying Command, Dallas, Texas, on a recent training flight accompanied by a Marine Corps student, landed at Clarksburg airport and spent two days visiting his parents; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Boggs of Orton. On his return he flew low over Glenville and caused a few jitters among the citizens...Pvt. Linn McGee writes from England that he was so seasick going over he wasn't interested in whether they ever reached there or not, but that now he finds the island so beautiful it reminds him of home. All except for the damn fogs. Cpl. Willard Yeager crossed on the same boat, but they didn't find that out until they were almost in sight of land...Lt. Red Davies has been moved again. This time to Pine Camp, N. Y.... Gilmer County's next call for pre-induction examinations is for forty-five men, on May 24. The induction center at Clarksburg has been closed and they will go first to Parkersburg and from there to Huntington...H. L. White, of the College, will deliver three high school Commencement addresses in the next few weeks... A/C Jack Luzader has finished a section of his training at Athens, Ga., and is home for thirty days awaiting transfer to Memphis, Tenn...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe in from Ft. Belvoir, Va., on three-day pass... One of the Atlantic Greyhounds got its tail afire the other day near the State Road Commission's headquarters on Stewart's Creek. The fire was extinguished without any casualties, but the passengers had to be transferred. The ones in a hurry hitchhiked into town.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

RAYMOND E. FREED, Personnel Section, 151st Infantry, APO 38, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif, April 25: "You may be interested in having a report concerning the West Virginia Rally that was held on the Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Territory, on April 6, from 11 A. M. till 4 P. M. Present was a crowd estimated at at least four hundred - all from the good old Mountain State. Every branch of the service was heavily represented in numbers as well as rank. There was plenty of food, music (the juke-box played "I Wanna Go Back to West Virginia" practically continuously), a home-like spirit of good fellowship; but as might be expected, the supply of beer was inadequate. A program of speeches was arranged, but was abbreviated because everyone seemed to prefer to visit with friends and meet folks from back home. Among those whom I was pleased to meet were the following former students at G. S. C.: T/4 Jason Meadows, Lt. Kyle Bush, S/Sgt. Gabe Chabut, and James Morford. Also present were the following good Gilmerites: T/4 Robin Powell, T/4 George E. Schrock, and Hale Gainer of Tanner. Lt. Marvin Bush, from Burnsville, was a member of the committee that arranged the affair. All these men seemed to be especially well and unanimous in their desire to get back to West Virginia as soon as possible after the Pacific is made pacific again."

PVT. DENZIL E. HAMRIC, F. A. Det., U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y., May 14: "I have been transferred from Fort Sill, Okla., to a new post, or rather it is new to me. I had quite a time at Fort Sill, but am looking forward to a better time in a month or so when I hope to be back in West Virginia and can visit some of my friends in Glenville...This really is quite a place here, but most of them have been here since the war started or longer, some have been in since the last war, so you can see that is isn't a new camp. It's just new to me or I am new to it, I don't know which."

A/S KARL W. WEST, 2590 AAF Base Unit College Tr. (Air Crew), East Lansing, Mich.: "Boy, this is a place and a half! I couldn't tell you half of it. My schedule is not so bad, and I'm going to like the school part. We get up at 5:50 and classes start at 8:00. They include Physics, Military, Math, Phy. Ed., Geography. Supper at 6:30, then study, and lights out at 10:00. There is a beautiful swimming pool in the huge field house and our physical training includes an hour's swimming every day. And we get a grade for it, too!...As time goes on I hope to get better and quicker on the draw. This whole business is rush - snap - and quick thinking. We walk, march, talk, eat at attention, and our schedule certainly doesn't provide for any leisure time...We'll be here until about the end of June."

We should like to have letters from Edna McQuain, Homer Moore, Denver Thompson, William Yeager, Joe Decker, and Howard Scott.

The HM thanks Mrs. Floyd W. Bell, Mrs. Eric Cooper, Mrs. John Smith, and Fred Madison Whiting for horse feed.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
May 2 to May 9

Mother: Gracious, Hilda! Can you cook a squad? Junior's bringing one home for dinner...And then there was the war bride who wept because her husband had gone to shoot craps and she didn't know whether they should be boiled or fried...Paul Fidler has completed boot training and is home for short leave. He continues work at Great Lakes as pharmacist's mate...Lt. (j.g.) William Moore, USNR, has been transferred from Milligan College, Tenn., to Tampa, Fla... Pvt. John William Boggs has returned to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., after spending a thirty-day furlough with his folks at Normantown...A/C Earl Rymer Stalnaker has been transferred to San Antonio, Texas, for training in the communications division of the service. Word comes that his brother, Sgt. Jack Stalnaker, in action on one of the South Pacific fronts, uses the Gilmer County squirrel hunting technique on the enemy: one shot, one Jap...Ernest Stalnaker, janitor at the Court House, advises the girls who work there that if they want to collect any of the flowering shrubbery it must be done in the dark of the moon when nobody is looking...Lt. Eva Wiant, Gilmer County's only overseas nurse, is in England attached to a semi-mobile hospital unit...Cpl. Harry Woodyard and Pvt. Harvey Beall, in from New Jersey and Oklahoma, giving the town the once over...Haskell Pears, who used to help run the Pittsburgh and West Virginia compressing station in Hays City is trying for a rating as a radio technician in the navy. Expects to be called for examination about May 24...Lt. (j.g.) Walter Homer Berry writes he is seeing the South Pacific area of this global scrap, and gives a San Francisco fleet P. O. address...Seaman l/c Roland B. Goldsmith is reported seriously ill after 18 months of service in the Pacific... Pvt. Nelson D. Erwin writes that he and his brother, Sgt. Bill Erwin, are both in New Guinea and not far apart. Nelson's outfit is at present unloading ships... Pvt. Ray Stalnaker's wife and small son plan to go to Louisiana to join him... Bill Sherwood, of Normantown, received the rating of Fireman l/c on completion of boot training at Great Lakes... Everett Withers, originator of the HM, in town for a breather between quarters at Washington & Lee University. We asked him to contribute a little something to these pages, but he said he didn't know anything of interest. Just another way of saying he didn't want to work while on vacation, we think...Imperial Ice Cream's delivery truck went on a rampage the other day. Hit a Ford on the way into town, grazed two other cars, and side swiped Asa Bailey, Jr.'s, parked innocently in front of the 5 and dime. The rear wheels were out of line so that the back end of the truck was wandering all

over the road...Emery Fitzpatrick's three sons - Lonnie, Jake and "Shotgun", all home from the wars at the same time... Mrs. Bill Woodyard and Mrs. Clyde Sprouse back from a visit to their husbands stationed at Battle Creek, Michigan... The Denver Thompson's (Leota Self) have a son, born May 8. Sgt. Thompson is with the army in Italy... Ensign Wm. Kidd is spending a leave with his wife and month old daughter. Mrs. Kidd was Madelyn Conrad... Donald Barker has passed examinations for the Navy and will be called for service May 20... Mary had a little twist It wasn't hard to find 'Cause everywhere that Mary went It came along behind... C. M. Bennett, home from his eastern Panhandle orchard, says it looks like a bumper year for apples... Pell McCartney and Sammy Riddle who left these parts together last December are back together for their first furlough... Thelma Gainer and Chief Machinist's Mate James W. Hardman married at Charleston... Ruddell Reed pronounced O.K. by Baltimore doctors. Told to quit smoking, drink two quarts of milk a day, and let somebody else do the worrying... Richard Whiting is being transferred from Ft. Washington, Md., to Texas.

May 9 to May 16

County blood pressure remained normal through an unexciting primary election, with about fifty per cent of the registered voters staying away from the polls. Some 200 soldier ballots were received. Closest race was for sheriff, with Worthy Davis knocking down the nomination for the Democrats and L. K. Matheny for the Republicans. Gilner lost its chance to have a state senator when C. W. Marsh lost to Dan Fleming. Quite a number of old citizens were back in town to vote... CM 1/c Everett Ellison has gone back to Great Lakes for reassignment after a leave with his family... Home on furlough: Cpl. Orville Wheeler from Ft. McClellan, Alabama; Pvt. Ewing Wiant, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Sgt. Russell W. Moore, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; Pvt. Billy B. Black, Camp Breckenridge, Ky.; Pfc. Eugene E. Heckert, Camp Haan, Cal.; Pvt. Rondall E. Lynch, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Sgt. Thurl Stalnaker, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Pvt. Junior B. Tallhammer, Camp Hood, Texas; Pvt. Chas. J. Moyers, Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.; Pvt. Arden F. Byrd, Camp Maxey, Texas... Mr. and Mrs. Waitman Brown announce the birth of a son, May 13, in a Baltimore hospital... Maj. Neil Albaugh, former student at the college, is slated for promotion to Lt. Col... Margaret McCarty and Cpl. Herbert Holbert, formerly of Glenville, were married January 29. Cpl. Holbert is stationed at Camp Mackall, N. C... F 2/c Fred Wyant is recovering from an appendectomy in a Great Lakes hospital... Gilbert Cain home for a week with his family from Newark, N. J., where he helps Western Electric turn out radios for the armed services... J. W. Cunningham and family have moved from Tanner to the McCall Apartments. Mrs. Cunningham has taken a position with the R. B. Store... Sgt. Billy Decker has returned to Yuma, Arizona, after a furlough spent with his mother at Sand Fork and his wife at Salem. His brother, A/C Harry Joe Decker, is convalescing from an operation in the post hospital at San Antonio, Texas. Another brother, Robert Decker,

a senior in Sand Fork high school, has passed examinations for Navy v-12 and expects to be called for service this fall... Pfc. Hayward Summers home for 15-day furlough from Camp Mt. Vernon, Ill... T/Sgt. Cecil Davis, Jr., home for the first time in three years. Has been in Panama most of the time... Uncle Jeff Woodyard back in our midst after a winter in Baltimore with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Woodyard... Emery Fitzpatrick, town sergeant, and some helpers hosing down the streets, much to the discomfort of belated citizens. However, the Main Stem did look better the next day, with the winter's accumulation of litter removed... Maxine Satterfield here for a short vacation from her job at Arlington, Va... Samuel Wilson sends us a new address - Pfc. Samuel Wilson, APO 7663, c/o PM., New York, N. Y. Says he misses the HM since he has been in the wilds of North Africa and would we please send it to him there... Mrs. Brooks Furr is visiting her husband at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Malindy fell way deep in love
With a mountain boy she knew
But it was quite the proper thing
For she was mountain too.

She hastened home and told her pap
That shortly she would wed
One likely Mr. Rufus Brown
When Pap looked up and said,
"No, Honey Chile, you can't do dat
You'll have to find another
Don't tell your Maw, but Rufus Brown
Am surely your half brother."

Malindy shed a few salt tears
Then slowly went her way
And soon she met another boy
And hastened home to say,
"Now, Pap, I is goin' to marry
Dat Smith boy down the street
He ain't got no bad habits
And he dresses up so neat."

But Pap, he slowly shook his head
And looked across at Mother
Then whispered, "No, Chile, you can't
do dat
Dat Smith boy is your half brother."

Malindy she forgot her oath and blurted
out to Mother
"Pap says I can't wed Rufus Brown
Because he's my half brother
And then I turned to Samuel Smith
Altho it seemed like treason
But Papa says I can't marry him
For just that same old reason."

Then Maw says "Honey Chile, don't cry
Put on your wedding cap
And marry either one you like
You ain't no kin to Pap!"

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

A/C HARRY JOE DECKER, Station Hospital Ward 22, AAFPS (Pilot) SAACC, San Antonio, Texas: "I am in the Station Hospital here at an aviation cadet center. It wasn't any picnic being here at first, but since my operations are over with, I am really enjoying it. The nurses are swell, and the Red Cross gives us plenty of entertainment to pass the time. They show us three movies a week, a Variety Show, and a party about every Saturday night... Tomorrow morning I am leaving here for Camp Mystic which is a convalescent camp about 90 miles north of here. They say it's really swell up there. They have horseback riding, swimming, fishing, boating, and plenty of rest. That all sounds good to me... I want to thank you for sending the HM. It keeps me informed on the local affairs, and it certainly is good to hear from the fellows who are "ruffing" it out overseas."

Dear General Head Quarters:

My husband was induced into the surface long months ago and I ain't received no pay from him since he was gone. Please send me my elopement as I have a four months baby, and he is my only support and I need it every day to buy food and keep us. Both sides of my parents are very old and I can't suspect anything from them as my mother has been in bed thirteen years with one Doctor and she won't take another. My husband is in charge of a Spittoon. Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made application for a wife and child and please send me a wire form to fill out. I have already written Mr. Roosevelt and got no answer and if I don't hear from you I will write Uncle Sam about you and him.

Very truly,
Mrs. Anna Doe

P. S. My husband says he sets in the U.S.O. every night with the piano playing in his uniform. I think you can find him there.

We should like to have letters from Oral Cunningham, Jesse Lilly, Frank Martino, Robert M. Whiting, and Bill Wheeler.

The HM thanks John Gilbert Cain for a bag of oats.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
May 16 to May 23

Glenville High School had to graduate three of its seniors in absentia: John Harper, Arden Westfall, and Billy Luzader, all of whom are continuing their education under the direction of Uncle Sam. Flag decorated chairs for the three appeared on the platform and their diplomas were accepted by a member of their families... Carey Woofter says we were at fault when we said that Lt. Eva Wiant was the only Gilmer County girl in service overseas.

Lt. Mary Snider, formerly of DeKalb, has been in the European theater for about a year... Evelyn Self Campbell, taking an involuntary vacation from the county clerk's office and having her tonsils out at a Weston hospital. Belle Hall is substituting for her at the license bureau... SoM Russell Hugh McQuain, taking special training at Asbury Park, N. J., writes that he has established residence at the Berkeley Hotel, and finds it somewhat larger than the Whiting House, and affording a view of the Atlantic instead of Thad's kennels... Al Lilley is back in Homestead, Pa., after a strenuous year coaching the Burnsville Bruins to several victories... The Wayne Millers vacationing here from their various jobs in war industries at Baltimore... Pfc. Damon West on a 23 day furlough from duty at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, Calif. Says that the rainy season has just ended out there... Ensign Ralph Cox on leave and wearing one of the navy's new gray uniforms. He is being transferred from Great Lakes Training Station to Ft. Schuyler, N. Y... Yeoman Garnett Hamric here from Miami, Fla., on a few days leave. She tells us of a WAVE from Alabama who wrote her mother of the wolves prevalent in Miami and got these instructions from Mom: "Be sure you lock your windows at night. Them wild animals have been known to carry kids off."... Helen Davis Hudson and two children, of Long Island, here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Davis... The engagement of Ruddells Reed, Jr., and Geneva Proctor was announced at a luncheon at the Ruffner Hotel, Charleston, May 20... Sgt. Jack Woodyard home for a few days in the process of being transferred from Camp Swift, Texas., to Camp Grant, Ill... Lost his furlough permission on the court house grounds. Nelle Taggart found it and turned it in to the Ration Board since all the armed services on furlough go there to get gasoline... Pfc. Andrew "Happy" Whiting reporting on the pleasures of life in a tropical foxhole sends photographic proof showing the unadorned charms of some of his girl friends in New Guinea... Lt. Hazel Maxwell, of the Army Nursing Corps, on a short visit from her post in Florida... S lc Jack Garrett, USNR, Radio Division, has arrived in Schumacher, Calif., after three days at home. Dad Ernest Garrett had been saving up gas for three months so he could meet him at Charleston. Jack was one of the 13 out of 39 graduated in his class at Great Lakes... A panhandler, claiming to be a veteran, trying to promote a few free meals recently and fell afoul of the law. Wib Beall, town mayor, gave him a choice of getting out of town or of spending some of the spring weather in the hoosegow. "Git outta my road, brother," said the grifter. "I'n a mile outside the city limit right now."... Cpl. Avon Woofter on furlough for a Louisiana Air Base, and S 2c Earl Ray Ellis in from Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill... Sp. 1/c Maxine Bollinger, of the WAVES, and Sp. 1/c John Halliday, USN, were married May 21, in the chapel at the Naval Base in Washington, D. C., where they are both stationed at present. Helen Heater, also of the WAVES, served as maid of honor...

Pvt. Jennings Jarvis, college alumnus, writes that his unit, the 56th Evacuation Hospital, is bursting with pride over a citation for meritorious conduct and outstanding devotion to duty on the Anzio beach-head...Did you hear about the paper doll that went to pieces when she heard her mother was an old bag?...Muriel Boggs has been appointed head of the 4-H leaders of the county...Robert T. Combs was honor man in his class at recent graduation at Great Lakes Training Station... Beryl Langford, formerly a corporal in the State Police, has enlisted in the Navy and been sent to Great Lakes for training.

May 23 to May 30

Pvt. Kermit Fisher writes from North Africa that the natives there wear four times as many clothes as are needed and when the outside one gets dirty they just put another on over it...Nelson Wells and Lloyd "Casey" Jones home on leave from the wilds of Louisiana where they have been serving as field directors for the Red Cross. They report that the jeeps in which they cover their area suffer from all the ailments common to civilian cars and also several known only to the military...Mary Morgan Herndon spending a few days leave from her job in Dayton, Ohio. Her brother Jimmie also in town from Camp Polk, La...Pvt. Robert Johnson has been transferred from Camp Campbell, Ky., to Camp Forrest, Tenn... S/Sgt. Jim McMillan and Mrs. McMillan on short leave which they are spending with the Roy Langford's...Mary Lila Luzader starts work June 1 in the office of the West Penn in place of Mrs. Elmer Shaver, resigned...The college chapter of the Red Cross has raised \$102.25 for the War Fund, made 29 knitted garments, packed kit bags, and helped the Junior Red Cross with games, etc., for hospital distribution...Mrs. Louis M. Bennett, for whose late husband Louis Bennett Hall was named, died May 21, in a New York hospital at the age of 87...Sgt. James Woofter and Grace Ramsey of Mars Hill, N. C. were married in the First Baptist Church at Newport News, Va., May 7. Jim is stationed at Langley Field, Va...Recent visitors to town: Evelyn Beall Ray, of Sissonville; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Barnett, of Charleston; Billy Kellar and wife, of Quonset Point, R. I....Dorothy Brannon Woolard tells us that her husband, Lt. Herbert Woolard, has been awarded the air medal. He is a pilot on duty in the South Pacific area...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe on ten day furlough before leaving for Camp Grant, Ill., for a six weeks course which will qualify him as physical instructor in the army's new reconditioning program for soldiers recovering from wounds...Lt. Harold Scott, of Greenville, Miss., a recreation director with the Army Air Forces, spend a three day leave with his family at Troy. Lt. Scott and Lt. Jesse Frame, of Gassaway, flew from Greenville to Clarksburg and also returned by plane...Cecil Davis, Jr., and Arlene Knight of Flemington, a former student here, were married at her home recently...On a rainy Saturday evening Thad Byrne told two small citizens to come into the show till the

rain was over. The rain rained on and on so the two spent the night at Pictureland...Mrs. F. D. R. gave the Commencement address at Salem College...Hazel Fisher has a summer time position with the War Department in Washington, D. C....Yeoman Patty Jack on leave from Norfolk, Va., where she is private secretary to a school for armed guards on merchant vessels...Pfc. Glennard Adams has been in the fighting in Italy and saw the recent eruptions of Mt. Vesuvius...Ensign Boyd Lamb has been transferred to the Ordnance Gunnery School as Washington... Thirty days hath September, April, June and Seaman Bender He serves them now without reprieve For being absent without leave...Junior A Moore, with the army in China, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant...Pvt. Martin Sager on 22 day furlough after 27 months at Kodiak and Attu in Alaska... Didja hear about the gob who was decorated for extra-ordinary bravery and courage? He drank 3 cups of GI coffee in one sitting.

NEW AND REVISED ADDRESSES

Lt. Blake Hayhurst
USS Refuge
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

Sgt. John Evert Howes
APO # 713 Unit # 1
320th Bomb Sqdv., 90th Bomb Gp.
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. C. E. Huffman
8th Det. 3rd AFRD
Plant Park
Tampa, Florida

Pvt. Dorsey C. McVany
Co. B, 24 Sig. Com. Bn.
Camp Swift, Texas

Sgt. G. E. Schrock
177 Ord. Depot Co.
APO 958
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

A/C Earl R. Stalnaker
AAF Pre-Met. School
SAACC - Sqd. G.
San Antonio, Texas

Pvt. William B. Summers
Btry. B, 285th F. A. Obsn. Bn.
Fort Sill, Okla.

Sgt. Denver Thompson
APO # 12862 Sqdn. E-1
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Cpl. W. E. Wheeler
CLR Co.
375 Med. Bn.
APO 457
Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

A/C Charles R. Whiting
N.F.P.S.
Bat. 3A44 B-6
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

S/SGT. GABRIEL CHABUT, Finance Office, 13th Replacement Depot, APO #969, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., May 29: "It is needless to repeat the appreciation expressed in every letter written by servicemen throughout the four corners of the earth, regarding the heaps of morale building subject matter contained in the issues of the Horse's Mouth. Upon the receipt of a copy, I always take a few moments to scan over the subject matter regardless of how busy I may be at the office. Of course after duty hours I digest the contents rather thoroughly...On April 6, West Virginians in service here, held a reunion in a particularly good location on this island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. This occasion brought together many former friends of the Mountain State and also made acquaintances with new friends in many instances. My first pleasant surprise at the reunion was meeting Mr. Freed of the ARC, formerly a professor of some of my studies at Glenville State. While conversing with Mr. Freed, who should step up but Sgt. Jason Meadows of Elkins and an alumnus of GSC. In the meantime I spied a group of sailors eyeing me from a bench. Upon a second look I recognized them to be friends from Elkins and naturally a lengthy discussion ensued. Later in the afternoon I met a very good classmate of mine from Glenville. He is Lt. Kyle Bush of the Navy Medical Department. We spent the remainder of the afternoon together and took some pictures with other West Virginians...My address has changed three times during the last three months. Don't be surprised to hear from me from the Far East in the not too distant future. At present I am on duty at a new agent office where the opportunity for learning finance is ideal...Several weeks ago a small contingent of WACS arrived in this territory, which marked the first entry of the Women's Auxiliary Corps in this area. They are to replace a group of GI's who will be released for combat duty. I have not had an opportunity to talk to any of the boys that were replaced by them, therefore I do not know what reactions they had toward the WACS...Many American and National League baseball stars are putting the diamond game on a pretty competitive basis as well as one which is of a demanding interest on the part of both, the civilians as well as the servicemen. Of course these major league stars are either in the military or naval service here. This is excellent baseball territory as the game could easily be played the year around. Johnny Mize is playing some bang up ball for the navy as well as pitcher Maesterson. Joe DiMaggio along with several other major league ball players, now in military service, are scheduled to show up with the army in the near future. So we should be seeing some big time baseball games...Bob Hope is scheduled to furnish the servicemen of Hawaii with a personal appearance and entertainment some time during the latter part of June. News of this nature spreads like wild fire and I anticipate a hectic time of getting to see him even with a telescope. If one is willing to spend

Several hours of waiting, arriving at an early hour, it would probably be the only sure method of getting a good seat in the auditorium...Would like to take this opportunity of sending my best personal wishes to all Glenville College fellows now in service wherever they may be."

C. SP. FRANK MARTINO, Naval Training School, 16-5 N C O, Plattsburg, N. Y., June 4: "After being stationed at Sampson, N. Y. for fifteen months, I was transferred here in February, twenty-five miles from the Canadian Border. This is an ideal place for such a program. The school was formerly occupied by the army and is located on Lake Champlain. For the past four months we have been training midshipmen who will be graduated with the rank of ensign the latter part of June. Then the program will be to train 2200 officers until November when midshipmen will again come in."

Lt. John W. Hamilton, 1998th Trk. Co. (Avn.), APO 320, San Francisco, Calif., June 5: "The HM that left the post April 4 galloped in today, and although that 60 days would be considered good time for some of the bang-tails I bet on while I was in Sydney, Australia on leave, your hoss running in double harness with the U. S. Mail should get in sooner... Even late I still enjoy reading the sheet and the high board of strategy refers to it as though it were the Encyclopedia Britannica...Everything has quieted down in this vicinity, and if I have to stay in New Britain very much longer the Aussies are going to make me take out a hunting and fishing license so I can continue to carry a gun."

We should like to have letters from Charles Wilson, Lee Scott Gainer, Egbert Mollohan, Hunter Ryner, Jr., Stanley Langford, and Goff Lynch Summers. Also from all others who care to write.

The HM thanks the following horse feeders: L. D. Zinn, Ralph Cox, Wilbur Beall, Ray Thompson, E. G. Rohrbough, and Dr. Guy Stalnaker.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
May 30 to June 6

Glenville and outlying points in the county suffered heavily from a combination typhoon and cloudburst Sunday afternoon. Most of our storms come up the Little Kanawha and trees, houses, livestock and citizens have roots sunk in on that side to prevent being tipped over. This sidewinder, though, sneaked in above the hills upriver and pounced with very little warning. Gardens were flattened under rain and cut to pieces by hail; trees turned out by the roots or broke off, and houses which had always proved weathertight leaked around windows and doors as well as through roofs. Amateur and victory gardeners were much depressed at the damage, but the old professionals are never surprised at anything and next day could be seen hoeing

and fighting bugs as usual...Ruddell Reed Jr., and Geneva Proctor were married on June 3 at Monroe, La. On June 10 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the A A F, after completing a navigator's training...A/C Wm. Whetsell and Pauline Burke were also married on June 3. At Albany, Ga., where Bill is cooperating with Uncle Sam in turning out another pilot for the A A F...Cpl. Leman Luzader has been transferred from Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky., to the Hawaiian Islands ...Mrs. Landus Rhoades and small son are visiting here from Cumberland, Md...Seamen Keaton Stalnaker and Valjean Ellyson have finished boot training at Great Lakes and are home on leave awaiting assignment to active duty...Holly Westfall and Howard Sprouse threw a few punches at each other in Bill Nottingham's pool parlor the other p.m. Bill, fearful for his tables and other breakables, had them up before Squire Kee, who plastered them with a fine for disturbing a peaceful afternoon...Lloyd "Casey" Jones has resigned his position as assistant field director with the Red Cross in favor of an important job with Uncle Sam's navy ...Margaret Prunty Smith, county nurse, and Nancy Wolfe Barton, assistant, have resigned and are leaving to join their husbands. We hear that we are to have a visiting nurse one day a week...Virgie Riffle is back in Glenville after spending several months with Denver in Florida. He now has a San Francisco P.O. address and is presumably somewhere in the Pacific area...A/C Jack Luzader writes from Memphis that the good Lord will never send a Navy pilot to hell if he has already been to Memphis...Mrs. Eula Griffith and George McCullough married at Dunbar by the Rev. Musser. Now honeymooning in Florida...Mary Alice Wagner and Jeanette Cunningham have gone to Akron to work in a war plant. Mary Alice wrote home: "I've been here five minutes already and haven't got a job yet!"...Summer enrollment at the college is 176 for the first five weeks, with most of the faculty on the job. Miss Robertson, instructor in speech has been granted a year's leave of absence for work in a university...The town council, weary of seeing the population of Glenville given as 896, has decided to make overtures to the various suburban sections with a view of consolidating them into one corporation. If the suggestions is received kindly an election will be held...Speaking of elections, the official returns from the primary have been made public, but there wasn't anything new in them. We knew who was nominated next day after the election. Honest! ...S 1/c Jack R. Garrett has been assigned to duty on the U S S Breese... Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of Cleveland, announce the birth of a son, May 23. She was Artie Jones of Northview who used to work in the Farm Bureau office here.

June 6 to June 13

Invasion morning found the town asleep, except where a lighted window showed that somebody had happened to hear the first flash and had stayed listening the rest of the night while the news trickled in. As we came to the office, however, everybody was roused and it was

possible, walking along, to hear the latest bulletins from radio to radio and never miss a word. There was little excitement and no rejoicing. Faces of people we met were serious, even sad. This had been coming for a long time and we had done our best to be braced for it, but we went about our affairs with hearts and minds reaching out anxiously to battle fronts thousands of miles away. In overall picture, the attack now goes well for our side, but we may be forgiven if we are not able to see this invasion in terms of armies, fleets, or air squadrons. To us a tank division is apt to mean one tank manned by our neighbor's sons; an air mission is one plane piloted by the boy next door; a naval action brings to mind the two sailor boys home on furlough last month. So, though we are far from the fighting, and only work, wait and hope, and perhaps pray a little, this is our war as well as yours, and to all of you, in whatever part of this struggle you may be, we wish you luck and Godspeed. And to those who are finished with battle forever, we wish also - Luck and Godspeed. ... Frances Gerwig has passed tests for the Nurses Corps, and has been selected for training at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. She will go first to Goucher College for three months and then to the hospital for training...Petty Officer 3/c Richard Harper is home from Adak Island in the Aleutians after 17 months. He is to report to Camp Parks, Calif., for re-assignment...Mrs. Ruth O'Brien McDaniel and son are visiting Mrs. D. U. O'Brien... The Lyric Theater has reopened its long closed doors in order to purvey a little Sunday entertainment to the citizens. Western only, we understand...Pfc. Billy Cain home on furlough from Dale Mabrey Field, Florida, where is in getting instruction in radio operation...Ed Rohrbough is working for the OWI, and has an APO address c/o Postmaster, New York City...Yesterday heard a rebroadcast of an interview with some of the paratroopers who were the spearhead of the invasion. The reporter asked the men where they were from, and among the replies were two "West Virginia's". Sounded good...A/C Glendon Brown has been transferred from Naval Air Station at Memphis to the advanced training base at Pensacola, Fla....Pfc. Edmund Powell, USMC, former principal at Cedarville High School, is home on leave from Philadelphia where he has been stationed for 17 months...Some of us can't point with much pride to our war record. We chisel on gasoline, we cheat on canning sugar, we gripe about rationing, there are no words to express what we feel about not being allowed to buy a new car or a new refrigerator; but, God be praised, there are not many of us like the heel who was heard to say, "I don't care how long the war lasts. I'm making more money than I ever did in my life."...Two cars got loose in front of the College Tuesday and one of them connected with the Arbuckle front porch, with considerable damage to the porch. The car was backed out under its own power. The other car scraped up against the stone wall and did no harm except to the paint on its fenders.. Home on leave: Pfc. Roy Goldsmith, S/c Elton Fitzpatrick, Pfc. Alfred Wyatt, Chas. Heckert, and Harvey Boggs, USS Ranger.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SGT. W. J. "Bill" BERRY, 449th Bomb Sq. (M), APO 140, c/o PM, New York, N.Y., May 24: "I have been receiving your sheet with more or less regularity for some time now, and have been enjoying every issue. It seems to me that we are getting quite a few Glenvilleites and Gilmer countains over here in this neck of the woods. We could hold a reunion - if we weren't in the Army...As Linn McGee says, England is a beautiful place. That is, providing the fog blows away, or evaporates, or whatever the h--l fog does when it vanishes. Otherwise, England is just fog. Seriously, there are a lot of things which would interest you. Stone walls, brick walls, board walls; thatch-roofed houses; churches with four posts, instead of a spire, on the tower; narrow lanes, all paved; bicycles, tiny cars, tiny box cars; great hairy-maned horses; two-wheeled cars; and wotnot...Then there are old castles and ancient churches and old this and old that, all surrounded by walls. There are Norman towers and Roman so and so's and double-talk names for every town. (Confidentially, the English can neither spell nor speak English.) And too, there are shillings and pence and pounds, fish and chips, and pubs, and mild and bitter, and double-Scotch, but of course you would not understand these latter things...I have seen the house where Thomas Paine lived and worked. (I'm not sure whether he was born there.) I have explored Edinburgh castle and Roslyn castle and been in the church where Marshall Earl Haig was buried. I have seen a coin collection with several pieces dating back to before Christ. I have seen some of the machines that were used to torture people with, as well as some of the earlier swords, armor, spears, guns, and household implements. I have visited a very fine museum...And, there is Piccadilly and London Bridge and the Houses of Parliament and all the other sights in the biggest city in the world. Haven't spent much time in London...This rambling sketch gives you an idea, but don't think that I'm turning limey. I'll be back -- which you can either take as a promise or a threat!"

PVT. RAY NOTTINGHAM, 571st AMB Co., APO 164, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., May 24: "I'm still among the living, but don't think I will be for long as this place is really getting the best of me. It's really a hard life here, almost impossible to get drunk. You can go from one pub (beer joint) to another. If you're lucky you can get a drop (shot) of spirits as they call Scotch, then go to another and have a drop of gin. Along with the beer (mild and bitter) one usually ends up sick. I bet L. McGee is having a time drinking this brew... Tell everyone hello for me."

JEESE R. LILLY, S2c, Bks. 28-G-37-D, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., June 11: "Just back from two hours guard duty - 90° in the shade and notshade. I finish school the

first of July. From here I may get operational training before going out... There's not much I can tell you that we've been doing other than shooting the 50 and 30 caliber machine guns, 20 mm, and yesterday I shot 25 rounds with 12 gauge shotgun. Hope we don't have to fight with shotguns. (Don't ask me my score)... After the war I'm going to find me a nice-looking rich man and marry him. I've washed more clothes, scrubbed more floors, and made more beds than any woman. Not to mention my three weeks K. P. experience."

PFC. EDNA C. MCQUAIN, U. S. Army Recruiting Office, Bluefield, W. Va., June 16: "I joined the Army about a year ago for the express purpose of winning the war and seeing the world. I've seen a very little of the world, and I'm a long way from the Second Front and the Great Invasion. Neither have I dropped any bombs on Tojo yet, but I have ridden a jeep up every holler in southern West Virginia in search of those elusive females between 20 and 50 eligible to join the Women's Army Corps... I really don't have material for a printable letter in the HM Neighs, but I am enclosing a bit of provender for the trusty Nag. The Old Gray Mare is doing a great job - keep her harnessed and pulling for victory and that final Big Parade in Berlin and Tokyo."

We should like to have letters from Billy Kellar, Guy Stalnaker, Jr., Hayward Summers, Winston Shelton, Bobby Whiting, and Samuel Wilson. Also from all others who care to write.

The HM thanks Edna McQuain, Mrs. Floyd Cunningham, and Max Nachman for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
June 13 to June 20

As a gloom-chaser we have seen nothing to equal Bantz Craddock wheeling his grandson up and down the main stem, showing him off to the populace. Grandson cooperated right along, greeting everybody with a wide and toothless snile. His father, Cpl. Nelson Craddock is with the army in Europe...Skeebo Lorentz is helping Louie Wohinc turn out tableware at the glass factory...Mrs. Ferman Rhoades is visiting her husband at Camp McCoy, Wis....Pvt. Harry Prite has landed at Camp Blanding, Florida, and reports that Florida oranges are rare birds, but there are plenty of pine cones as substitutes... Pvt. Harvey B. Beall, of the Field Artillery, has been transferred overseas from Camp Gruber, Okla., and now has an APO, New York address...Pfc. Albert Woofter sends us from England a photo from the London Mirror of some U. S. MP's looking for intruders on the roof of theater where some high-ranking officers were seeing a show. He wants Lynn McGee's and Fred Wells's addresses and says he may be able to look them up if he knows where

to look, but that England is so full of American GI's that it's no use expecting to find anybody you know just by accident...Lt. Robert Haumann has been assigned to Randolph Field for special training as a flying instructor. His wife and son will remain at Lubbock Field for the present...Claude Linger, Braxton County's candidate for the presidential nomination, reports that his campaign cost him nine cents in cash, all of which he contributed himself... The engagement of Mary Susan Simon and Pvt. Leon Smith has been announced. "Sheriff" has been in Iran for sixteen months...Mary Jean Ralston is recovering from an appendectomy in a Weston hospital...Carmelo Nocida has bought the R. W. Bennett house occupied by W. J. Nutter, and the Nutters are moving into Bryan McQuain's house on Camden Flats. Bryan is with a Ship Repair Unit of the Navy at Norfolk, Va., and his family is moving to Dayton, Ohio, where Miriam is employed in a defense plant...The first of the week, one of our Chinese allies would have described the weather as "no shirt weather", with the thermometer at ninety-nine, but 24 hours later the number of shirts needed was anything you happened to have on hand and a fire felt good. The temperature had dropped to the low forties...Lt. (j.g.) Bill Moore has been transferred from Hollywood, Florida, to Armed Guard School, Norfolk, Va....The Glenville Golf Club is offering dancing, cards, and croquet at a series of after dinner parties at the club house. With few tires and less gasoline attendance is something under par, but everybody reports a good time... The county cherry crop is expected to be large enough to furnish cherry pies for all members of the armed forces who apply...

Mary had a little lamb

She sold it for a jeep

The soldiers take her out more now

Than when she had her sheep.

June 20 to June 27

Friday night a real tornado twister struck central West Virginia and left a mile wide swath of destruction through these hills. Shinnston was hardest hit, but a number of smaller towns were almost totally destroyed. The death toll stands at 102 for West Virginia, 35 for Pennsylvania, and 4 for Maryland; with property damage estimated at three million dollars. Over a thousand persons were injured and many more than that are homeless. Red Cross disaster units were rushed in; doctors and nurses improvised hospitals in churches and other buildings after regular hospitals were crowded to capacity; the State Police and State Guard forces and fire departments from nearby towns all went into the area to help with salvage work. All towns in the Fairmont area were without lights or power. Tate Hyer was vacationing so the West Penn sent a trouble man from Burnsville to get engine at the local plant started and Glenville was without lights for only a few hours...Lieut. Myrtle McClung, USNR, has been wounded in action in the European theater of operations. McClung, a former student here, has been in service

since 1941 and overseas six months... Jack Hardman, Robert Bennett and Robert Decker leave this week for service in the Navy; Hardman to Duke University, Bennett to Great Lakes, and Decker to Bucknell in Pennsylvania...Home on furlough: Pvt. Claude Coberly from Camp Meade, Md.; Tech-Sgt. Charles W. Heater from Camp Bowie, Texas; Tech-Sgt. Eldred Gainer from Gulfport Field, Miss.; Pvt. Miner Reed from Ft. McClellan, Ala.; Raymond Keller, USN, after 14 months during which he has been in India, Russia, and England; Pvt. Harvey Ellison from Camp Stewart, Ga.; S 2c John Butler; Pfc. Raymond L. Luzader from New Orleans; AS Ted Fultineer from Lancaster, Pa....Dr. Smith and Ralph Bennett are conventioning in Chicago... Emma Frances Fitzpatrick and Agnes Wright both going to Washington to work for the FBI for the duration. Boneva Davis is filling in temporarily in the County Agent's office until a permanent secretary can be had...Fred Burke of Cedarville locked his keys in his car Friday night and all the amateur mechanics in town had a field day getting them out. Freddie Gainer finally retrieved them with a bent wire...Myrtle Boggs, Price Clerk for the Ration Board, is spending a week in Charleston... Belle Hall was operated on for appendicitis Thursday morning at a Weston hospital and is recovering without complications...Circuit Court required the services of both grand and petit jurors this term. Two or three cases promised some juicy testimony and were attended by numbers of the local citizens. We can't report whether they were disappointed or not, since we didn't get to go. Had to work...W. D. Jones of Grass Run heard from his son, Pvt. Wm. E. Jones, a paratrooper in England, for the first time since Easter...Dow King and his family back in town from Baltimore. Dow officially opened the fishing season by appearing on the main drag accompanied by a sizable catfish... A young man wandered into a tennis tournament and sat down by a cute little thing. "Whose game?" he asked. "I am," she replied...S/Sgt. Rodney Moore home on 30 days furlough after two years and a half in Panama. Says it is good to be back in the States even if everything is changed except the President...A state mobile X-Ray unit here for the TB clinic sponsored by the Woman's Club. Nurse Mary Conn of Weston and Mrs. Herbert Withers are in charge. About 140 persons have been examined...Joe Reed, AS, V-12, home from Bethany College until July 4...Pfc. Harold "Wildkitty" Wilson, of Uncle Sam's MP's, riding a bicycle in mid-town, doing his part to conserve tires and gasoline...Gov. Neely and West Virginia University have been having a disagreement over the policy of the university, featured by name-calling and hairpulling, gouging in the clinches, and hitting below any and all belts, if any.

DAFFYNITIONS: Sailor: Wolf in ship's clothing.
Aerologist: A man who can look into a girl's eyes and tell weather.
Sir: What a Sergeant says to an officer instead of "Hey, you!"

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

ROBERT M. WHITING, CAerM, Navy No. 803, c/o Fleet P. O., New York, N.Y.:

"I have been intending to drop a few lines your way for some time, and I do mean a few, for there is so very little in the way of news that censorship will permit. I can say however xxxxxxxxxxxxxx censored xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Perhaps I am only prejudiced because of my disappointment, but the fact remains that it is the men behind the guns who win the battles, but when the going begins to get tough the cheering seems to cease, just like in a football game...I have covered considerable territory since coming over to this side of the Atlantic, but until lately was too busy to enjoy the scenery. I have seen very few people from West Virginia and no one from Gilmer County since my arrival here. Have been in touch with Sam Craddock, but we were too far separated for any visiting...I read each copy of the HM with a great deal of interest, for although I have been away from Glenville for a good many years, I am glad to keep posted on the whereabouts of my old cronies and to read of some of the experiences of those who are fortunate enough to get it through. By reading of some of the experiences of the younger fellows, I can see that I am rapidly becoming an old timer in the Navy. In fact I have already begun to harbor thoughts of owning a farm or perhaps becoming a politician (farming preferred.) My only word of caution on the political side line is, don't let the voters in the U. S. A. put through another prohibition bill while the boys are away. This is one of the things they are fighting for, freedom from want, and 99% want liquor."

W. M. "Jake" MOSS, CCM, USN Const. Batt., c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif., "I've been overseas for approximately 15 months and am at present in the Admiralty Islands, and it's the same old story as far as natives, climate, etc. are concerned. The conversation used to consist mostly of "I wonder how long it will be until we get to go home for a leave?", but now it has changed to "I wonder how long it will be until this damn war is over?" ...If you should happen to see Satan "Smoothie" Satterfield or Woody "Dovetail" Wolfe would you please remind them that I'm still alive and would like to hear from them... I am enclosing a picture of a South Sea Island "beauty". "

PFC. WILLIAM A. CAIN, A. P. Gunnery and Bombing Range, Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida: "Having appreciated your publication for many months, I cannot give an excuse that would be good enough for not having sent my thanks for the news and views of the Kanawha Valley tribe...I arrived back here at my outpost June 22 after expending a 16 day furlough in and about the Brooklyn neighborhood. Need I say it sure is hard to get used to the old Army way things, they say, "shall be done"...Located here at a bombing and gunnery range for fighter

planes, called Alligator Point, I get to do a lot of swimming. There is usually a good breeze coming from that direction which serves as welcome relief from the heat when hard at work operating some five radios. The heat with the breeze notched the thermometer at 104 a day or so ago, but I guess Del Stalnaker and some of the lads of the South Pacific can laugh at that and think they would freeze to death at only 104 degrees of the sun's fury...There are only five white boys stationed here including the commanding officer. The other 26 are colored boys, but they are a good group of guys and cause us no trouble or disturbance. I feel certain that of the white boys, three of which are from the deep South, there is not the slightest prejudice felt or expressed against these boys because of their race. Since the only colored person I ever knew very well was Charlie Lewis, it has been quite an experience for me to be around this group where I can hear them talk and observe their actions. They speak a kind of English which is hard to understand when not accustomed to hearing it. I had a trying time understanding some of them over the phone when I first came, but now that I'm on to their brogue things are simple. ...Since this place is located so far from civilization I think we are entitled to overseas pay. May write Congressman Rohrbough and have him work on that for us."

ENSIGN CHARLES E. WILSON, Box 393, N.M.W.S., Yorktown, Virginia: "I reported here the first of June for temporary duty in connection with mine warfare and will be re-assigned for sea duty in August. The ship I had been on before coming here was de-commissioned and returned to the War Shipping Administration.. I received word this week that my brother Sam had arrived in India after having spent a while in N. Africa...I was home for ten days in May and had planned to attend the College graduation exercise, but orders came through a couple of days too early."

HUNTER RYMER, JR., S 1c, (A. M. M.) R. A. C. 52, Sec. 7, 50-15 L, NATTC, Memphis, Tenn.: Greetings from the sunny South, and there's plenty of sunshine here. In fact, it's too hot, but I guess I can get used to it in time...I graduated from Aviation Machinist Mate school June 23, at Navy Pier, Chicago. I was advanced in rate to S 1c and am down here going to advanced school. The advantages of this base are good barracks, swell chow, clean air, and plenty of sunshine. But they are very strict and we have no liberty to speak of. Just received the latest copy of the HM which mentioned the tornado. If I remember correctly there was one through Chicago about ten days ago. I think it only removed some roofing and knocked over some trees. Anyway I slept through it...Keep the presses rolling and the HM galloping this way."

We should like to have letters from Harry Pritt, Ed Rohrbough, Ervin Schrock,

Kyle Bush, Carlton Matheny, Heath Miller, and Isadore Nachman.

The HM thanks Anne and Catherine Withers for horse feed.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
June 27 to July 4

Friday evening's windstorm slapped a tree across the power line and put out the town's lights for a longish period. In fact, we dug out a candle hoarded from the last flood before they finally came on. Learned later that the delay was due to a couple of copperheads moving in on the West Penn's sub-station below Gilmer. When Tate Hyer went to turn on the power they offered considerable resistance to being bounced out. Tate went back with reinforcements next day and collected seven out of a rock pile on the premises. (The HM disclaims any responsibility for the foregoing and refers any inquiries to the author.)...A/C Earl Rymer Stalnaker has been transferred from San Antonio to Yale University...Dorothy Margaret Minor and Lt. Ralph "Lardy" Mendenhall were married June 23 at Fort Knox, Ky... Sgt. Beecher Reed, of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, home on leave after some months in Iceland. Only one sergeant could be spared at a time and Beecher won the toss. He says Iceland weather isn't as bad as commonly supposed...Dow King, on a recent visit to the town, sold his household goods and the family is staying permanently in Baltimore. Fl/c Charles L. King spent a short leave here at the same time...Blen Law writes from England that he intends to write the HM a long letter, but just now he's too busy. Hasn't even had time to wash his face since week before last... Births: To Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhoades, June 25 in Akron, Ohio, a son. Sgt. Rhoades is in England. To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams, of the Smith Apartments, June 23, a son... Miss Grace Lorentz, dietitian at the College, while visiting her sister in Weston, fell on the steps from the porch, fracturing her cheek bone and breaking her wrist... The Farm Loan Association has closed its local office and moved to Spencer...Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beall here for a week from Latrobe, Pa. Frank showed some movies of California's high spots taken by his brother Dick, who is with Douglas Aircraft... The Tiger Stripe Marauder Group has been cited for exceptional service in the European Theater of the war. Nelson Craddock is a member of the group and is now entitled to a bronze star on his theater of operations ribbon... Evelyn Self Campbell has resigned her position in the county clerk's office, effective July 1. Mrs. Jesse Bell, Jr., is substituting for a few weeks... William Whetsell has finished his pilot training and received his commission at Turner Field, Alabama...Lt. and Mrs. Ruddell Reed, Jr., home for a few days from Louisiana...The State Road Commission, in spite of shortages, decided to let everybody have new license plates this year. Then they cut it to one plate, and now they don't even have that one ready so they are giving everybody ten days after July 1 to drive without a new plate. OPA is putting ceiling prices on all jalopies after July 10.

July 4 to July 11

Very quiet Fourth this year. Golf Club members and friends had a party at the club house. Visitors in town over the holiday: Congressman and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whiting, and Mrs. Pat Bush and sons, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Rhoades, of Charleston. Servicemen on leave: Sgt. Clem "Buck" Jamison, Camp Maxey, Texas; Pvt. Forrest Carr, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Pvt. John P. Elliott, Jr., Cherry Point, N. C.; A. M. Mc Bennett Stump, Jacksonville, Florida; Pvt. Earl Duskey, Camp Carson, Colo.; Pvt. Bruce Summers, Fort Sill, Okla.; A/S Donald Barker, Great Lakes, Ill.; A/C Bob Whiting, Philadelphia, Pa...Eula Marie Beall has started work as office assistant in the county health department...The Board of Education has appointed Therin Rogers county superintendent of schools for a three year term. A former Gilmer County teacher, he has been principal of Northfork High for some years. Mabel Wolfe, co-editor of the HM, continues as office secretary. The teachers of the county will be appointed at later meetings of the board...Sgt. Zeb S. McDaniel, USMC, husband of Geraldine Craft McDaniel, has been killed in action in the South Pacific...John Lawrence Wagner leaves July 12 for the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill...Jean McGee has resigned her job with the FBI in Washington and is vacationing here... Maxine Bollinger of the WAVES, and John Holliday, specialist, USN, married in the Naval Chapel, Washington...Karl West has been transferred from Michigan to Colorado, and sends his new address: A/S Karl W. West, Sect. L, 3020 AAF Base Unit, La Junta, Colo. It is a medium bomber base, B-25's, the ones with the 75 mm. cannon. They use live ammunition and a box-car simply disintegrates from a direct hit...Mrs. Madelyn Beall Haywood and sons here from Niles, Ohio visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Beall...Pvt. Harry Pritt with the IRTC at Camp Blanding Florida, writes that he disagrees with the old saying that an army traveled on its stomach...Second Lieut. Joseph Haught is reported missing in action over France...Mrs. Ruth B. Nutter of New York is visiting her sister, Bernyce Beall. Mrs. Nutter is secretary to Col. Louis Johnson...Elwood Stewart, S. F. 3c P. O. is preparing for duty with the amphibious forces aboard a LST at Camp Bradford, Va...Pfc. Paul Siogrist of the AAF writes from Lincoln, Nebraska, that he has had his tonsils out but will be back on duty in a few days. Expects to be moved soon to get his combat training... Page Morrison of Bluefield has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the office of the Adjutant General in Washington...

"Little Willie hung his sister,
She was dead before we missed her.
Willie's always up to tricks.
Ain't he cute?
He's only six."

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

S/SGT. EVERT HOWES, 320th Bomb Sqdn., 90th Bomb Gp., APO 713 Unit 1, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., July 6 - Somewhere in New Guinea: "I am the moton sergeant in charge of our transportation section. We have been overseas a little more than twenty-two months, and almost eighteen months in New Guinea. It's not too bad over here, but nothing to brag about. I'm ready to come home just any time now. Did you ever hear of the rotation plan? I have, but I don't believe it effects this theatre of operations. I am in the "Jolly Rogers". I think we have had some write-ups in the magazines back there. Maybe you have read some of them. Best damn bomb group in the world, they say. I think they spread it on a little thick sometimes, but it is a pretty good outfit...In one of your papers, I was surprised to read that "Happy" Whiting is over here sharing the pleasures of this island paradise, and I'm sure you will agree with him that we really have some pretty species of the feminine sex over here. What is his APO #? We might be stationed close together...Give my best regards to everyone."

LT. JOHN W. HAMILTON, Hq. XI, Corps, APO 471, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., July 7: "I am back in New Guinea after six months in New Britain with a new address and a new job. The work is very hush hush, and from what I have seen of it, it's more like a drinking party at the lodge. Much companionship and no whisky...I get your sheet regularly and enjoy it a lot, as do most of the people in the camp area."

PVT. HARRY PRITT, Co. A, 205th Bn., 63rd Regt., IRTC, Camp Blanding, Florida, July 10: "I'm not going to tell you I like the Army fine because that would be stretching the truth a bit. If you ever get a letter from me saying I do like it, don't answer. I'll be in Section 8... We march all the time down here, but I was lucky today because we had about three hours with nothing to do, except march. I was told, when I roamed the streets of Glenville as a 4-F'r, that the Army lived on its stomach. That may be so, but I've been living on my feet since I've been here...I got paid today and that fifty dollars the soldier gets must be a mistake, because all I got was sixteen dollars and seventeen cents. I suppose the spare money will come in later or maybe it's being used to help the morale of the civilians. I never know anything because every time I open my mouth I'm put on K. P., but I guess I'm lucky. I've only been on K. P. four times since I've been here...I suppose the war is still going on - at least all of us fellows think so. I hope I see a civilian before long. I'd like to know what is going on outside. I was talking to a soldier the other day about the war and he didn't know a thing about it and neither did I... One fellow started to go over the hill but had to come back. There are no hills here...I'm called Charles here. It sounds more refined and cultured, don't you think?"

PFC. ALBERT WOOFER, Co. D, 707th MP Bn., APO 350, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., July 10 - France: The HM hasn't reached me yet in my new location, but I'm looking forward to its arrival. I suspect that a lot of people I know are around this vicinity, but it's pretty tough trying to get in touch with them... The day I left England I met Ronald Stump, former GSC student, the first person from home I've met since I left. He crossed the channel on the same ship I did."

SGT. STANLEY L. LANGFORD, c/o Base Post Office, Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga., July 11: "I haven't written for some time, but I want you to know I'm still kicking and haven't forgotten the good old hills in West Virginia. I have been in Georgia for over two years and have been doing the same type of work. I'm an army mail clerk in the Base Post Office at this station. I'm hoping this awful mess will soon be over, and the hillbillies can get together again."

PFC. ANDREW EDWARDS, 900th Sig. Co. Depot Avn., APO 149, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., July 13: I have been receiving the HM quite regularly although one got out of line by being sent to another detachment, but it finally caught up with me. I enjoy reading them and hearing news about some of my classmates or some of the "kids" I taught when I was taking practice teaching...I am now stationed somewhere in France, but as yet haven't seen any of the country. What I have seen is comparable to the reports of the newspaper correspondents and when they say the fields are divided by hedgerows they are not lying. I don't think they give enough credit to those men who cleared the way through this sector, and I'm willing to take my hat off to them as they are the real men of this war. It must have been hell moving forward from field to field knowing that a short distance to the front of you were Germans so well concealed that you couldn't tell where they were...Give my regards to everyone and let us hope the best reunion of all is not too far in the future."

HUNTER RYMER, JR., S 1c (AMM) AFGTU, 11-4, Dam Neck, Virginia, July 17: "It seems I've chased all over the country and right now I'm at Dam Neck, Va., for further training. I finished a special course at Memphis before coming here. The barracks and chow are pretty good and the duty is O. K. There are no towns near us, so we consider we're really in the country. We are near the Atlantic and enjoy swimming in it."

We should like to have letters from Kent Berry, Karl Danley, Leon Smith, Nate Rohrbough, Russell Hugh McQuain, and Sexton Wright.

The HM thanks Mrs. Fred Wells and Russell McQuain for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
July 11 to July 18

Gilmer County's Bond sales for the

5th War Loan have reached the impressive figure of 300% above quota. We subscribed 274% of the quota for the 4th Loan...The State Road Commission says they are going to scatter a few rocks on the Rosedale-Shock road before cold weather, which will be welcome news to people who had to walk that last muddy mile last winter...Garland Brannon's brother, Sgt. Earle Brannon, who was badly wounded in the Cassino fighting, is home on convalescent leave. Will return to the Newton Baker Hospital in Martinsburg for further treatment...A/C George "Smokey" Tharp writes from Moore Field, Mission, Texas, that he's down on the edge of Mexico with nothing much to see except mesquite and cactus. Coyotes and wolves come within sight of the gate. The camp is pretty, but who the hell cares for pretty army camps?...Dick Yeager will play with the North team in the eleventh annual All-star game to be played at Laidley Field in Charleston, August 18. Will train for 10 days at the 4-H camp at Dunbar...AS Robert Reed home for a few days from Bethany College. He is transferred to Northwestern University...Cpl. Billy Wheeler has gone from Camp Breckenridge, Ky., to Springfield, Mo., for training as a dental technician... Lt. and Mrs. Ruddell Reed, Jr., on ten days leave from Selman Field, La. He goes to a post in Florida for instruction in radar...On leave at their home at Stumptown last week Cpl. Arnett Vannoy from Camp Hulen, Texas, and Pfc. Oral H. Vannoy from Camp Edwards, Mass. Pfc. Homer Wilmoth and his brother Leonard also received furloughs at the same time, and arrived at their home at Normantown within an hour of each other...Capt. Ira D. Stemple, AAF, college alumnus, after completing 31 missions in the Mediterranean area, has received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and is now at the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Fla. ...Pvt. Harold Gaston, reported missing since March 1, is now reported a prisoner of war somewhere in Germany. His brother, Dale Gaston, is with the Marines in New Guinea...Pvt. Robert F. Johnson has been transferred from Camp Forrest, Tenn., to the Army Proving Ground, Savannah, Ill. ...Pfc. Hurley B. Miller, of Shock, with a glider company, has been wounded in action and is at a base hospital in England...On a recent evening when the Toonerville Trolley pulled in on its way to Sutton, an undersized, swarthy citizen with a bottle in his hand and butterflies in his brain, if any, attempted to board the already crowded bus, but was ejected by the driver and finally wound up in the town hoosegow. Two days later the incident was masquerading as the capture of a Jap spy. Oh, well, anything can happen in dog days...Service men home on leave: Pvt. Eugene B. Grogg, Camp Butner, N. C.; Pvt. Willis Campbell, Camp Murphy, Fla.; Sgt. Haymond G. Moore, Warrenton, Va.; Pvt. Robert Lattea, Camp Blanding, Fla... Cpl. Earl McDonald is transferred from Army Air Field, Florence, S. C., to Camp Shelby, Miss. ...Everett Withers, original perpetrator of the HM, on a month's vacation from his position with Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va. ...Lt. Rex Pyles, USNR, former student at the college, has been made

Commanding officer at Lock Haven, Pa. He commanded the athletic teams at Alderson-Broadus before entering the Navy.

July 18 to July 25

The town and suburbs are gradually getting into a mild dither over whether they can get along with each other in case they decide to get married. A merger would puff us up to approximately 1500 population instead of the 588 which the books now show, and would allow the suburbs a few luxuries like street lights and lower insurance rates...Lt. and Mrs. Lynwood Zinn have a son, born July 19 at a Weston hospital and named Stephen. Lt. Zinn, who was a practicing physician in Clarksburg before he entered the service, is now aboard one of the Navy's LCT's in the Pacific...The chimney on the college gym suffered a strafing attack by a bolt of lightning Wednesday evening which blew the top off and damaged the upper forty feet or so. It will probably have to be rebuilt...Lt. Eva Wiant, Army Nursing Corps, is in the Cherbourg area at an evacuation hospital. She writes that the nurses sleep, if and when they can, live on K-rations and use their helmets for bath or laundry tubs, depending on the need of the moment...Gladys Reynolds will be a stewardess for Eastern Air Lines after taking a three weeks special training course in preparation...S. L. R. T. Haskell Pears writes from Great Lakes that his radio technician class expects to graduate July 25...Pvt. Pell McCartney is now in England...Lt. Izzy Nachman and Sgt. Bill Erwin recently got close enough to signal each other in New Guinea. Both have been in the South Pacific area for several months...Cpl. and Mrs. Bricen Richards (she was Oma Britton) announce the birth of a son in a Weston hospital, July 21...Catherine Withers has enlisted in the Air Transport Command of the WAC and is expecting to begin basic training immediately at Des Moines, Iowa. Anne Withers has been accepted at the University of Cincinnati for training as a cadet nurse, and also has an offer from the Presbyterian Center in New York City.. A/C Ernest Lee Arbuckle, training at Hondo, Texas, for navigator on one of Uncle Sam's biggest war birds, is now learning to plot a course by the stars... Hayward Cain, who used to turn out tasty bread and cookies in the town bakery, now stitches seams in ships at Baltimore. He worked on the recently finished "Refuge", biggest hospital ship in the Navy...Lt. Cmdr. Maynard Young, USCG, and family stopped off at home recently on his way to special training at a Coast Guard base in Florida...Betty Sue Heater, former student, and George L. Bland., USCG, were married at Weston, July 19... Sgt. Jack Conrad home from Texas for a few days furlough...Ensign Margaret Golden has been promoted to lieutenant (j.g.) in the WAVES, and is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. Her Brother, Brooks, is with the army in California... AS Russell Hugh McQuain is attending Hobart College in Geneva, N. Y. ... "Commando" Kelley and party stopped at the Log Cabin Service Station for gasoline Monday but nobody got stirred up about it since only one or two knew who he was until he was well on his way to Charleston.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PFC. KERMIT C. FISHER, Co. C, 338 I Of., APO 85, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., July 15: "I enjoy getting your paper because it tells of the experiences of the other fellows in the service and news about the ole home town...I see that some of the boys still like to take a few punches at each other. Tell Bill Nottingham to watch out or they'll tear his place up someday...I've seen quite a few fellows from the "Mountain State" - among them one of Bill Whetsell's brothers... Sgt. Jack Woodyard must have had something on his mind or his hip when he lost his furlough papers...Keep the hill-billy stories coming."

CARLTON M. MATHENY, S 1/c, C.B.M.U., 531, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., July 22: "I've been in the service over a year now and in that time the Seabees have taken me many places that I never expected to be...I have been Seaman first class about two months...Things are about the same out here. In the past month we have been inspected by a Rear Admiral and have had a big War Bond sale...I am a mechanic and am twisting nuts for victory...I work six days a week and have Sunday off for church services and leisure."

ROBERT E. REED, AS, V-7, USNR Midshipmen's School, 420 Abbott Hall, 430 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill., July 29: "I arrived at Northwestern last Tuesday after being home for a few days. The first month will be indoctrination and if I pass everything successfully, I will be sworn in as a Midshipman August 25. The past week they have been giving us examinations both physical and mental, drill, lectures, issues of this and that, and anything to keep us on our feet all day... I saw Jim Dotson the other day, but haven't talked to him yet."

WILLIAM LUZADER, S0M 3/c, Everglades Bks., Room 405, Miami, Fla., July 30: "I was pleasantly surprised last week when I received my first copy of the HM. It certainly is good to read about the gang and what everyone is doing...I've been in Miami six weeks now waiting for assignment and it looks like I'll be here as many more. The weather isn't too bad with the exception of the inevitable rain each Sabbath. The liberty is the best I've encountered yet; seven nights a week and all day Sunday. Even that gets monotonous though since there is very little to do. Wootie-Toot Reed (Lt. Reed now) is stationed a few miles from here and we're making arrangements to get together and chew the fat...Our daily program consists of a full day of calisthenics, close order drill, and recreation. Nate's physical education classes would be a pushover compared to this. I guess it's all for the best however, because I have put on weight. Probably the worst feature of this base is the chow hall. We have to march about as far as from Charlie Starcher's clock shop to the Stump bottom. The chow is fair when and if you ever get to it."

SGT. GEORGE E. SCHROCK, 117th Ord. Depot Co., APO 958, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., July 30: "I have been intending to write the HM a letter for some time, but to tell the truth, there isn't anything to write about on this big island of Oahu...I have been over here for some time now, and I often think of the friends I left in Glenville. I guess most of them are gone now... When this damn war is over I will be back to give you the story of my army career from the beginning."

We should like to have letters from Joe Elliott, Harvey Beall, Jack Conrad, James Woofter, and Bennett Stump.

The HM thanks Mrs. Raymond Freed, Mrs. William Erwin, Mrs. Carlos Ratliff, and Everett Withers for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
July 25 to August 1

The West Virginia War History Commission is collecting information of any and every kind concerning the part West Virginians are taking in the campaigns now being fought on this war-harried globe. In particular, they want letters from men and women in the armed services, so, whether you are sitting in a swamp in New Guinea or on an ice cake in Greenland or just in a barracks somewhere in the States, the Commission will appreciate a letter from you. Address Miss Bessie B. Bell, Glenville, W. Va... Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Conrad announce the birth of a son, July 28, at Charleston. Jack is at Camp Fannin, Texas...Harry Wilfong, wife and son, finally got around to a vacation at home. Harry and Lyel West are helping out at the Banking and Trust Co. for a few days. Mr. Howard says he hardly knows which has hit the bank worst - manpower shortage or womanpower shortage...A/C Bobby Whiting, of the Navy, home from Philadelphia for 26 days, when he will go to Athens, Ga., for pre-flight training... Guy Stalnaker, Jr., USNAC, finished his flight training, and was graduated with the commission of ensign at Pensacola, Fla., July 28...Tech-Sgt. and Mrs. Demming Wells (she was Madeline Moore) and small son home on furlough from Camp Barkley, Texas, on account of the serious illness of Demming's mother...Bill Berry writes from England that some of the flora and fauna of that over-loaded isle is strange and surprising. They even have pink elephants that do the rhumba. He's seen them himself...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe is back at Fort Belvoir, Va., after special training at Camp Grant, Ill., in rehabilitation work for returned servicemen. He writes that recently he met Adele Harpold Walsh, former 4-H agent for Gilmer County, who is at Belvoir with the Red Cross. She has been there only a short time and expects to be sent overseas in the near future... Cpl. James David Bias, of the Marine 1st

Division, home on furlough after 26 months in the South Seas, during which he saw action in Guadalcanal and New Guinea... State game authorities are advising local hunters to limber up their trigger fingers, because there will be plenty of squirrels, deer, and rabbits in the woods this fall... OPA has loosened up on the restrictions about gasoline for the boys to use while home on furlough. It's now a gallon a day, up to thirty days, for the present, and may continue at that figure if the playboys and girls cut down on the amount they waste. The black market still gets a good many hundred thousand gallons of gasoline a day... The Red Cross is sending pianos to Italy for our troops. We suppose the man who usually carries the big drum will be drafted to carry a piano now. The horrors of this war!... Virgie Riffle says that she has received thirty-one letters from Denver since he arrived in New Guinea, mostly in batches of four and five... Glenville's soft ball team of 1940, the undefeated Big Reds, is scattered all over the battle fronts and in training camps in the U. S. All its members except two are in the services. If they would like to get in touch with each other, the HM will gladly secure addresses if possible... Rev. Harry Taylor, college alumnus, wife and son, have been visiting relatives in the county. Their home is in New York state... Nineteen inductees left Glenville for Huntington August 4. Among them Casey Jones, former financial secretary of the college, who resigned his position with the Red Cross some time ago to enlist in the Navy, and is being called for duty at this time... Carlos Ratliff, former student, is playing baseball with the pre-flight team at Iowa City... The Frank Martinos have a son born August 3 in Plattsburg, N. Y., where C. Sp. Martino is stationed... Ensign Ralph Cox is getting special training in communications at Harvard University... Cpl. Hubert Stockwell, of Curtin, Webster County, passing through town the other day, took time to report to Pfc. Andrew Whiting's family and friends that Happy was well and had one of the most luxurious foxholes in New Guinea... Lt. and Mrs. James B. Shahan (she was Marjorie Bush) announce the birth of a son in Brooklyn, N. Y. July 28. Lt. Shahan is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific with the USNR...

"Little Willie in the best of sashes
Fell in the grate and burned to ashes
Now, although the room is chilly
Nobody likes to poke poor Willie."

August 1 to August 8

When Bill Nottingham washed the streets the other evening, a leak in the hose gave the parked cars a one-sided bath. Mabel Wolfe came out of Pictureland to turn hers around and get the other side clean, but Bill very inconsiderately moved on up street before she got the mission completed... Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood, instructor on leave of absence from the college, who has been recovering from serious injuries in a jeep-truck collision some months ago, has been moved from Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., to the Ashford Hospital at

White Sulphur Springs... Clyde Luzader, listening last week to the "American Eagle in Britain" program, was startled to hear "This is Sgt. Robert W. Beall, of Glenville, West Virginia, speaking". Apparently Clyde was the only person in town to hear that particular broadcast, but a lady from Warren, Ohio, wrote Bob's mother about it... H. L. White, of the college faculty, has received word that his nephew, Sgt. James White, of the Army Medical Corps, has been killed in action in the Normandy sector... Pvt. Leenan McCullough has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for meritorious conduct in the fighting on Bougainville Island. His division also fought on Guadalcanal... Mrs. Eunice Cain and children are moving to New Brunswick, N. J. to join Gilbert who is with the Western Electric Company there. They expected to go about August 17, but Monday the moving company telephoned from New York that the van would arrive at noon on August 8, and if she wasn't ready then the company couldn't guarantee anything. However, Lilly and Charlie Lewis are helping and we hear that Lilly "bet a dollar" they'd have everything packed in time, so the HM bets a nickel they will, too. We'll miss the Cains... Lt. and Mrs. Layke Smith home on furlough from New York City, where he is stationed at present. He is in the material division of the Air Forces... The Board of Education wrestled with the teacher problem through several sessions, but has finally managed to stretch its diminished forces enough to cover the schools. Joe Hall will be director of transportation and attendance, custodian of textbooks and supervisor of physical education, all of which sounds like a full time job; and in addition will coach and do some teaching at Glenville High School. Geo. Wallace Miller is the new principal at Tanner High; Asa Cooper, former principal having been transferred to Rosedale. Mabel Wolfe continues as office secretary. There is rumor that a small increase in pay for teachers may possibly be authorized... Bill Moore, of Tanner, town cop in place of Emery Fitzpatrick, who is working in a defense plant, had a disagreement with one of the citizens Saturday evening, which resulted in the offender's reclining on the sidewalk with Bill sitting on him till the sheriff arrived. \$40 and costs, the HM hears... Bernyce Beall has been visiting in Clarksburg for a few days taking a rest from canning the products of Wib's victory garden... The Glenville Garden Club had a picnic and program at the Golf Club Friday evening, and it didn't rain or anything. However, the temperature was around ninety... Catharine Wilson Gorman and small son home from Philadelphia to stay with her father, O. B. Wilson, for the duration. Her husband has been assigned sea duty... Myrtle Boggs, clerk at the Ration Board office, is wearing her right hand in bandages result of a burn when attempting to light a hot water heater... Sgt. Bill Edwin in New Guinea says his outfit got tired using their helmets for bath and laundry tubs, and have converted a jeep into a washing machine, known to one and all as "Sahaba". They are working on a shower now but will not regard it as an unqualified success until they have stepped up its capacity to seven men so the whole squad can have a bath.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

CAPT. ROBERT T. HAUMAN, Moore Field, Mission, Texas: "The latest copy of the HM was just forwarded to me here. Things have been moving pretty fast lately. You're still addressing me as Lieut., so you can change that to Capt. as of June. I've been traveling around quite a bit. At the present I'm here at Moore Field taking a fighter-gunnery course. This is an advanced single engine pilot school, but there are several of us taking a course in aerial gunnery and we'll later get checked out in the P-40. It's quite different from the B-25 that I just finished taking a transition course in, but I liked it a lot. I had planned to fly home this month, but since this deal has come up I'll just have to think about Glenville...I guess that A/C George Tharp told you all about the field and country, so I don't have anything to add but that it's all true...Your guess is as good as mine as to whether I'm a twin-engine or single-engine pilot. This is a typical SNAFU army deal."

CPL. OLEN E. BERRY, 489th Bomb Sq., 340th Bomb Gp., APO 650, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "I have been receiving the HM very regularly and I enjoy it very much. After reading S/Sgt. Howes' letter in a recent issue I heartily agree with him. What is this rotation plan? I have been overseas nineteen months and about all we know of going home is what we hear. However, we know we are drawing this phase of the war to a K. O. finish so we are satisfied with our lot here...I am in a medium bombardment group often referred to as the "Avengers". We have been told we are the best outfit over here. Of course every outfit is told that, but we do have a splendid record. The group has one Presidential citation which allows us an extra ribbon. We also have numerous theater citations from commanding generals of the different campaigns...I am an assistant crew chief on one of our planes and like my work fine. Give my best regards to everyone."

JESSE LILLY, S 1/c (AOM) ABATU Bldg., Sp. 71, Form 4, Breezy Point Branch, NAS, Norfolk 11, Virginia: "I'm sorry I haven't sent you my changes in address. Could it be that I'm getting too many? In two months I've had three new addresses. I'm here in Norfolk now, for how long I have no idea. Personally I hope we ship out tomorrow. Better still - tonight!... I have a watch from 2:00 a. m. until 6:00 a. m. in the morning. Hope I can find a nice cozy corner...At the present I'm working in one of the hangars here. We have about fifteen men and work for about five of them. I'm No. 6. Out of the fifteen I had to be one that had to work Sunday. Could it be that I didn't do much during the week? Had a letter from Orville Wheeler from O.C.S. I can just see myself saluting him. (Hope he doesn't get me wrong.) I think I'm going down the chain instead of up. Anyway I'm staying in one place long enough...Suppose you've heard about Sgt. Paul "Moose" Adamos (Concord College football and basket ball star and captain) being

killed in France on July 4...Tell Bill Nottingham to watch his step. We may need him again against Morris Harvey."

CAND. O. R. WHEELER, 3rd Co., 1st Bn., 2nd S.T.R., Ft. Benning, Georgia: "This is the first time I've had to write my appreciation to you for sending me the HM. I enjoy getting it a lot as it lets me know where all the fellows are and what they're doing...I'm in O.C.S. here for Infantry and it's plenty rough, but I'm doing fairly well so far. We have a rugged math test next week which has me sweating as I'm no J. R. Wagner with math. (That's an idea - maybe he will send me a few of his simple formulas.) All joking aside - I wish now I had taken more classes to him...This course is very interesting and the chow is good so may be I'll get by O. K."

PVT. DENVER RIFFLE, Co. B, 264 Med. Bn., APO 503, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "I am going to give you some of the low down and gossip of little old New Guinea, the paradise of the South Pacific. After taking one look at this place I can easily understand why Frank Buck went to Africa to hunt...The boat ride here was wonderful. Meals were excellent and living conditions were very good. They promised us a cot next time. That boat was so crowded we had to sleep standing up half the time. We had plenty of exercise, mostly arm exercise from dealing the cards... Upon our arrival here we were greeted by two dogs, a corporal and a strange looking animal which later we learned was no beast, but our C. O... Out here we eat all we want (if we steal it). Food is so scarce that the other day two dogs were happily chasing each other in our area. This afternoon those same two dogs were adorning the platters of our enlisted men. Our cook is really a marvel. He cooked a dinner the other day and now he is worth millions. You see, he discovered a new way of making synthetic rubber. I always thought that bully beef was good for something... Thanks very much for the HM."

We should like to have letters from Francis Fisher, Harry Pritt, C. L. Underwood, Aubrey Goff, Charles Griffith, and Tink Huffman.

The HM thanks Drusilla Kidd, Anne Withers, Nellie Lee Taggart, Grace Lorenz, Mrs. Duane Dorman, Mrs. Guy Stalnaker, Frank Wolfe, Robert M. Whiting, Charles S. Whiting for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
August 23 to August 29

When Civilization's current face-lifting job is over and the boys come marching and flying home, Gilmer County's contingent need do no worrying about food. If all the quart jars of assorted eats now resting on cellar shelves were bedded in cement they would make runways for a flock of B-29's. The ration board is being swamped by applications for

extra canning sugar so that the season's generous fruit crop can be saved to the last grape...Bantz Craddock, Jr., USMC, and "Babe" Jones, USNR, met in the New Hebrides Islands recently and put on a joint maneuver of the Navy and Marines... Lt. John D. Furr, bomber pilot, is reported killed in action over France on August 6...Pvt. Brooks Furr, formerly of the Conrad Restaurant, home on ten days furlough from Camp Grant, Ill. He has been assigned to a Medical Training Bn... On our way to the office a morning or so ago we stepped into an argument on the main stem and were asked about the identity of a four inch long twig equipped with assorted wings and legs which sat on the curb twiddling its antennae. Knowing less than nothing about bugs in general, we opined merely that it must be a furriner, but learned later that it was a praying mantis, which is rare in these parts...The North-South annual scholastic football game in Charleston drew several enthusiasts from this section. South won, 9-7...Pfc. Forrest Messenger home on brief leave from Laredo, Texas, after finishing training as an aerial gunner...Jim Coberly, who repairs a lot of the county's jalopies, looks like a battle casualty after being too close to a gasoline explosion touched off by a short circuit...Randall Luzader went up to Dayton to visit his old sparring partner Thomas McQuain and when it was time to come home he thought it only proper to bring his mother a present. The most attractive thing he saw was a pair of white mice, so now Maysel wonders just what you do with white mice anyway... The Rev. Jake Musser in our midst again for a short vacation and announcing his intention of doing a little fishing. No report on the mission's success...Albert Woofter writes from France that the war correspondents there sure have a tough time finding out what goes on. And we suppose the troops have to wait for the papers from home to find out the name of the last town they went through... O/C W. M. "Shy" Cunningham sends us a change of address to Third Training Regt., Ft. Benning, Ga...Jeanne Gainer, FSA secretary, got forehanded and made up a certain lengthy report ahead of time, so she had to go over to the Clarksburg office to help them with theirs. Some people are always making work for themselves...Pvt. Lawrence D. Howell, of Stout's Mills, is reported missing in action in France. He had been overseas only a few weeks... Gwendolyn Smith and Bob Freese were married August 27, in Kentucky...Chas. Whiting, of the Internal Revenue Dept., at New Orleans sends this: Since mares eat oats and does eat oats, I reckon horses do, And so I'm sending you two bucks, To buy HM a few. Thanks.... Ensign Guy Stalnaker, Jr., and Grace Louise Howard were married July 31, at Pensacola, Fla...

August 30 to September 5

Gilmer County Schools getting under way. Four of the Glenville grades will have space in the college building, and Glenville High is to have a Home Ec. department, taught by Madge Hayhurst. Pearl Pickens will be principal at Tanner in place of Geo. Wallace Miller who remains at his former job in a Charleston industrial plant. Joe Hall is so busy trying

to settle his transportation difficulties that he doesn't know whether Glenville High has a football team in the making or not...Capt. Tiny Moore, after a too short furlough following twenty-eight months of overseas flying, has gone to Miami, Fla., for a few weeks before being assigned to active duty again. He told us he had met Olen Berry and had a get-together with Guy "Tarzan" Bennett on Anzio beach-head...S 2/c Jack Luzader has landed at Great Lakes, Ill., for further training...S/Sgt Irvin "Humpy" Conley was killed in France August 10. In service since early in 1941, he reached the European theater of operations only two weeks before D-day... The decrepit old structure on the corner of the main stem, where Jucks McGinnis operated a poolroom in past years, is being removed board by board. Thursday morning we heard its upstairs denizens quarreling as usual, but that afternoon they had been moved out and all the windows and doors with them. Speedy, what?...Mrs. Ida Miller, formerly of Glenville, recently died of a stroke in Barberton, Ohio...Lee Taggart, county assessor, is in a Huntington hospital for treatment. At last reports he was somewhat improved...Lts. Ernest Lee Arbuckle and Ruddell Reed, Jr., home on short leaves, before being assigned as navigators to a pair of B-29's at Lincoln Air Field...Margy Jack has gone to work in the Board of Education office...Arles Jamison has been given a medical discharge after several months overseas service...Mrs. Robert Butcher was killed near Gassaway September 1, when a truck struck her just after she had got out of a small truck driver by Allen Boggs. Bob is in the Navy, located at present at a base in Newfoundland...S 1/c Hunter Rymer, Jr., has been transferred from Virginia Beach to Alameda, Calif.... Home on leave: A/S Fred Garrett, Albany, Ga.; Pfc. Oral Cunningham, Kelley Field, Texas; Pvt. Len Riddle, after two years in the Aleutians; Pvt. Robert Johnson, Savanna, Ill.; Pvt. Richard Whiting, Camp Maxey, Texas; Marine Monk Wolfe, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; Sgt. Jack Woodyard, Camp Grant, Ill. ...Lt. Comdr. Maynard F. Young, USCG, having finished some weeks of special training at Miami, Fla., stopping over a few days to collect his family before going on to New London, Conn... New addresses: Sgt. Nicholas Murin, 303rd Sta. Comp Sqdn., APO 149, c/o PM, New York, N. Y. Pfc. Russell Porterfield, Co. G, 357th Inf., APO 90, c/o PM, New York, N. Y. John L. Wagner, S 1/c, Co. 1548, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill. Pvt. Catherine Withers, Co. 13, 3rd Regt. Army Post Branch, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa S/Sgt. James W. Erwin, 1794 Ord. S. & M Co APO 713, Unit 1, 63rd Sv. Gp. c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Pfc. David Fitzpatrick, Cannon Co., 377th Inf. APO 95, c/o PM, New York, N. Y... Mr. and Mrs. I. Newton Hardman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 26.... T/Sgt. Page Smith is in a hospital in England, recovering from wounds received in France.

Mary had a little horse,
He sure could pound the dirt;
But when she put him in a race
Our Mary lost her skirt.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. IZZY NACHMAN, 421st Night Fighter Squadron, APO 920, C/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "Somewhere", New Guinea: "And so to bed with the 5-Star Final of "Tripe from the Tropics." Your entry ran first in the "Mail Bag Derby" (or Darby for the English clientele) and as usual I retired to the sack to delve into the Gilmer gossipings for the fortnight covered by your publication...The first item I noticed was a note from Evert "Speedy" Howes of the Jolly Rogers. And to think we were not a mile apart when I was at APO 713-Unit # 1. Tried to locate him the other day and think I'm hot on his trail... What's Hap Whiting's address. Might try to locate him and split a jug of corn squeezings...Only Gilmerite I've seen is Sgt. Bill Erwin of the Troy country. That was by accident as I happened to be back at our old base for a few days and it was then he dropped in to say hello...Still searching for the needle in the haystack or the sarong bedraped gals of the South Pacific. Result: Nil sarong sightings, no damage...Have all the politicians kiss the babies for me. My vote for F. D. R. has again been tallied. Regards to all at home and abroad."

MID'N ROBERT E. REED, USNR Midshipman's School, 420 Abbott Hall, 430 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill.: "I have been receiving the HM regularly and enjoy each issue...On August 28 I was sworn in as a midshipman USNR and have been so busy that I haven't had time to write. The only time I have is on week-ends, and Chicago is one place you should not spend the week-end writing letters. To show just how busy we are, one of our officers told us, 'you are now in the Navy 25 hours a day, it is up to you to figure out the extra hour.'"

LT(j.g.) A. KYLE BUSH, (MC) USNR, Staff Iscom., Civil Affairs, U.S.N.A.B. # 3234, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.: "In the year I have been away from the States I have had several assignments. First, I was attached to the Amphibious Forces and took part in the Invasion of the Gilbert Islands, Makin, Tarawa, and Apamama. Later in February, I saw the action at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. On returning to Pearl Harbor, I was detached and had duty at the Naval Hospital for three months. Here I met the first person from my old home town, Fred Shreve. Later at the Mountaineer Roundup I had an interesting day with Raymond Freed, "Tony" Chabut, George Schrock, Jason Meadows, Robin Powell, and many others. At the present time, and since May 16th, I have been stationed in the Marshall Islands as a sort of "Witch" doctor for the natives. These brown people are an intelligent, friendly, and good people. Our set up includes a hospital with four corpsmen, another service M. D. and myself. We have three atolls to look after and about 3000 persons so we are kept busy. An atoll is a flat piece of earth with a few palm trees on it and if you take a short walk, "emivy" which means there is no more island. There is hopes that I may get a promotion to Lt.

Senior Grade soon...Since leaving the States I have had a son of which I must say there can be no prouder daddy in all the Pacific...There is not much liberty here, and no place to go if you had it. I can say that the women here are just the same as in the States - always have their babies at some ungodly hour at night...Keep the Horse's Mouth coming for I enjoy it more than any other paper I receive. It gives me a chance to maintain contact with my many friends and buddies from Glenville."

LT. WILLIAM O. WHETSELL, S. O. D., Class 44-4-F, Maxwell Field, Alabama: "Just a brief note to let you know I am being transferred to an operational training outfit and request you hold back my issues of the HM until I can send my new address...I have completed my transition training in B-24's here at Maxwell and am now a qualified four-engine pilot. I'll receive my crew when I get to my next station and also will receive loads of responsibility. I believe I can shoulder the task and still keep going. I'd be a "helluva" soldier if I couldn't huh?...My stay at this post has been more enjoyable than previous ones in the Army. My wife has been here with me. Reason enough, huh? Polly and I are heading for her home in Baltimore for a few days before I go on to my new post... I have been trying to get in touch with Sammy Williams for some time but to no avail. Wish you would drop a hint that I'd like to hear from him soon...Give my friends my regards."

We should like to have letters from Garnett Hamric, Stanley N. Gluck, Robert Lee Jack, Eddie Kennedy, Charles Linton, and Donald Barker.

The HM thanks Miss Garnette Roberts, Mrs. Joe Bonnett, and Mrs. Nicholas Murin for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
September 5 to September 12

Joe Hall's Red Terrors took on some of their old members, most of whom have been seeing action on a few of Uncle Sam's teams lately, and lost out, 19-13. The alumni lineup included Toadie Jarvis, Ruddell Reed, Jr., Jack Woodyard, Oral Cunningham, Wilson Reed, and Monk Wolfe, Jr., all of the armed services and home on furlough...Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood is home from the hospital at White Sulphur Springs on leave for 30 days. He is recovering from a jeep-truck accident suffered last fall...Lt. A. F. Rohrbough brightening the Main Stem with his presence on brief furlough from Corpus Christi, Texas...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe home for three days from Ft. Belvoir, Va... Lynn Holstein has quit building airplanes for Glenn Martin in favor of building a winning football team for Tanner High, and doing a little teaching on the side... George Ward, cattleman and farmer of the lower end of the county, died Sept. 5, of a heart attack...Lt. Comdr. Maynard

Young has been put in command of a destroyer escort, U. S. Coast Guard... Newton Cooper wanted to buy one of Bert Flemming's Northview lots, with a view of setting up housekeeping, if and when he got a house on it. Whereupon Bert rather skeptically offered him a lot free gratis for nothing, if and when Newton got himself a girl... SF 1/c Herman N. Gerwig, of the USS Kaweah, home on eight days leave... Pfc. Wilbur Yeager here from Phoenix, Ariz., to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Yeager... Roland Holt has farmed out the editor's chair of the Pathfinder for a few weeks while he goes to Republican State Headquarters at Charleston to help the G O P work up some speed for the coming campaign... Cpl. Goff "Gink" Summers is here for a few days furlough and will then go to Lincoln Air Field, Lincoln, Neb... Wib Beall says he wishes other people would stop offering jobs to the Grille's clerks. Mary Alice Wagner had only just had time to learn how to throw together a chocolate-nut-strawberry hicky, when the Board of Education of Ritchie kidnapped her to teach at Cairo. Patty Furr is dishing ice cream and washing glasses in her place... Miss Geraldine Vickers of Elkview has been appointed 4-H agent for the county... Bill Moore, the new town cop, not only sweeps debris off the street, he wears a snazzy uniform. First to be seen in these parts... Orville "Dick" White has transferred from the ACA to the West Fork Soil Conservation District. Betty Lou Lynch inherits the desk in the ACA office... Miss Kathleen Robertson, formerly instructor at the college, is now a member of the faculty of Iowa State University... Ted Fultineer, at present stationed at Lancaster, Panna., has been named as first alternate candidate for Annapolis Naval Academy by Congressman E. G. Rohrbough... Pvt. Leman Luzader home on fifteen day furlough from Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky... Lt. George "Smokey" Tharp here from Mission, Texas. He says Texas is a good place to be from - the farther the better... C. W. Marsh has been granted a permit to build a tile and brick ornament to the town on the corner of Main and court house hill in place of the tottering old structure that is being torn down.

September 12 to September 19

The college marches on. In spite of empty halls and sparsely filled classrooms the old school goes stoutly about her business of education, whether with few students or many. The registration this year, as it was last, is only a fraction of the number who used to come, but now, day by shortening day, it is possible to look forward to a time when GSC's red brick buildings will be filled with the youngsters who are scattered now to the ends of the earth, in ships and camps and factories... S 1/c Ronnie Gainer home on leave after nearly a year at sea, goes back to the Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn for reassignment... Franklin "Skinny" Matthews died at his home at Valley Chapel on Sept. 7... Miss Grace Lorentz, college dietitian has resigned, effective at the opening of the college year. Mrs. Emma Speir takes her place and will also teach classes in cooking and sewing... Bob Whiting home for twenty-one days from Athens, Ga. He is transferred to Great

Lakes for further training... Seaman Bob Bennett, home on leave, has completed boot training at Great Lakes and will return there for assignment... The Red Terrors lost to Grantsville on Saturday by 25 to 0... If you see some of the kids toting large mesh bags which sprout feathers here and there it doesn't necessarily mean that they have been robbing hen roosts. The bags contain milk weed fluff which can be used instead of kapok to stuff life-jackets for sailors. Taking the number of bags we have seen and figuring percentages, we calculate that there are only two hundred and fifty-three and five-sixths milkweed pods left in the county... Capt. Homer L. Moore and Jean Hamer were married Sept. 14 at Hinton. They are on their way at present to Spokane, Washington where Tiny expects reassignment to active duty... Cpl. Roland Butcher, wife and small daughter, and Seaman Robert Butcher called home on account of the death by accident of Mrs. Robert Butcher... Pvt. Harlan W. Bailey transferred from Ft. Benning, Ga., to Camp Roberts, Calif... Infantile paralysis continues to be a major threat in West Virginia. One death is reported in Gilmer County... Lt. Earle "Lennie" Spencer is reported missing in action in Italy... Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Hays, former residents of Glenville, were visiting last week, accompanied by their son, Sgt. Edward Hays, on leave from USS President Monroe. The Hays's live in Mississippi... An epitaph to an Army mule: "In memory of Maggie, a mule, who in her lifetime kicked 1 General, 4 Colonels, 2 Majors, 10 Captains, 24 Lieutenants, 42 Sergeants, 454 Privates, and 1 bomb"... Abe Lilley has resigned as coach of the Burnsville Bruins and will assist Paul Fulks this year at Oak Hill... Sgt. Thomas W. Porter has been seeing action over France and Germany as top turret gunner in a Flying Fortress... Three local men were arrested at the Sutton Fair which was in session Sept. 11 to Sept. 16... Sgt. Coy J. Lowther has completed fifty missions over the continent as a gunner with a B-24 bomber group... Frank A. Cain, John V. Smith, and Grover King visiting for a few days from their various war jobs in Belle, W. Va., Cleveland, and Baltimore... "The Allies are firing their big guns, and the Axis is firing its big shots"... Anne Withers writes from New York City, where she is enrolled as a preliminary student in nurses' training, that she likes it fine but a little tougher than the courses at GSC... Mrs. Lynn Hoy is teaching in Calhoun County High School... Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harper have a son, born Friday, Sept. 15, in a Weston hospital. The Harpers are caretakers for the Recreation Center... Sgt. Opha L. Keith, formerly of Linn, a Flying Fortress gunner, has been awarded the DFC for gallantry in action. His group is part of the 8th Air Force.

Mary had a little pet
'Twas neither lamb nor gopher
For Mary had her little pet
Upon the parlor sopher!

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SGT. JOE C. ELLIOTT, H&S Co., 2nd Amph. Trac. Bn., Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif., Marianas Islands: "I have been receiving your copies of the HM - some early and some very late, but nevertheless I enjoy reading them very much. It's very lonesome in this part of the Pacific, especially when you have nothing to do, but that's very seldom...I haven't seen a white woman since I left Hawaii, and that was a few months ago. I enjoyed reading about Bantz Craddock taking his grandson for a ride in ye old baby carriage."

S/SGT. EARL WOLFE, Med. Sec. # 1, 2572nd S. U., Reconditioning Section, Fort Belvoir, Virginia: "Many a moon has passed since I've taken my pen in hand to elaborate on the in's and out's of this man's Army Camp. June 5th, I hit the dusty trail to Camp Grant, Ill., to take a six-weeks course, which qualifies me as a Physical Instructor in the Army's Reconditioning Program. Under the tutelage of that sage of Physical Education, Dr. George T. Stafford of the University of Illinois, I departed from the routine of the 3 R's and encountered the 3 S's - Sweat! Sweat! Sweat! Returning to the rebel country of Virginia, I entered into my duties, including calisthenics to all classes of hospital patients, corrective work, water resistive exercises, games, drill, road marches, athletics, tumbling, etc., all centered toward getting patients back to duty more quickly in the best possible condition... Adele Harpold, former 4-H mentor of the Gilmer sector, is now stationed at the Fort Belvoir Station Hospital with the Red Cross, awaiting overseas shipment. Two weeks ago, she and I trucked in to Alexandria to visit Mrs. J. Walton Martin (former Marguerite Moss), her man and youngin'. Maggie lays a fine table and we celebrated "Old Home Week."...I saw the Washington Redskins tee off against the Green Bay Packers a few weeks ago in Baltimore. The Redskins, using the "T", look like the class of the Pro League and could probably match brains and brawn with the Bear Fork Indians...If Guy Bennett or Evert Howes get this publication, tell them to "blow it." Lt. "Red" Davies, now stationed at Camp Holabird, Md., and I met recently in a Baltimore rendezvous to discuss plans for GSC's first Post-War Homecoming (with a bang.) The end of this week finds me meandering down Glenville way on a 3-day ducat, and it will certainly be a pleasure to return to the place where men are men and women are double-breasted."

We should like to have letters from Earl Ryner Stalnaker, Bruce Summers, Tony George, Patty Jack, John L. Wagner, and Ralph Cox. Also from all others who care to write.

The HM thanks Mrs. B. W. Craddock, Mrs. William Kellar, and Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood for contributions.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO

September 19 to September 26

Somebody in these parts has undoubtedly been praying for rain, and, in our opinion, they've prayed too long and too loud. The heavy downpours of the past few days have put a new green on the pastures but they sure are damn damp and discomfoting to us when they come at eight in the morning...C. W. Post, for many years an instructor in the college until his retirement last year, is in a Clarksburg hospital suffering from a fractured skull, result of a fall from the porch of his home...Pfc. Damon West has been transferred from Camp Stoneman, Calif., to Ft. McArthur, San Pedro, Calif...S/Sgt Opha L. Keith, Jr., DFC and Air Medal, tail gunner on a B-17, is home on furlough until reassigned... S 1/c Johnny Wagner, home on nine days leave, after finishing boot training at Great Lakes. He will be assigned to a radio school in either Chicago or Calif... A small spectator at a football game earnestly inquiring what the huddles were for, and being informed by her two year older sister that it was so the boys could tell "funny" jokes. Well, we've often wondered about those huddles ourselves...Rev. G. J. Johnson, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, has been returned to Glenville for another year... In addition to the courses given for resident students, the college offers seven extension classes and there will be Saturday and evening classes on the campus if there is sufficient demand for them...S 2/c Bobby Bennett is dividing a nine day leave between Kent, O., with his parents, and Glenville, with his grandparents. He has finished boot training at Great Lakes...Pfc. Fell Collins lacked only a few days of spending three years at Camp Stoneman, Calif., as an MP. He is now in the Coast Artillery at Ft. Stevens, Oregon...As far as we can tell from a very limited observation the campaign differs from the weather in that nobody talks about it and nobody does anything about, it, either...A GI returning from foreign duty flipped a salute as he passed the Statue of Liberty and remarked: "Put your torch down, honey. I'm home"...A bill up for passage in Congress would give West Virginia some Federal funds to spend on roads up and down and between these hills after the war, which is good news - if it passes. Lack of materials and funds for upkeep have wore some of our macadam paths down to the point where they are not much good for anything but walking, and who the hell wants to walk?... Clifford E. Kuhl, of Withers, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the AAF at Tampa, Fla., and has been spending a short leave at home. He was married to Wilma Vannoy, of Stumptown, on Sept. 23... Fred Whiting says that when Charles Stout leaves for somebody he is going to be stuck for somebody to milk and drive the delivery truck. The only plan he has been able to think of is to give each customer a cow. The HM suggests that he contact Wib Beall and Tate Hyer, who have been doing some extensive gardening this

summer...T/Sgt Jack A. Shock, home after 22 months in England. After a 22day furlough he goes to Miami Beach for reassignment... As the music started again, a timid young private lurking in the background darted forward. "Pardon me, Miss," said the private. May I have the next dance?" I'm sorry, but I never dance with a child," she said with an amused smile. "Oh, a thousand pardons!" he said. "I didn't know your condition."

September 26 to October 3

Selective Service will call seventy-three men during September and October. Largest number in one call is sixty to go to Huntington for physicals on October 7 ... Chester "Bud" Cunningham has been given a medical discharge from the Navy on account of an injury to his leg... Sgts. Charles Griffith and Earl Wolfe recently staged a reunion in Baltimore. Charles is home at present on a fifteen day furlough...Herbert Watkins, former FSA supervisor in this county, has resigned his work with the organization in favor of farming for himself near Parkersburg... Pvt. Joe Decker has been transferred from San Antonio, Texas, to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo...T/5 Taylor Keith, Army Medical Corps; Sgt. Maple James, and Pfc. Samuel N. Riddle are reported killed in action in the European war theater. This brings Gilmer County's casualty list to thirteen...Bill Jones, of Grass Run, reports that his son, recently wounded in France, is now in Woodrow Wilson Hospital at Staunton, Va...S/Sgt. B. W. Craddock, Jr., a glider pilot in the Marines has been stationed for some time in the New Hebrides Islands off Australia. His brother, Cpl. Samuel N. Craddock, is with an armored division in France... Pfc. Edward Hersman, with the 83rd Division in France, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action... Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lynch, of Northview, are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary, as well as Mr. Lynch's birthday on September 30. He is ninety-two and everybody hopes he rounds out a century...Riley Murphy, who used to keep our clocks in repair, is working in Newport News, Virginia, and saw the recent hurricane flatten part of the city...Sgt. John Rymer Garrett writes from India that he has travelled some 15,000 miles since he has been in the army. Who said join the Navy to see the world? ...Stranger to old Mammy: "An alligator just swallowed one of your children!" Mammy (calmly filling her pipe): "Well, suh, Ah wouldn't be surprised. Ah was telling Rastus las' night sompin' mus' be gettin' dem kids." The new 4-H director is having the county's walnut crop collected by the boys and girls. Money realized from the sale will be used for camp expenses next summer. We aim to negotiate for a few kernels, but we can't think of any use we would have for the shells, and besides we don't have a sledgehammer and anvil to crack them on...Pfc. Brooks "Beefy" Golden and Mrs. Golden of Camp Stoneman, Calif., were visiting friends on the campus this week... Sgt. Beecher Reed

has gone back to his post in Greenland... "Here's a letter from your wife saying you are the father of a 10-pound boy." "Does she say anything else?" "No; except at the end of the letter she says, 'Truly yours'..." Home on furlough: S 2c Jack Luzader, Great Lakes, Ill.; S 2c Donald Barker, Glenview, Ill.; Pfc. Olen H. Radcliff, Gowan Field, Boise, Idaho; Charles and Junior Post, called home on account of the death of their brother...Bob Herold, brother of S/Sgt Joseph Herold, former student here, was killed in action on September 5 in France ...Shirley Minney, USN, who was in the invasion forces, enjoying his first leave in a year...Pfc. Otho J. Prunty, of the Marines, has been in the South Pacific for two years. Home on thirty days leave...Lawrence V. Cox, wounded in the fighting in New Guinea, furlough for thirty days, and will report back to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington... The burglar alarm at the Kanawha Union Bank caused a mild flurry the other midnight, when it alarmed without benefit of burglar. Somebody had left the vault lock a little off center, which touched off the siren at 11:40...FAMOUS LAST WORDS - "Well, if he won't dim his, I won't dim mine..."Abe Lilly has yielded to Burnsville's persuasive talk and has refused the Oak Hill offer mentioned in the last issue of the HW... Catharine Withers, WAC, home for three days from Ft. Des Moines, Iowa... The Red Terrors, after allowing the Grantsville team to run up a high score against them, came back the next week to beat Sutton 20 to nothing....Pvt. Morris Collins is reported wounded in action in France...Mrs. Carrie Cox, mother of Mrs. H. L. White, died on October 1 after a long illness and was buried at Fairmont on October 3...A Britisher, asked his opinion of the Yanks, replied: "Well, they are overpaid, and over-decorated, but Thank God, they are over here!"...

NEW ADDRESSES

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LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

ED ROHRBOUGH, American Information Service, APO 879, New York, N. Y., Chungking: "It has been quite heartening to hear from you and to realize that guys still swap punches in the poolroom and sometimes try to whale hell out of the town cop. It is reassuring to know that war nerves affect only the larger centers of population, such as Hollywood, and do not penetrate to Glenville. That's the way it is here too. Chungking was once the most frequently bombed city in the world, but now it's as safe as a seat in front of Charley Miles' blacksmith shop--in fact much safer. The loudest explosion you hear around here is the crash of an empty vodka bottle, and the hottest fight is an argument between two Americans about which has the more abundant case of Yangtze Rapids. Like Charley Miles' place, Chungking wouldn't be interesting if it weren't for the wonderful characters that abound here. Any day around this town you can meet a Japanese communist, a correspondent for the Dog World (no kidding), a guy who writes a racing column for Moe Annenberg's papers, a Bhuddist priest who was born in Surrey, England, and whoresladies of several degrees of pulchritude and price. Not to mention Donald Nelson, or Ann Sheridan...Prices are pretty startling, as you've heard. A newspaper will cost you \$25. A pack of Chinese cigarettes runs from \$40 to \$260, but that's all in Chinese National Currency, which at the moment is worth \$230 to the ace of U. S....But it's in the privies that Chinese culture is immeasurably more finished and more imaginative than our own. Whereas our own Chic Sales are usually inscribed only with such simple sentiments as: "A man's ambition is surely small--", or "Some folks come to sit and think--", Chinese privies have pictures. Not only that, but they're very artistic and detailed pictures. They're not pornographic as you might expect. Instead, they're usually head-and-shoulder portraits of Oriental potentates, replete with head-dresses, fancy gew-gaws, and clothes decorated from who-laid-the-chunk. In fact, there are so many details about the pictures, one sometimes wonders if it mightn't be a most profitable project to get the local agency for Epsom Salts in China after the war. Make a big clean-up no doubt. Of course, the Chinese mostly just use the great outdoors for a privy anyhow, which probably demonstrates an even higher advancement of civilization... To show my appreciation as best I can, I'm enclosing ten bucks, Chinese. You might want a Chinese shoe-shine sometime...Love and kisses."

LT. WILLIAM O. WHETSELL, 461st AAFBU, LAAF, Sqdn. T-1, Lemoore Field, Lemoore, Calif.: "I arrived in California after a 4-day ride across the United States which was very hard on the ---, well, you know what...I don't know how long I'll be here, but I'd like to have my back copies of the HM sent here...You have probably heard and read much about the wonders of the West, but don't let what you read and what you hear lead your thoughts astray. I

have yet to see anything to compare with good ole West Virginia. I saw Great Salt Lake, the Rocky Mountains, the Sierra Nevadas, and parts of California on my trip across the country. I also saw the barren waste lands of Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska, which wasn't too electrifying. All in all, West Virginia still holds first prize in my heart as the best state in the union. So to all of you who have to stay in West Virginia, don't think you're missing anything. Just say to yourself and to others, that W. Va. has more real beauties than all the other states. Gee! it sure is wonderful to have a place called home. Wish I were there now."

SGT. JOSEPH REED, Co. B, 543rd Engr Boat and Shore Regt., APO 159, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., New Guinea: "I have received six issues of the HM. They have helped solve many questions about where the fellows are stationed... I am a Diesel Mechanic on boats, with the 3rd Special Engineer (Amphibious) Brigade. My work is most interesting, but the surroundings are dull -- palms and more palms. My APO is now 159 instead of 322."

T/SGT EDDIE KENNEDY, 363rd Tac Recon Gp Hq, APO 696, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., France: "The country over here is beautiful in places where it isn't torn up by shelling and bombing. The countryside reminds me quite a bit of the eastern part of Ohio. Hills are low and rolling with enough timberland to add variety to the landscape. I guess this has been an unusually rainy season so I don't know what to say about the climate. I do know that when the sun does shine, the days are beautiful. The sky is so blue and seems so far away. The nights are cool and, when the moon is shining, very bright. I've never seen a place where there seemed to be more stars than here. The buildings and people are quaint after the fashion that one would expect to see in France. I'd like for you to see some of the old mansions and elderly people who live in them. At times I've felt that it wasn't real. Though I wouldn't have any desire to live as they do here, it is very pleasing as well as interesting to visit those places and see how they do live. The people are friendly and easy to get along with, or at least that is my opinion. They seem to be a carefree lot considering what they've been through in the last few years. The girls as a rule dress well and are unusually nice looking. They aren't bashful in the least, as you probably have heard...It's pretty hard for me to keep up with any of the boys from home. With all of us moving so much, addresses are easy to lose and more easily forgotten."

We should like to have letters from Casey Jones, Laddie Bell, Clair Bosc, Ray Nottingham, Carlos Ratliff, and Laban White.

The HM thanks Evelyn Wagner, Mrs. A. H. Moore, and L. D. Zinn for horse feed.

October 4 to October 10

We are still somewhat hazy about what happened to the world series, but our latest information says that St. Louis fought it out with St. Louis and St. Louis won, and a good time was had by St. Louis...Sgt. Jack Shock, of the ground forces of the Army Air Corps, home after two years service in the South Pacific...Capt. Bob Shreve, Air Transport Command, home on fifteen day leave from Romulus, Michigan. He reports that in seven months of flying over the eastern half of the United States and most of Canada the weather stopped him only once. ..Lloyd Wolfe, who suffered a heart attack several days ago, is still confined to his home, though slightly improved in health now...The town council has ordered a curfew for youngsters under eighteen, effective at ten P. M. except Saturdays, to discourage pre-Hallowe'en activity. Huh! the kids who ring our doorbell and upset our porch benches are all through and ready to quit by ten o'clock...Lt. Robert Bonner, USNR, home from several months service in the South Pacific...Lt. Harold Scott sends a picture of himself and the Shaughnessy Baseball Champions in the Sept. 20 issue of the Greenville (Miss.) Post...Sgt. James S. Collins, radioman and gunner on a B-17 writes of a bombing mission over an aircraft factory in Germany from which his group returned with little damage to themselves but after dealing out plenty to the target...The orchards in the eastern panhandle are still recruiting apple knockers to collect the season's crop... Home on furlough and making quite a sprinkling of o.d. and blue on the town's sidewalks: S 2c Max Moore, Sampson, N.Y.; Pfc. Robert L. Bush, Sheppard Field, Texas; S 2c Guy Simmons, Jr., Great Lakes; T/3 Laurence D. Cox, Camp Stewart, Ga.; Pfc. Russell Nicholson, Ft. Bragg, Ga.; Sgt. Russell W. Moore, Wright Field, O.; S/Sgt Eugene Lowe, Frederick, Okla.; Cpl. Royce Miles, Boston Army Base; C.Sp. Frank Martino, Plattsburg, N. Y.... Kermit Fisher and Freddie Brannon are reported killed in action on the Italian and Holland fronts on Sept. 27. Harry Mason, a paratrooper, killed in Holland, Sept. 18, and Garnel Lamb, in the infantry, missing since Sept. 12...Gilmer County send 32 calves to the feeder calf sale at Jackson's Mill, second in number to any in state...S 1c and Mrs. Robert Combs (Anna Mae Bell) announce the birth of a son, October 8...Harold "Dink" Noroski in town over the week-end on his way to Sissonville to coach and teach physical education...The Red Terrors lost to Grantsville October 7, 19 to 6...Fred Lewis and N. E. Rymer are in a Weston hospital after sudden illnesses...The fox hunters gathered from six counties for a three day meet, with Mark Rogers, of Weston, as Master of Hounds. The local sportsmen won considerable kudos and there were enough entries to insure subjects for argument through a lot of long evenings...Ensign Ralph E. Cox is transferred from New York to San Francisco... Gilmer County school children collected enough milkweed pods to stuff a small mountain of life belts...Cpl. Richard Berkhouse, home for first time in fourteen months, is transferred from Alabama to Ft. Butler, N. C.

What we civilians do suffer! The cigarette situation is getting so serious that the HM is considering a request to its small but loyal following in the battle zones to contact their PX's and send a few cartons back home to help boost the morale on the home front. Wib Beall says he sold more pipes Saturday than at any time since he's been in business. Russ McQuain, who has been rolling his own ever since the last war, has agreed to conduct classes in the art if it becomes necessary...Lt. Stanley D'orazio has gone overseas. His wife (Lil Gladwell) is with her parents at Jane Lew...Harvey Beall is with the Third Army, now fighting its way into Germany through the fortifications around Metz...Lt. John W. Shreve, home for a few days from the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C... Lt. John Barnett, a bomber pilot shot down over the continent several months ago and now a prisoner of war in Germany, writes from his camp that the Americans have set up a democratic form of government and that he is running for Congress from West-by-God Virginia...PhM 3c Bernard Boggs, USS Pleiades, writes from the European war theater that his mail follows him around two or three weeks before he gets it...Ensign Guy Stalnaker, Jr., in town a few days on his way to Corpus Christi Naval Air Base...Our air mail service is stepped up to four times daily, as of October 16. South, 9:36 and 12:36 A. M. North, 1:28 and 4:34 P. M. We note that it takes thirteen minutes from Weston to Glenville and only seven minutes from Glenville to Grantsville. First time we catch the pilot on the ground we intend to ask him why the delay from Weston...Home on leave: Pvt. Kenneth E. Fisher, Camp Robinson, Ark.; Lt. Junior C. Ellyson, Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y.: T/4 Harley H. Vanhorn, Asheville, N. C. He has been out of the States for three years, in Australia and New Guinea...A Cedar Creek citizen reports that some of his chestnut trees are coming back, and has a handful of honest to goodness nuts to prove it...Word has been received that Lt. Earle Spencer, recently reported missing in action, is a prisoner of war in Germany...Mr. and Mrs. Ike Fetty announce the birth of a son October 7...The Red Terrors took over Webster Springs, Oct. 14 38-0...Pvt. Harry Pritt, here from Camp Blanding, Florida, being transferred to Ft. Meade, Md...An old maid created quite a stir in a seed store the other day. Seems she wanted some instructions on how to sow her wild oats...Bert Flemming, evacuated by the removal of the building which housed his watch repairing shop, has bought the Harry Wilfong house in Northview and has moved his shop there. Earth from the excavation for the new building opposite the Whiting House is being used to fill in some of the low spots back of that old landmark. Thad Byrne came out to feed his pampered hounds the other day and found a load had been dumped so close his gate it wouldn't open. The resulting language jarred the Main Stem considerably Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr., has been transferred to Hays, Kansas...We understand the only psychology test being given to draftees now is to hand them a copy of Esquire and see which page they turn to.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

CPL. BRUCE SUMMERS, Btry. B, 285 Obsn. Bn., APO 339, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Holland: "I received my first mail in a long time today. Your paper made me feel that I wasn't the only hillbilly in this war. Since Harvey Beall and I split up back in the States, I haven't seen anyone from the old home state...I dig instead of write, but I just had to tell you how glad I was to receive your paper...It will be a grand old day when we all get back. I just found out that today is Sunday. One day is just like another. It is about time for "Bed Check Charley". He is a friendly guy. Comes over in a plane every night and puts us to sleep with machine gun fire. Also a few eggs...There isn't much I can say except there is nothing to drink. I hear that if you have a pack of cigarettes you can get some, but who has them."

JOHN L. WAGNER, S 1/c, Platoon 116, Herzl City Junior College, 3711 W. Douglas Blvd., Chicago 23, Ill.: "I came down from Great Lakes the past week to Radio Tech school here. RT is pretty tough training: classes 7:30 to 4:30, with tests coming quite often. The three weeks here in pre-radio are only a refresher. But in that three weeks quite a few of us will no longer be RT's, but in the amphibs or a radar man, as many wash out. If some of us do get by, we'll get nine more months of training and then be ready for a LST... Navy life is agreeing with me. I have picked up a few pounds and will probably gain more. I need it. With the exception of the bunks, gob life is okay...Two weeks ago I saw Bob Bennett in Great Lakes waiting for gunners' school. I met up with Puzy Luzader dishing out the chow in my mess hall at O.G.U. Today I found out that Damon Starcher, a college grad of '39 or so, is bunking in the next room here at RT school. He has been in the Navy two years, almost all of it spent at sea."

HUNTER RYMER, JR., S 1/c (AMM), Rescue Squadron Five (VH-5) c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.: "I think I can give you an address that I can hang on to for awhile, because it's a Fleet P. O. address and I'm in a squadron. However, I'm based ashore at Alameda at present...California is not like I expected it to be, at least not along the coast. In the day time it's warm and at night it's cold. "Sunny" California is inland, so I'm left out in the cold...I've done a bit of sight-seeing in Frisco. I saw the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz (from a distance). And there's Goat Island, Treasure Island, and the Bay Bridge. Also some of the famous streets and the old Mission Dolores... Wednesday (Oct. 11) Kay Kayser was here in the hangars with his "students" and gave us some good music mingled with laughs."

PFC. SAMUEL T. WILSON, APO 628, Hqs. and Hqs. Det., R.T.C., c/o PM, New York, N. Y., India: "I have had malaria for a couple of weeks, but I'm O. K. now. I was surprised to find that my doctor was a home town boy who lived next door to me

at Clay, W. Va...I am located now in Ramgork, in the province of (censored)... Best wishes to everyone in Glenville and GSC. I hope to be back with you soon."

LT (jg) THOMAS J. PIERCE, Physical Training Dept., U. S. Naval Air Station, Ottumwa, Iowa: "I have been on a tour of temporary duty with Carlos Ratliff and he told me about the information you keep on all the boys. We had a good time on our trip, and since we talked Glenville all the time, I thought I'd write so that you might put me on the mailing list... I have been in the Navy since February, 1943. I went in the same time Coach Rohrbough did. I have been at several different land bases including Chapel Hill, N. C.; Iowa City, Iowa; Pensacola and Miami, Fla. My home base is Ottumwa, Iowa at the present...I would like to be remembered to all the townspeople as well as the scattered alumni."

LT. (jg) NEIL "Zip" SAPPINGTON, USNR, U.S.S. LST 663, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif., Southwest Pacific: "Believe it or not, I started to write... over a year ago and am now getting around to it. It happened back in January of '43 when I ran into one of the Bozo boys who used to go to GSC. He was with the 20th USN Const. Batt. and at that time was in New Caledonia. He got the HM and would save them for me whenever I had a chance to drop around. I was based at that time in New Caledonia too. It was good reading as I got the inside dope on so many of the old gang that I used to wonder what in the hell ever happened to them...Last winter I ran into Alpha Baughman at Norfolk and today out here in the southwest Pacific I ran into an old classmate of mine at GSC, none other than Izzy Nachman. We sure had a good bull session today talking over the days that one never forgets. In fact he and I will be together for several days and in that time we will compare notes on events out Glenville way and Glenville's ex-residents out this way. Had a card from Rex Pyles and he is now in the Amphibious forces too, and I look to see him one of these days soon out here on one of these tubs... Things are kind of rough and will get rougher I guess, but there were times at GSC that things were rough too! I got in on the invasion of the Palau Islands last month, but other than that I can't tell you anything...Say hello to all around Glenville that I might know and here's hoping to see you at Homecoming in 1946. It couldn't be any sooner as I see it... I'd like to get the dope on some of the fellows like Bill Moore, Al Morford, Tootie Porterfield and others who were at GSC back in the early thirties. Where is Eddie Orr now? And Bo Ewing?"

We should like to have letters from Gabe Chabut, Ernest L. Arbuckle, Russell Porterfield, Denzil Hamric, and Russell Reed, Jr.

The HM thanks Mrs. Iva Pritt, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Frank Beall, Mrs. Floy Decker, and Dr. Guy Stalnaker for oats.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
October 18 to October 24

Four air mail deliveries has us in a dither for fear a southbound plane may snatch up a batch of letters that was waiting for the northbound, or vice versa. ...Major Francis "Bus" Fisher, who once edited the Glenville Pathfinder, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in the Pacific. He was among those present in several of the island hoppings in that area...We hear that Dutch Hardman is building an addition to his hardware store, but all the evidence we have are the piles of gravel and tile along Bridge Street. Far as we can see all the land anywhere near that store already has a building on it, but of course we could be mistaken...Pfc. Ralph Turner writes from a foxhole in Luxembourg that, with shells going in both directions over his head, he has seen pleasanter places. He has been to Brest and to Paris, but give him a town, any town, in the USA every time...Jack Luzader, S 2/c, has been moved from Great Lakes to Norman, Okla...Seaman Bernard White has finished boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and is home on short furlough. ...Pfc. Glen A. Gainer in from Barksdale, Fla., with twenty days to get acquainted with a very new member of his family... The Spencer Yellow Jackets stung the Terrors 20 to 6 on Monday. Game had been postponed from Saturday on account of the Little Kanawha rose up on that day and threatened to engulf the playing field... Adele Harpold Walsh, with the Red Cross and stationed now at Ft. Belvoir, Va., has sent us a letter on a record. She manages to get two interviews, two compliments, two messages to friends, a handful of good wishes, a bushel of enthusiasm, and a request for the HM, all on a little measly six inch disc, and we're sorry it wasn't a two foot platter instead...Everett Withers, Raymond Bodkin and "Snooks" Bodkin were home for the week-end from Lexington, Va...Hugh Osborne has bought the Texaco Service Station at the south end of the bridge. The Bowser store, which he manages, will be moved into the Griffith building opposite...Seaman l/c Samuel Minigh, home on 30 day furlough from the European theater of war, was on the ship which brought Churchill to the Quebec conference...James Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Collins, has been awarded the Air Medal...Home on leave: Pfc. Hobart A. Yerkey, Camp Rucker, Ala.; Cpl. Jack Woodyard, Camp Ellis, Ill.; Pfc. Herbert Stewart, Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Robert Southall, Camp Campbell, Ky.; Buddie Bennett, San Bruno, Calif.; Pfc. Russell B. Miller, Camp Butner, N. C.; Pvt. Ray Deuley, Camp Campbell, Ky.; Cpl. Nelson E. Garrett, New Orleans, La...And from overseas duty Sgt. Charles K. Black, Leonard L. Pudder, and Pfc. Otho Prunty, and Claudius V. Taylor...Lt. August Kafer, USNR, has been awarded posthumously the Air Medal for notable service as pilot of a bomber in action against Jap forces.

October 25 to October 31

Next week the election, and we are glad to see some signs that people are getting in a mild tizzy about voting. If

only 42.6 % of voters vote what becomes of government by majority rule? Lt. and Mrs. H. L. White, Jr. (Gwendolyn Beall) home from Brooklyn Army Base for a week's leave. H. L. thinks Brooklyn is o. k., but we didn't ask him about the Dodgers... Carl "Popeye" Luzader left for the army Friday. The Ray Luzaders now have six sons in the service...S/Sgt. Coye Lowther, home from Italy, assigned to Miami for rest and reassignment. He was ball turret gunner on a B-24 until he had to take waist gunner's position after two others had been wounded. His squadron was based between the toe and heel of the Italian boot, and took part in the Ploesti raid...Very good and interesting news has come from Sgt. Clifton (Tink) Huffman of Reedy, a gunner on one of our big ships, who on September 20 was declared missing over Hungary. We quote from him: "On a mission to Budapest we lost two engines from flak. I got a piece in my right leg. However, we got the plane back to Yugoslavia before having to bail out. Here we spent about three days with Tito's partisans, luckily. Would have got back sooner but weather was bad and planes could not get in. After returning to Italy I spent a few days in the hospital. I'm O. K. now and back on the flying status, but don't know how soon we'll fly again."..... Sgt. Billy Decker and A/S Bob Decker meeting on furlough at home from Yuma, Ariz., and Lewisburg, Pa...Homer Sullivan's home at Letter Gap burned Oct. 26. Nothing saved except what the family happened to be wearing... Blaine Wilson, who time out of mind has "filled 'er up" at the foot of the Main Stem, has sold out to Tracy Lydick and Ted Giboney, and will devote his time to his pulpwood operations downriver. Claims he hasn't time to struggle with gasoline and rationing and run a sawmill at the same time...Cpl. Goff Summers has been transferred to Biggs Field, Texas, which he says is "deep in the heart of nowhere"... Pvt. Harvey Ellison, on leave from Camp Butner, N. C...Glendon Brown on leave, after receiving his commission as Ensign at Pensacola. Will go on to Miami for further flying training...Pfc. Winston Shelton is transferred from Princeton to Ft. Monmouth, N. J...A/C Russell H. McQuain, Jr., home for ten days from Hobart College, N. Y., where he has been taking special training...On leave after boot training at Great Lakes: A/S Casey Jones, S/2c Harold G. Kennedy; S/2c Garland "Doc" Brown...S/Sgt. Woodrow W. Boyd, of the 21st Bomber Command, has moved from Peterson Field, Colo., and now has an APO San Francisco address...Pvt. Catherine Withers, WAC, writes from Miami Army Air Field that she is enjoying lovely Florida downpours at the present time. Met "Bullwheel" Hamric Sunday and enjoyed an afternoon at the beach... Mildred Thompson Stump complains that it hasn't rained out there since the 15th of March. There's no pleasing everybody, even about the weather...Lt. William O. Whetsell has been transferred from Lemoore Field, Calif., to Walla Walla, Wash... Baker 3/c Carl Cox, home on 25 day leave after several months at sea... The HM thanks Evelyn Jones Beall for a gift of two packs of cigarettes. The power of the press!

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

A/C EARL RYMER STALNAKER, AAF Base Unit 3510, Sq. 15, Sec. K, TS Yale University, New Haven, Conn.: "I'm a little slow about writing but have been pretty busy trying to get through this course. Glad to say your publication has been finding its way to mail call regularly, so I manage to keep up on a few things... The most important thing on my mind at present is that if all goes well for the next three weeks or so I should be lucky enough to be walking down the main stem again. I'm slated to finish here about then, but almost anything can happen in three weeks, so it's still plenty indefinite. I'm in the AAF Tech. School here at the University taking a 20 week course in Communications. They also have similar schools in Engineering, Armament, and Photography. All the courses are preceded by a twelve week basic course which used to be in North Carolina and Texas, but the whole business is being discontinued shortly and our class is among the latter ones to finish...As for the University---it's a beautiful place if you had time to notice it or rather take advantage of it. As it is they keep us plenty busy around the clock, so Nathan Hale's statue and the like go relatively unnoticed. Hoping to be seeing you soon."

PVT. TONY GEORGE, Btry. A, 325th AAA Bn., APO 957, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Island of Oahu: "I've been getting your paper and from it find out what some of the other G. I's are doing. I'm fine and hope the same for all the rest. I've been over here for seven months and am not doing much at present. As soon as I hit over here, I went through jungle training. Then I went back for six weeks to be an instructor and had a lot of fun helping other outfits go through their training. That's one place I got to tell the Lieutenants and Captains off for once...Our outfit works mainly at night. That's about all I can tell you about it...I also went to a Navy Gunner's School over here. I've been playing some softball. We're not doing too bad or too good at it...I'm always glad to hear what the other fellows are doing, but it hurts to hear of the boys who won't be back after the war is over...I hope to be back in West Virginia in the next year or so. Best wishes to all the boys and all in Glenville too."

ENSIGN BOYD "Sammy" LAMB, USS Tennessee, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.: "I would appreciate very much receiving the Horse's Mouth. I have heard of it from some of the other Glenville boys who speak highly of it...I am now in the Pacific aboard the battleship Tennessee. I have seen quite a bit of the Pacific and have an interesting job. I am battery officer in charge of some anti aircraft guns. It's exciting at times. Hope to be back in Glenville some day and see all the old gang."

CPL. WILLARD YEAGER, Btry. D, 863 AAAAW Bn. Sm., APO 654, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., France: "My address has changed several times during the past few months. We have been moving pretty fast lately, and hope to move farther on very soon. We haven't seen much action lately, for it seems as though Germany hasn't or won't send many of her planes out... I have been having quite a bit of trouble with my French as I didn't take that course while in high school. Now I wish I had."

SGT. GEORGE E. SCHROCK, 177th Ord. Depot Co., APO 241, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., At Sea: "It has been a long story and a long voyage for me, and I still haven't seen land for some time... I read in the HM about Kyle Bush being at the Mountaineer shindig. I can say he wasn't there all the time, but he did get a few "brews". I left with some friends and didn't get any...All I have done lately is work on G. I. vehicles, but I have lost about 35 lbs. of good old American flesh so you can see I'm plenty busy...Best wishes to all."

PFC. RUSSELL PORTERFIELD, Co. "G", 357th Inf., APO 90, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., France: "I was pleased to receive a copy of the HM. It was the first I have seen. As yet I haven't seen anyone I know over here, and from all indications it is not likely that I shall...This is the biggest and roughest game I have ever participated in. And it isn't over. Germany still has a lot of punch left in her army."

We should like to hear from Samuel Brannon, Bill Erwin, William Griffith, Damon West, Jack Keith, Jr., and Bill Kafer. Also from all others who care to write.

The HM thanks Martha Chapman and Mrs. Ansel C. Reed for provender.

After the enthusiasm boys the harbingers of gloom and the cheer leaders have piped down, the American people had themselves a good night's sleep, stopped in at the polls on their way to work, and voted the way they had already made up their minds to do, refusing all suggestions to indulge in what the English might call a spot of rioting. Most of them stuck close to a radio on election night, at least until enough returns were in to show what the outcome would be, but Wednesday morning, the 25,800,000 who voted for Roosevelt and the 22,100,000 who preferred Dewey accepted the result with little audible rejoicing on one side and little bitterness on the other, and went grimly on with their business, the gigantic job of getting through with the war.

The county's schools have set their time back a half hour, so children who have some distance to go will not have to start before daylight. (The kids say they would just as soon go to school before daylight as go home after dark.) And now, when the college clock strikes nine it isn't nine, it's nine-thirty. Very confusing. However, we have worked out a solution: starting next week we shall go to work on school time and quit on Federal time...Pvt. Guy H. Ash, home from Ft. Benning, Ga., on furlough. He operates an aerial camera and has recently been working with the paratroops...PhM 3c Bernard G. Boggs has been in the Mediterranean theater of the war for several months. He is in charge of the sick bay on a supply ship and was given a short leave when his ship landed in Boston recently...Hallowe'en parties were neither so numerous nor so well attended as in other years, and there was no street parade. One four year old, being reprimanded for causing havoc among the decorations, was told they would be needed next year. "I'll be too old to go to Hallowe'en parties next year," he replied firmly and tore up another crepe streamer...Pfc. Bill Wheeler and Mary Louise Reed, of Clay, were married in Paris, Ky., October 9. Bill is assigned to overseas duty in a medical detachment and now has an APO New York address...Sgt. Page Stump, who crossed the Pacific two years ago and has seen action in India and Burma since, is home on 30 day furlough. He returned by way of Africa and the Atlantic by plane in about three days actual flying time...T/5 Fred McCullough, back after 30 months in the South Pacific. Goes to Asheville, N. C., for reassignment...Mayor Wib Beall and Tate Hyer got together and put a new street light on the bridge, completely ruining the span as a trysting place for lovers. Doc Bartram complains that it shines through his window and keeps him awake nights, but the general public, tired of fumbling along in the dark, is most appreciative...Pfc. Earle Duskey is reported killed in action in France on October 8...Pvt. Thomas Hendrick has been transferred from Camp Pläuche, La., to Camp Claiborne, La... Harold Scott writes from Greenville, Miss., that he has been promoted to Captain. He is with the physical training department of the army...A/C Karl West home on 14 day furlough from La Junta, Colo. Has been working the control tower for the field, which isn't bad, he says, so long as they put a sergeant with him to help out when the traffic gets too thick for a mere student. ...The Blaine Wilson's are moving to the Withers Apartments. Couldn't find a place with room enough for all of them so Catharine and the baby are going to live in the rooms back of Doc Smith's office... Pfc. Wilson Talbott has won the Combat Infantryman Badge for outstanding service in Guam...Lewis County voters wrote in Rush Holt's name often enough to elect him to the House of Delegates. Got 700 more votes than both other candidates put together...Cpl. Earl McDonald now has an APO address out of New York...C. M. Bennett is back from his orchard in the Eastern panhandle and says he intends to pick no more apples till next year.

S/Sgt Bill Porter, 8th Air Force, gunner on a Flying Fort, writes that his plane was shot down over Belgium recently and he spent a night in Brussels before going back to base in England...Pvt. Catherine Withers of the WAC is transferred from Miami, Fla., to Washington & Lee University...The Red Terrors met the Burnsville Bruins on Armistice Day but the wrangle ended in a 6-6 tie...A/S Ted Fultineer is transferred from Lancaster, Penna., to Pre-Admiral's school at Asbury Park, N. J....Lt. Ernest Lee Arbuckle made a censored telephone call on Wednesday from an embarkation point to find out what happened on election day...Lafe Pickens greeting friends on the Main Stem and reporting on the recent fire in Cleveland. He had most of his clothes burned off while fighting the fire... S/Sgt. Joseph Eck, a gunner on a B-17, was killed in action over France last April. He has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal. Mrs. Tillie Eck, student in the college, and her aunt Mrs. Iva Pritt will go to Columbus in a few days to receive it. Tillie also has two Purple Heart medals previously awarded to her husband...S/M Junior Marks home on thirty day furlough after twenty-two months in the European theater of the war. He is assigned to an LST which made eighteen crossings of the English Channel in recent months... West Virginia has decided to go along with the President and Congress and roast her Thanksgiving turkey on the 23rd instead of the 30th. The HM hears that the armed forces plan to serve turkey 'n dressing instead of K Rations, and hopes that such plans work out as scheduled...Sgt. Jack Conrad has been wounded in the fighting in Germany. He writes from a hospital that he still has all his arms and legs...The USO collections amount to \$3375.21 up to now, and more are still coming in. Elmer Shaver and Tate Hyer say if they could get a good comedian or a stripper to go along they would put on a show for the troops themselves...Millard "Shy" Cunningham was commissioned a second lieutenant at Ft. Benning, Ga., Oct. 31. He will go to Camp Croft, S. C., after a short furlough at home...Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wolfe announce the birth of a son, Lewis Clark, at a Weston hospital Nov. 13. Mother and child doing well but the local postoffice chief clerk is certainly in a dither... Election aftermaths: Tally Wright's barber shop was sporting a length of crepe on Nov. 8, and a citizen presented a dollar bill in Reed's Grocery which he said Blair Gainer had given him. Stated that Blair was making them himself so he didn't suppose it was any good, but thought there was no harm trying... Pvt. Samuel Wilson, Troop I, 124th Cav., sends us a new address and says he likes Burma fine...Lt. Bill Whetsell writes from Walla Walla, Wash., that he is first pilot on a B-24... A/S Joe Reed has been transferred from Bethany College to Great Lakes Naval Training Station or "Ladies Paradise"... Y 3/c Lloyd "Casey" Jones is now stationed at Noroton Heights, Conn...Roland Holt, editor of our esteemed contemporary the Pathfinder, has returned to his columns after helping Republican Headquarters run their campaign in the state...

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. HOMER PAUL WEST, Bates Army Air Field, Mobile, Alabama: "I know -- it has been a darn long time. Too long in fact since I wrote thanking you for your lively contribution to my Army life. Yes, there is an occasion for this writing - I had a nice long bull session with Capt. Bob Shreve this past Sunday evening. Saw him enter the lobby of one of the oldest if not the most pretentious of the city's hotels. Bob is the third person whom I have seen from home since I came into the Army. Bob says he may be in Mobile frequently in the future so we expect to swap a few more stories...The second of the three persons was Gladys Reynolds, an Eastern Air Lines stewardess working out of Atlanta, Ga. She gave out with a good old West Virginia yell in a restaurant near the airport when I recently spent a couple of days on business...I enjoy reading the letters from the boys (and girls) as reproduced by you. Sometimes makes a "chair-warmer" feel a little odd knowing some of his old friends are really doing the job. Things are not too bad now since all three of the installations at which I am Post Engineer (although small) are active in training men or shipping supplies to those who are over there... I would like to have Lynwood Zinn's address...Do you know of anyone from home who is at Pensacola, Ft. Barrancas, or Birmingham Army Air Base? I get around a little - may have a chance to look 'em up."

JACK GARRETT, S 1/c, USS Breese, Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.: "I have been given a card that certifies I crossed the Royal Domain (Equator to you) and it is the hardest earned piece of paper I ever had. Every sailor, no matter his rank, has to be initiated when he crosses the line. There were several Pollywogs including four officers, the morning we crossed. At 9:00 all of us assembled on the welldeck to be inspected. We wore shorts, shirts, white hat, socks and polished shoes; everything had to be as clean as could be. The Royal Shellbacks made the inspection, dressed in all sorts of costumes similar to pirate's clothes. As they marched up and down looking us over, the Royal Baby, who was a big guy, smeared grease and paint on our faces. He also had some terrible tasting stuff in a milk bottle that he gave to some of us. The initiation was out on the focastle, and they really put us through the mill. They all yelled like madmen and pounded the deck with their clubs, which were made of canvas stuffed with rags, soaked with salt water and frozen in the refrigerator. Anyway they were as hard as baseball bats. As soon as I stepped out they turned a hose on me, salt water under about 1000 pounds pressure (I thought) hit me. I started running through a canvas tunnel and the Shellbacks started swinging their clubs. They made it a point to hit you in the "rear". When I got through I crawled over to the Judge and gave him my "subpoena", and said "yes" when he asked me if I were guilty as charged. After I'd

knelt to the King, Queen, and the Royal Baby I went to the Barber, but he couldn't find his clippers so I got off without a haircut. You should have seen some of the guys who did get haircuts. I got a massage of grease and black paint in my hair though, and they took off my "scales" with a knife that had electricity running through it. Then I repented my sins before the Chaplain, and if I didn't say the right thing or say it loud enough when I was answering his questions the Shellbacks and their clubs were right on the job. He finally said "You are now a Royal Shellback", and I wouldn't have been any happier if he had given me \$1000. I had to sit on a pillow for two days afterwards, but you only have to be initiated once no matter how often you cross the line."

We should like to hear from Tiny Moore, Nicholas Marin, Madison Whiting, Steryl Brown, and Bill Kafer. Also from all others who care to write.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
November 15 to November 21

Friday evening the town siren cleared its throat after a silence of several months and ordered out the fire department. Miss Ivy Myers' furnace got all het up and blew its top, but neighbors had the blaze out by the time Blair Gainer's red truck made it up the hill... Pvt. Jack Miller writes that the APO at Camp Knight, Calif., handled 20,000 bags of mail a day during the Christmas rush... Pvt. Kermit Fisher, killed in action in Italy, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service...Arlena Walton, Storekeeper 2/c, in the WAVES, home on short leave from Bainbridge, Md. ...Pvt. Maurice "Tony" Miller has been transferred from the cavalry to the mechanized cavalry. Tanks, to you...Mrs. Lenore Beall upset a sauce pan of boiling water and was painfully burned on her legs and feet. Yetime came home from Charleston to take care of her...Joe Hall's Red Terrors, making up for lack of weight with speed and determination, have finished a pretty good season; in spite of allowing Weston to win 13-7 in the last game played... Clyde F. Cumberledge and his brother Charles have both been wounded in the fighting in Europe, and are at present in hospitals in England. Clyde has been awarded to Purple Heart...The High School has planned a fair, proceeds to go to the USO...M/Sgt Leroy Davis is now in Italy with a heavy bombardment wing of the 15th Air Force, which recently completed its 100th mission against enemy targets...Pfc. Jake Fitzpatrick writes that he has been seeing France - Cherbourg, St. Lo, Verdun, Paris, and the Argonne... Dink Noroski, enroute to his new coaching job at Sissonville, changed his mind on the way down, reversed his field, and returned to Pittsburgh to resume his teaching job at Munhall High School...Lt. and Mrs. Stanley D'orazio announce the

birth of a daughter, Teresa Ann, Nov. 16 in a Weston hospital... Home on leave: Pfc. C. F. Bennett, Camp Mackall, N. C.; Cpl. Kenneth J. Skinner, DeRidder, La.; S/Sgt Earl V. Hardman, Base Unit, Stuttgart, Ark.; Pvt. Gerald F. Phillips, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Pfc. Harold N. Beall, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.; Cpl. Hayden A. Collins, Camp Polk, La.; Pvt. Rondall E. Lynch, Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Cpl. Robert E. Hoover, Ft. Jackson, S.C.; Pfc. Oral H. Vannoy, Stockade Guard, Camp Edwards, Mass. ...Ross Hardman, of Kanawha Drive, has sold his farm to Corley Vanhorn, who plans to move in as soon as possible...Sailors Billy Luzader and Bob Butcher collided in the lounge of a continental hotel recently. By this time Europeans are probably accustomed to hearing and seeing American reunions in all sorts of places... T/4 Clair Boso has been assigned overseas duty and sends us an APO, New York, address...Adele Harpold Walsh, with the Red Cross, is on a short furlough from Ft. Belvoir, Va., prior to an overseas assignment...Virgie Riffle recently included a blue token in a letter to her husband. We understand it created something of a dither among the South Pacific GI's who had never seen one. Den apparently thought it was valuable for he sent it back. Personally, we've found very little use for them, though we see no reason why they wouldn't be fine for checkers or poker chips... Bern Wright, M 2/c, home from active duty in France on a twenty day leave, has been assigned to Boston Naval Base where he checks sea bags and navy materials...Cpl. Gink Summers writes from Biggs Field, Texas, that he hopes he gets sent to the Pacific. Says the flak is not so thick over Japan. ...Ensign Glendon Brown has been sent to Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida... Yesterday a man insisted on telling us about his winning bets on the election. Was so pleased with winning a five to one wager, that now he is busy watching to see if one on the war will hatch. He thinks Germany will be finished by December 19. He may be right - we hope. But we'll keep our fingers crossed.

November 22 to November 28

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Withers and son Scott went to Lexington, Va., for Thanksgiving to visit Everett Withers, an instructor in Washington and Lee University and Catherine Withers, of the WAC, at present stationed at Lexington... Lt. Denver Barnett, a bombardier, is reported missing since October 17. He was a graduate of the college... Radioman 3/c Earl Ray Ellis is one of the crew of an LST in the Pacific area. It was the first boat to make a landing on the coast of Leyte near Tacloban, and the natives paddled out in canoes to welcome them in spite of Jap gunfire...Kate Wolfe Wells received roses for her first wedding anniversary ordered by cable from England by Sgt. Fred Wells...S 2/c Bob Whiting home for four days from Great Lakes... Pfc. Rodney R. Pritt has been awarded the Bronze Star. He knocked out an enemy tank with a bazooka, saving his company from a destructive cross-fire... Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Woodyard announce the birth of a daughter on November 17...

Helen McGee Woodford has resigned her position in the Glenville High School. Jean McGee will take her place for the remainder of the year...The first snow flurries of the year were mostly rain and sleet, but a small girl of our acquaintance assured us it was snow. The ouija board had told her...Lt. Ivan H. Bush, Jr., USNR, of Gandy, has returned to duty after a short leave at home... S/Sgt. Laddie R. Bell is now with the 8th AAF in England, at a sub-depot which services and maintains a flock of the Flying Forts...Births: To Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Haught a daughter, on November 8, at a Charleston hospital. Lt. Haught is at present a prisoner in Germany. To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Lynch a daughter, on October 20... Howard Taylor writes from the South Pacific that some of the Japs are still around out there, but that everything is fairly quiet except for a nearby volcano. He does not say where he is, but mentions New Zealand and the Fijis as places where he has been...Mrs. Blair Gainer is ill in a Baltimore hospital...Harry Pritt, somewhere in the European theater, shipped out on the same boat with Mickey Rooney...Glenn Moore has sold his farm on Poplar Lick and will move into the S. M. Nutter house at the top of Town Hill...Gilmer County's quota for the Sixth War Bond drive is \$120,000. Jno. E. Arbuckle continues as bond chairman and says everything is all set for a good over-subscription...M/Sgt Norris Gluck, formerly of Troy, is in charge of communications at one of the invasion ports in France. He installed the system in the initial phase of the landings... Elmer Shaver, who has kept our telephones working for the past few years, has been transferred to Kingwood. The HM congratulates him for a deserved promotion and wishes him luck...Several citizens visited out of town during Thanksgiving week-end. Mrs. H. L. White and Eleanor were in Charleston; Carey Woofter went to see Sgt. James Woofter at Langley Field, Va.; Mrs. Mildred Arbuckle and Miss Alice Arbuckle spent three days in Parkersburg. The Homer Woodfords came back home to find that a water pipe had burst and flooded the house. Not even a chair dry enough to sit on while they looked over the damage...Evelyn Jones Beall here for the holidays telling us she has a new job: personal shopper for Gimbel's at Pittsburgh...Mid'n Robert Reed and Rachel Huff, of Bethany, were married at the M. E. parsonage here on November 27. Left for Chicago on the 29th, where he is stationed...T/Sgt Robert Lee Jack and Mrs. Jack home on leave from Washington, D. C. ... Earl Rymer "Rusty" Stalnaker commissioned a lieutenant at Yale University on Nov. 23rd is here for a 10-day delay enroute to Atlanta, Ga., where he has been assigned to the Army Airways Communication System.. S 1/c Johnny Wagner is at Gulfport, Miss., for three months training as radio technician...Mrs. T. B. McQuain, Dayton, O., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miriam, to A/C Karl West, now at La Junta, Colorado...Margy Jack went to Norfolk Thanksgiving to visit her sister Y 2/c Patty Jack...SOM 3/c Russell McQuain here for 10 days from Norfolk, Va...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe home for 3 days from Ft. Belvoir, Va...William Hale Lamb is home from overseas for 11 months.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

GARNET M. HAMRIC, Y 2/c, U. S. Wave Bks., Robert Clay Hotel, Miami, Florida: "I'm sorry I haven't written sooner to tell you how much I appreciate your bringing the news right up to the front lines where I'm fighting the battles of the USS DuPont. I'm a busy "non-commissioned Comdr". The other day my force presented me with a set of shoulder boards with the three stripes along with the official gift from the real C. O. I think he only did this to make me still feel important, as I had been turned down the week before for OCS for the third time. No doubt they realize that I just can't see by now, and would like to give me a survey out...We have been having beautiful weather so far. The ocean is fine, but I don't like the water much deeper than my knees, unless I swipe some kids' rubber tube while he sleeps on the sand...Catherine Withers was here at Miami awhile, but we didn't get to show her around enough before she left. We all modeled her uniform, but my maties decided that I was too wacky to be a WAC, so I'll stick to my blues...The other night we had a roast for a couple of the girls who are getting surveys out. We took some gallon jugs of water along and the kids wanted to know how the hillbilly moonshiners drank from a jug. I picked up one and swung it over my shoulder and took a drink. I couldn't make them believe that I used to drink from a jug in the corn fields when I was a brat...If anyone wishes to come down here to fish or visit, we would be glad to go along with them on our day off."

CPL. RICHARD WHITING, Hq. Btry., 776 F. A. Bn., APO 339, c/o PM, New York, N.Y. France: "This place is called sunny France, but all it does is rain. I thought that Texas had all the mud in the world. Things aren't too bad and the food is good. I have had a chance to see quite a few football games. The other day I happened to see the former Glenville Flash Howard Lindell, or should I say Lt. Lindell. It was great to see him and he asked about all. Said he would like to hear from Nate. He has charge of the recreation for this section, such as arranging football games, boxing matches, etc. Guess maybe he will be back in the States before long...I see by the paper that Bruce Summers and I have the same APO number. Looks as if he's doing a little more work than I, but one never can tell when a busier time will come...Would like to hear from some of the boys - Russ, Harry, Puzy, and Bob Whiting. Addresses are scarce here. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

LT. COMDR. MAYNARD YOUNG, USCG, U.S.S. Marchand, c/o Fleet PO, New York, N. Y.: "I used to ask you to send the home lore to my wife in Cambridge, Mass., who would then forward it to me. Now, my more permanent address is as shown, and I would appreciate it if you would change my address accordingly. My wife and daughters are living at 86 E. 235th St. The Bronx, New York - tel. Fairbank 4-4031. I would appreciate any of my old friends calling her there - or going to see her - if they

are in the vicinity of New York. New York has many people in it, but it can still be a very lonesome place when there is no one to talk to older than six years. If, by chance, I am around New York when the Glenvillite calls, may be we can cook up a party. Who knows?"

S/SGT. WADE C. WEST, JR., Co. B, 101st Sig. Bn., APO 958, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "I've been roaming the broad Pacific, till I've got more miles on the ocean than a lot of sailors, and now here I am in the Philippine Islands, which is a long ways from home...So far I've been pretty lucky and haven't received a scratch, which suits me fine. I have been in a few hot spots but there has always been a convenient foxhole nearby and, believe me, it sure looks heavenly, with all the two feet of water and mud, when a Jap dive bomber is coming your way. Have been bothered a bit with the Jap planes, but we have some damn hot shots on the ack-ack guns, and they are certainly making a hole in the Jap air force. It is a beautiful sight to see a Jap Red Ball plane suddenly blossom into a real ball of fire...The natives here are on our side for sure. When we first landed we fed them some of our rations, and the way they went for them belied the Jap claims for 'greater East-Asia co-prosperity'. Some of them speak English and the tales they tell us aren't exactly nice. And I believe them, because you only have to look at the bones sticking out on their bodies to see they are telling the truth. All in all they are a pretty swell bunch of people, though they do have some peculiar customs; but we get along O. K. One fellow, who looked about 60, was smoking a cigar, chewing tobacco, and eating K rations, all at the same time! One thing we don't lack here is water. Boy, I didn't think when I left Camp Crowder, Missouri, that I would ever see as much rain and mud again, but I have found a place now that makes Missouri sit back and sulk. We are wading around in the stuff up to here most of the time. By spreading a piece of canvas to catch the water we have a plentiful supply for bathing. Which is quite an art to do in the trusty helmet. I believe the helmet is the most useful article the army issues. We use it for everything. Time to quit for now. I do have to work once in a while." (Editor's Note - Sgt. West was born in Manila.)

We should like to hear from Jake Fitzpatrick, Billy Decker, Lynwood Zinn, Lois McQuain, Howard Jones, and Fred Wells,

Provender was hauled in this time by Mrs. Frank Beall, Mrs. Dan Haywood, Mrs. Ernest Garrett, Mrs. Joe Bonnett, Mrs. James Norman, and Carey Woofter. Thanks!

There is little good will and less peace on our battle-scarred planet this Christmas, and the old holiday greeting of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" is bitter irony. However, the HM wishes for all of us courage and hope for today, faith and steadfastness for tomorrow.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO

November 29 to December 5

The local deerslayers marched on the Preston County woods in force this year, but there didn't seem to be enough deer to go around. At least we hear that was the reason given by some of the unsuccessful for coming home empty-handed. Among those who brought home the venison were Rev. Gilbert Moore, Hugh Osborn, Ernest Boggs, Guy Ash, Dick McClung, George McCullough and P. J. Loudin. Drs. Smith and Stalnaker both joined the hunters (Doc Smith with a borrowed gun), leaving Dr. Bartram to spend a very busy week, what with new babies arriving and people coming down with the usual wintertime epizootic...S l/c Carlton Matheny writes that he has moved from Midway to Hawaii, which leaves him a mere matter of 5,000 miles from home...Lt. and Mrs. Vorley M. Rexroad (Ruth Cutlip) announce the birth of a son on Nov. 20, at Albuquerque, N.M. ...L. D. Nicholson has bought the Log Cabin Restaurant, juke box and all, which W. O. Self has been operating for some years...The Red Cross is supplying a postcard to relatives of prisoners of war, which is designed to speed up delivery of mail to them. It can be sent postage free...Mrs. Shirley Westfall, who was badly hurt in an auto wreck on Dec. 1, has recovered sufficiently to be brought home from a Weston hospital. The car had stalled because of ice on the road and a gasoline truck slid into it and pushed it over an embankment...Y 3/c Lloyd "Casey" Jones has been assigned to sea duty and sends us an FPO, San Francisco, address...T/Sgt. Irvin "Humpty" Conley, who was killed in action in France on Aug. 10, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart...Lt. Isadore Nachman, of the South Pacific, takes issue with "Esquire" over a recent piece about the fighting qualities of Japanese pilots. The author was of the opinion that their flying was poor and their fighting tactics worse, and Izzy sets him right in some very blunt language which the magazine publishes on its "Sound and Fury" page in the December issue...Joe Hall's Red Terrors (considering their average weight this year the name should be "Terriers") have placed two on the First All-conference football squad. Fultineer at Left-half, and Berry, Left-tackle. Shreve, Right-end, and Minney, Right-half, made the second team...Pfc. Edna C. McQuain has left Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., on an overseas assignment and now has an APO, San Francisco, address...Herbert Dean Shuman, aged seven, won first prize in the amateur contest at the school fair with his rendition of "God Bless America". Dominick Nocida, 4th grade, gave out with the Marine Hymn, and Bob Arnold and Dick Fultineer got second prize for doing a turn in the briefest of ballet skirts...Ensign Ralph Cox has been assigned to sea duty...Cpl. Lloyd George Wolfe arrived in the Philippines with MacArthur, and writes that he still going strong in spite of typhoons, Japs and torrential rains...Mayor Wib Beall announces that the face-lifting job being done on some of the town's alleys will have to be postponed till it stops freezing...Cpl. Glonnie H. VanDevender, GSC graduate, is reported missing in action on the Western Front...

December 6 to December 12

Ensign Boyd "Sammy" Lamb writes that his

ship was in the battles of Leyte and the Surigao Straits, where our fleet sank several units of the Jap Imperial Navy. It also took part in the shore bombardment in advance of troop landings. He is back on leave now and complains that the weather in Cleveland has the marrow of his bones thoroughly chilled...Lt. Nate Rohrbough, USNR, on emergency leave from Corpus Christi, because of the serious illness of his father...T/Sgt. James S. Collins, radio operator and gunner on a B-17 of the 8th Air Force has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Air Medal...Mr. and Mrs. Chester "Bud" Cunningham (Betty Lou Hoey) announce the birth of a son on December 8, at a Weston hospital...Lt. Homer Paul West, Post Engineer at Bates Field, Ala., home on 18 day leave. His first in nineteen months. Reported a visit from S l/c Johnny Wagner who had dropped in from Gulfport, Miss., a few days ago...Pvt. Ray Stalnaker, attached to the 241st General Hospital, has been assigned to overseas duty...Lt. John Hamilton, whose infantry outfit has been helping pry the Japs loose from the South Pacific, is home on leave after more than three years of overseas service. Fred McIntosh, Jr., of Spencer has given him a prize puppy as a mascot for his unit, and the small dog will go to war equipped with the fighting name of Sandy McNair...S/Sgt. Clifton "Tink" Huffman, gunner on a B-17, luck ran out on his 19th mission over Germany, and he is reported captured in Czechoslovakia on October 23. Some time ago his crew had to bail out over Yugoslavia, but that time they managed to make their way back to base in Italy...The Will Baileys of Sinking Creek won first place in the Farming for Better Living contest this year, and the award was presented at the Rotary Club's annual banquet for the participants...Chas. W. McAtee, of Clarksburg, is the manager for the C & P Telephone Co. for this area...Glen Springston, mayor and merchant of Sand Fork, fell over a rock last week while chasing cattle on his farm and broke a bone in his foot. Glenville's mayor Wib Beall was also laid up for a few days with a heavy cold, and had to postpone a council meeting...Pfc. Harold "Wildkitty" Wilson, stationed in San Diego, had an altercation with a fellow soldier the other day and had to buy a new set of false teeth - for the other guy...The HM is pleased at receiving Christmas cards from S/Sgt. Charles Linton in France, and Lt. Bill Whetsell, flying planes over Walla Walla, Washington...Fireman l/c Charles King, after a siege in a hospital, has been given a medical discharge from the Navy, and plans to go to work soon in the Glenn L. Martin plant at Baltimore...Dr. Kyle Bush, USNR, has been promoted to lieutenant. He has been in the Pacific area for thirteen months...As we go to press the hills are blanketed under the deepest snow we have had for a long time. We can't give its exact depth, but it seems to be some inches above the tops of boots and still snowing. Cars along the main stem look like Jurassic monsters, hoary with age, humped against the cold; telephone and power lines are white cables swung between their poles; boughs of trees are bent to the breaking point; and traffic has stopped except for the snowploughs and the Road Commission's yellow trucks.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

T/SGT. GABRIEL CHABUT, Finance Office, 13th Replacement Depot, APO 969, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., December 7: "Today the third anniversary of the Pearl Harbor disaster was observed by all churches of the Island of Oahu as a day of prayer for those who gave up their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. A Requiem High Mass was said at the Pearl Harbor bowl where thousands of servicemen assembled to offer up their prayers for those subjected to the sneak Japanese attack. The liturgy of the clergy on these anniversary observances is indeed impressive and should not be missed by those who have an opportunity to attend. ...The Horse's Mouth has been arriving regularly and read with appreciation and interest. In the last issue I noted that Neil Sappington was in this general territory. Was sorry to have missed him when he passed through here, although chances are that we may yet meet on some island of the Pacific...At the West Virginia shindig held on October 6, I met Leon Reischel, a former GSTC classmate from Spencer. He had been here only a few weeks prior to our meeting. Also had a pleasant surprise at our office one day when 1st Lt. Ralph Burton of the Dental Corps appeared with a voucher for payment. That night he came to my barracks where we gossiped about everything that has happened since we had Biology lab together at GSTC...I am enclosing a local newspaper clipping regarding "Happy" Whiting's outfit. This division has covered considerable territory since leaving here. To date I have not heard from Hap but hope that he is well and thinking of returning to Glenville soon...Shakespeare's Hamlet will be the main attraction on our new War Department theatre schedule next week. The leading role will be played by Major Maurice Evans, noted Shakespearean actor of today. Last year I saw him take the leading role in Macbeth playing opposite Judith Anderson. These plays attract capacity crowds wherever they are featured. ...In subsequent issues of the HM, it would be interesting to read about the opinions of GSC alumni and members in various branches of the service, in regards to a plan in formulating a GSC Servicemen's Yearbook something along the basis of a regular college yearbook. There would be an abundance of pictures on hand for the pictorial pages and certainly the subject matter should have unlimited sources. What is your opinion?"

LT. JOHN W. HAMILTON (on leave at his home in Grantsville, W. Va.) "After a thirty-two months hitch in Australia and New Guinea, and seeing the war progress from a new baby to a full grown man, returning to these precincts we look for the same revolutionary changes. At face value the communities look the same except for minor improvements in buildings and grounds. I find no amazing influx of strangers working for the war, but I do notice the absence of draft age men. The town is cleaned of even the pool room boys who, if someone three years ago had offered money they would leave, would have got handsome odds. Any evening at 10 o'clock I could use Main Street for a pistol range in

perfect safety killing only a few stray dogs...Money isn't worth a cent nowadays, and I have to pay \$5 for a 5th of whisky and then pay \$1 for aspirin the next day. But no one doubt that it is worth while getting back! Dates are plentiful; men are scarce; visiting the home folks is the same as ever, and you do not have to put up with loud cries of "Bull" from your brothers every time you tell an unbelievable incident, but people gape in respectful awe...Deer hunting is prime, as is rabbit, squirrel, and bird. We get a gallon of gas a day and it lasts long enough if you impose on friends and relatives and filling station operators. To date I have found no way to beat the whisky ration, except to drink gin and dream. I will add that this is not as satisfactory as the real McCoy and the local doctor has to be consulted daily for injections of plasma to sustain life. The satisfactory result is obtained to say the least...Polite conversation has deteriorated to war talk and even when kissing your best girl she is liable to bring forth a profound observation - "Ain't General Patton's 1st Army doing a helluva fine job." It is not only disconcerting, but takes an ardent lovers mind off his work."

LT. WILLIAM O. WHETSELL, 423rd AAFBU, T-2, Walla Walla, Washington: "Had quite a surprise that pleased me very much. I ran into an old "Pioneer" for the first time since I left Sammy Williams down in Montgomery, Alabama. I reported to the post for ground school classes yesterday morning, and one of the pilots told me that a Captain Homer Moore had been trying to locate me, and that I could get in touch with him through a Major Littlejohn. That was enough for me. I skipped my first class and headed for Major Littlejohn's office and "Tiny". I found him bending over a desk writing like everything while questioning an engineering officer of the maintenance department. Well, you can imagine what a reunion it was. Tiny looked up and his eyes got big, and he threw out his big paw and said, "Hi Bill, how in the hell are you?" It was really a treat seeing someone from Glenville. We arranged to meet at one o'clock for a dinner date with my wife, my navigator and his wife. At one o'clock we got together and took off for town and picked up the wives after we had had a couple of bourbons and cokes. We spent the rest of the day talking over old times and about some of Tiny's experiences in combat which are always helpful to guys who are soon to be there. You can bet we had a time together. At 7 o'clock p. m. we put him on the train for Pendleton where he was to do some more inspection for the air forces before returning to Spokane where he is stationed. All in all it was a swell reunion...I also received word from Cpl. Sammy Williams who is stationed at Tonapah, Nevada. I may get to see in P. O. E. He is a Martin turret gunner...Polly and I send our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the folks back home and to those in the service who are not fortunate enough to see home on this Christmas. May the next one be brighter for all of us."

We should like to hear from Jack V. Stalnaker, Leon Smith, Joe Reed, Jack Luzader, Stanley Jeranko, and Robert Johnson.

The HM thanks Mrs. Okey Norman, Mrs. Dutch Hardman, and Isadore Nachman for oats.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
December 13 to December 19

As the snow mentioned in our last issue got deeper the roads went from bad to worse until even the Greyhounds were stopped for two days. First time in 15 years that trips were cancelled. There have been occasions when the busses ran several hours late, but they did run. No serious accidents are reported in spite of the streets being so icy that pedestrians needed skid chains. H. L. White and Mrs. Mildred Arbuckle relied on stout canes, Mr. White's being a snappy number that he picked up in a coast city of France during the fracas over there a quarter of a century ago. Sailor John Hall, attempting to return to his post of duty, was stuck in town and had the local Red Cross office in a dither trying to get a message through to his C. O. over a telephone line that was definitely out. Tate Hyer said power lines were broken in four places, but the town was without lights only until the reserve engine of the old plant got going. Even John Shuman's mail truck missed a few deliveries...Lt. Carlos C. Ratliff, GSC graduate, here from Iowa City, says he has been in the service seventeen months and feels like a player who made the team, but couldn't persuade the coach to put him in a game...The Harold Hall's (Grace Wolfe) of Philippi announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Grace, Dec. 14. ...Crystal Summers, of the FSA, has moved from Fred Whiting's to Myrtle Boggs' apartment over the Kanawha Union Bank... Lt. John Gerwig is home on 27 day leave after 18 months in the South Pacific where his B-24 has been dropping bombs on Jap targets. He reports to Richmond, Va., for reassignment...Trooper A. C. Bryant of the State Police, spending a few hours with us. He has recently been transferred to Rainell from Middlebourne...S/Sgt. Ernest Keller has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service with the Persian Gulf Command...Mrs. Blair Gainer died in Baltimore on Dec. 13. She had been a patient in Mercy Hospital for several weeks, but it was not known that her illness was so serious, and friends and relatives were much shocked and grieved at news of her death...Pvt. Harry Pritt writes from somewhere in France that he has been hospitalized on account of shrapnel wounds in one side of his face. He had been at the front only eight days...News comes that T/5 Bruce Summers was one of less than twenty out of about one hundred fifty who escaped death when the Germans who had captured their unit of an artillery observation battalion turned machine guns on the disarmed Americans. They managed to get away by lying in the mud and playing dead till most of the Tiger tanks had moved on. A veteran radio commentator reported that this brutality had stirred our troops to a cold and deadly anger in the face of which an unscrupulous and cruel enemy may well regret the day he started shooting Americans prisoners... The Postoffice reports being smothered under an avalanche of Christmas cards,

addressed all over the world from Lae, New Guinea, to Raykjavik, Iceland, and from War, W. Va., to Little-Topping-on-the-Thames, England. There was even one for Pitchburg, Pa., but it turned out to be meant for somebody in Pittsburg.

December 20 to December 26

Elder Wiley cornered the Christmas tree market when weaker souls were discouraged by the depth of the snow from making their usual pilgrimages after the holiday greens. To supply our lack the HM considered removing a branch from the forest patriarch Linn Hickman had parked on his front porch, since anyone could see that it would never go through the door the size it was, but before we arrived with our hatchet he had managed some how to squeeze it into the house...Nell Reed, Mary K. Smith, Clarence Underwood, Jr., and John McCutcheon, students from WVU, spending their vacation here. John went into the RB Store to buy a box of matches and before he could get away they put an apron on him and had him selling groceries...Lt. Isadore Nachman sends greetings and good wishes from the South Pacific to all readers of HM...Troy High School played their alumni Dec. 20, score 28-27 in favor of Pfc. Damon West, home on furlough from California...After addressing C. W. Marsh, of our esteemed contemporary "The Democrat", as "Judge" for so many years we now have to change to "Colonel". The governor has issued him a commission on his honorary staff...Everett Withers, Raymond and Snooks Bodkin came from Lexington, Va., for the holidays and made it without chains and also without sliding off the road, which seems to be some sort of record... The combined office force of Farm Security, Board of Education and the Ration Board gave themselves a Christmas party in the Ration Board office on Friday, complete with presents, sandwiches, coffee, and a fair supply of general cheerfulness...The HM acknowledges Christmas cards from Sgt. and Mrs. James Woofter and Lt. and Mrs. Nate Rohrbough...Lt. Bob Hauman writes from Lubbock Field, Texas, that he expects to be moved out soon to a field where he will be flying B-25's...Nelson Wells, assistant field director for Eastern Area, Red Cross, is home for the holidays from Camp Shelby, Miss...Ann Withers, student nurse, Franco Gerwig, Cadet Nurse, Patty Jack, of the WAVES, and Charlotte Hyer, of the Marines, home on Christmas leaves...Sgt. Cecil Davis, Jr., on leave from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, where the big and little guns are tested for Uncle Sam...Cpl. Samuel Branno has been wounded in the fighting on the German front. His brother, Sgt. Grant Brannon, was wounded several months ago and is now in a hospital in England... S/Sgt. Opha Keith, Jr., transferred to Kingman Field, Ariz., as an instructor. He returned recently from the Mediterranean theater of war...Pvts. Kenneth Fisher and John W. King will report to Ft. Meade distribution center after their furloughs...Cpl. Park Woodyard has 30 day leave after 11 months in the Aleutians. He must have felt right at home when he met our West Virginia weather...Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr., home from Victoria Air Field, Kansas. Expects to finish training there about the end of March...Our 14 inches of snow went off with a rain and the Little Kanawha grew up overnight to be a big river. Twenty-seven feet, we hear.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

1ST SGT. DARISE "Buck" JAMISON, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 394th Inf., APO 449, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Germany: "I was very glad to receive a copy of the HM. So far I have received two copies. I would be more than glad if you could send me any back copies. Would like to know about the big brawl they had in the pool room, the one that Ed Rohrbough mentioned. (Censored) I could use one of J. P. Morgan's right hand men to keep me straight on my money - first I get shillings, crowns etc., then francs from France and now Belgian francs. It beats me trying to get it all in my head how much it is worth. If I get any German marks I'll use them to heat my "C" rations...Thanks a lot for the paper, and I am looking forward to the next one. I hope I can be in a beer garden in Berlin reading it...I hope I can get to see John Barnett. I know he is here somewhere."

JESSE LILLY, S 1/c AOM, AFGTU - Lake Shabot, NAS, Alameda, Calif.: "I received my first copy of the HM today - that is the first copy since I left Norfolk... I understand West Virginia is having her share of ole man winter now. What I wouldn't give to see some snow after seeing all this California liquid sunshine. I'm writing this while on watch at 3:00 A. M., and the stuff is coming down in drops...I'm now an instructor on a machine gun range out here. What next! I like it very much especially the crack basket ball team we have. To date we have played four practice games and won them. We played our first regular season game tonight and won 35-29. I won't say how many points I scored, but you can count them all on one hand. At half time you could have counted them all on one finger. Coach Nate would have grey hair if he had to put up with this team."

LT. (j.g.) FRED MADISON WHITING, JR., USS Vincennes, c/o Fleet PO, San Francisco, Calif.: "Don't take the dearth of letters from me during the past year as any indication I'm not one of your most ready readers, for I do go over and over your sheet when it's first received, and every three or four months I take out my files (they are complete except for No. 2 of Vol. 1) and spend an evening going through them again. Were it not for them I'd soon lose contact with all the fellows from home. To run into anyone from Glenville begins to appear an impossibility to me. Never in the twenty months of sea duty I've had has it been my luck to see a familiar face from Gilmer County, although I have seen a few mountaineers at shore stations. Quite often I know that John Cooper is around in these parts, but he's not close enough to see or talk with. At the moment I'm hoping that it will be a meeting with Neil Sappington for me one of these days...Were it possible I'd like to repay you for the pleasure of reading the HM by dishing out a little hot dope, but of course censorship won't permit. Maybe some of these days, who knows? Can say that we've got a 4.0 ship, and that she has been in action, so I learned recently from clippings sent from the

states...I've been quite busy since early fall, for in addition to my military duties I've been running a daily sports page for the crew and during football season ran a pool similar to the one Wib Beall had at the Grill. It grew to be quite the thing, and our highest ranking officer sent his orderly down for me to bring him an entry blank and all the information I had on the teams. Right now I'm getting ready to begin a 30 minute sports program weekly over our ship's public address system. It's hard to get enough material for both the paper and the sportscast, but I have clippings sent to me regularly from home and we get a few items via radio when reception is favorable. It all is very popular with the crew who do need something to think about out here besides the routine of sea duty...However, I may have to give up the extra-curricular job, as yesterday I was made signal officer and my hours of free time came abruptly to an end...If it isn't too much trouble could you enclose a list of those from around home who are aboard ships with Pacific area addresses? If I have the name of the ship it is possible that I could look them up. Sappington is the only one I know about so far, but I'm thinking that Warren Lamb and Ralph Cox are out here now, or is that right? ...Hope that your New Year is a happy one and that you'll be able to keep the HM galloping out to this area."

(Ensign Ralph E. Cox, c/o Commander Service Forces Pacific, Fleet PO Box 7, San Francisco, Calif.)

(Lt. (j.g.) C. W. Lamb, USS Concord, c/o Fleet PO, San Francisco, Calif.)

The HM gives this account of itself. Vol. 2, No. 13 to Vol. 3 No. 20 inclusive: Balance:(turned over by E. Withers) \$2.33, gifts received \$114.15. Total \$116.48. Expenses: Envelopes and stamps \$94.18, paper \$13.26, and stencils \$6.95. Total \$114.39 leaving a balance of \$2.09.

Sheaves of oats came from E. G. Rohrbough, Harold Scott, and E. G. Rollyson. Thanks!

We should like to have letters from John Cooper, Babe Jones, Bill Kafer, Clive West, Shirley Campbell, and Sam Craddock.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
December 27 to January 2

After the Christmas flood, the river retired gloomily to its usual channel, but a continuing deluge on the last day of the old year put it up to twenty-seven feet again on New Year's Day. Old timers say that only an extreme drop in temperature that night saved us from a record flood. It also snowed on January first, and the high water forced us to clamber practically all over Camden Flat's hill to get home from work. Three inches of snow on top of an unmeasured

depth of mud is too much for us to contemplate with serenity and next time it happens we intend to arm ourselves with wire cutters with which to make a few serviceable openings in the garden fences at the foot of the hill. As things are now every time the river goes over twenty-five feet we have to choose between swimming or mountain climbing and we don't like either. Particularly we don't like them in January...Pfc. Billy Griffith, 14 months in the Pacific area, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge... Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wells celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Dec. 23. Mr. Wells took enough time off from his war job at Newport News, Va., to come home for the occasion. Wonder how many men of his age are making munitions for the battle fronts...Pvt. Joe Decker has been transferred from Lowry Field to Kingman Army Air Base, Arizona...Hap Whiting writes that he is still going strong after three years in the Pacific, where he is helping the engineers work their accustomed miracles. The HM will give you odds that he can still work a miracle in a poker game, too...The OPA launched a blockbuster for the Christmas season. The explosion blew a lot of foods back on the restricted list and knocked several battalions of right pretty blue and red stamps out of our ration books. Invalid as of 12:01, December 27. Complaints, of course, were loud and long - mostly from citizens who had no use for the stamps anyway...S/Sgt. Raymond Jones, a B-24 gunner, who was recently awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster for his Air Medal, is reported missing in action on a mission over Germany on December 2... Lt. (j.g.) Frank Martino is assigned to duty at the Naval Hospital, Ft. Eustis, Fla. ...Sheriff Worthy Davis was unable to find a deputy to occupy the county hoosegow, so has had to do it himself. Says that at present he has no boarders and it will suit him fine if the local lawbreaker continue in the straight and narrow... Servicemen home on leave: S l/c Ronnie Gainer, port leave for 4 days from Baltimore; Billy Cain, A.T.B., from Coronado, Calif.; Pvt. Kenneth Fisher, Pvt. John W. King, Lt. Millard Cunningham, from Ft. Meade, expecting overseas assignments soon; Sgt. Jack Collins and Sgt. Elden Goldsmith, from Camp Mackall, N. C.; Pfc. Jack Keith, Jr., Camp Stewart, Ga.; S l/c Denver Mollohan, Long Beach, Calif.; Sgt. Rodney Moore, from McClellan Field, Calif.; Cpl. Park Woodyard, from General Hospital, McKinney, Texas, after several months in the Aleutians...In their first basketball tilt of the season the Red Terrors defeated Troy High 54 to 35... Lyel West, after helping out at the Glenville Banking & Trust Co. for some time, has taken a position in the office of the State Treasurer. Says the figures there run a bit higher than anything he has been used to... Lt. Ralph "Lardy" Mendenhall is at Camp Shelby, Miss., waiting for an overseas assignment after a leave spent at Sistersville...Capt. Harold Scott at home for 19 days leave from Greenville, Miss. ...Parker Williams, of Normantown, on his way to Zanesville, Ohio, with a load of raw furs, was fatally injured when his truck was hit by a train near Marietta. He died in a Marietta hospital a few hours after the accident...

Gilmer County schools had a vacation of the one-again-off-again variety, owing to the snow, floods and icy roads which created a generally tough situation. The College postponed opening till Jan. 3, because high water kept the students from getting into town...Pvt. Harry Pritt, who wrote recently from the Western front that he was occupying a palatial foxhole complete with running water and everything, is back in back in action in Germany after being wounded early in December...Marine Sgt. Junior Craddock is in the New Hebrides after being in combat in the Carolines. Says he still hopes to get some Jap gold teeth for souvenirs but the trouble with that idea is that so many other Marines have the same notion...Sgt. Bill Decker's daughter, Linda Sue, knocked 'em dead at a recent baby show in Yuma, Arizona. Won first prize, no less, for the honor of these hills. Bill and Mrs. Decker wouldn't have been any prouder over a DFC...Capt. Bob Hauman, wife and son, arrived from Lubbock last week. He has been transferred to Ft. Worth and thinks he may actually get out of Texas if the war lasts long enough. Will be flying four motor planes at his new assignment... Cpl. and Mrs. Bruce Summers announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Jane, on Jan. 4...The Weston-Glenville game had the fans on the seat edges with a tie, but the extra period played resulted in a win for Weston, 54 to 51...Cpl. Ray Hersman is reported missing in action in Belgium... Eunice Cain back on a visit from New Brunswick, N. J. Says she thinks she may begin to like it up there after the first hundred years...Goldie Reynolds Reger went to Clarksburg during the late frost to meet her sister Gladys, an airline hostess on vacation, and Lucy and Ellen Wolfe, who had been visiting in Baltimore. On the way home the car skidded into a guard rail post, tearing off the rear door. Everybody was badly shaken up and Lucy suffered a broken collar bone, as well as some of those painful things the doctor calls "bruises and contusions". Lt. Charles Mick, of Walkersville, also in the car, had remarked a few minutes before the accident that he had been in the Navy since 1937 and had never had a scratch. He should have knocked on wood...Sgt. Raymond Boyles, of the MP detachment at Newport News, home on brief leave...Song writers have run out of subject matter as well as out of lyrics, reports co-editor Mabel Wolfe. Latest nifty being titled "One Meat Ball"...Lt. Ernest Lee Arbuckle went on his first bombing mission on Christmas Day. Over Austria...Goldie James, of the college, told the local Garden Club at a recent meeting how to feed birds in winter. Considering the usual state of our financial affairs and our ration points, our problem is more "what" than "how"...S/Sgt. Lynn Gainer has a 30 day furlough after 15 months of active duty with the Marines in the Pacific area. His son Bill had been meeting every bus for a week and then finally didn't quite make the one his dad was on...Med. Tech. Bill Wheeler writes from the Belgian front on Dec. 26, that the Belgians treat them wonderfully and he will be sorry when their hospital moves. Maybe it's the feather-bed he says he's been sleeping on that he doesn't want to leave behind...Ted Fultineer has gone to Pre-Midshipman's school at Columbia University.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. STANLEY JERANKO, 5th Floor, YMCA Bldg., San Pedro, Calif.: "Since I last wrote you things have changed quite considerably -- it's now 1945 and the winter season has come upon us, otherwise nothing new has transpired...The damn hillbillies, especially the Glenvillites must be fighting this war all by their lonesome; everywhere I go in or out of the country they seem to appear with bright and shining armor ready to do battle. It brings back fond remembrances of George Firestone and his John L. Sullivan stance...My wife and the children, Bucky and Mary Beth, are out here with me at present and like the place so well they wish to remain here even after hostilities cease -- West Virginians shouldn't be so traitorous. They accompanied me to the Rose Bowl game which we enjoyed immensely but the score didn't quite suit our fancy...See where "Ole Man Mose" Withers was in town for the holidays. It sure does my heart good to hear that he is hale and hearty and able to make trips such as the one just referred to. He is tops with me even if he did flunk me one semester in some damn trashy English course -- he's the only geezer that ever got the chance to do that to me...See where you were honored with a visit from those esteemed gladiators Lts. Rohrbough and Ratliff. Did either of them have his flagship tied up on the Little Kanawha? I want to get back there myself some day and wish to know if the river is still navigable. The last time I saw it Butch Beall had it pumped practically dry. My flagship draws about a quart, but with guests aboard a half gallon will suffice; has been known to run aground with less... Sorry not to have any news for the Horse's Mouth other than a nasty rumor being spread hereabouts that this man Roosevelt has an outside chance to defeat Hoover in the coming election, however no basis can be established and no verification is forthcoming from official sources, therefore, there is no immediate reason to become alarmed...This guy Byrnes sure is raising a lot of hell about someone or another working or maybe it's because this someone isn't working -- it hasn't been so long ago the WPA had to provide such things. How times do change! Sure hope he doesn't put me to work for it's hard to get out of the habit of loafing. Then there is the problem of overtime -- we'll reserve that for the next sermon... Understand that Hap Whiting has been afflicted with "skull pains". Is there any truth to this report? Last reports had Hap sitting under a palm tree with both arms occupied, but complaining. Strict secrecy shrouds that Jasper's capers...How much truth is there in the report that Wib Beall has reconverted his Grill into a munitions plant ostensibly to make gum drops for the allies, but actually and factually as a ruse to keep from serving chocolate milks to the one remaining male member of the GSC student body...It has been reliably reported that Charlie Checkerboard is responsible for the recent elevation of "Judge" Marsh to the most honorable position of Colonel. Thad Byrne must have fallen asleep at the

switch...Things look mighty rough from here, but the road just across the bay is much smoother, I'm told. My regards to all and sundry."

SGT. GEORGE E. SCHROCK, 177th Ord. Depot Co., APO 248, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Philippine Islands: "I finally got off that boat I was on when I wrote you that last letter and have landed. Things have been so hot that I just found a few minutes of spare time to say things are well in hand...I have had some exciting moments here and I don't mean they were fun either...I am trying to write this letter in a blackout, but the moon is pretty bright tonight. It is very miserable when the guns are firing, and the flak is singing, Home Sweet Home. Tell everyone hello and hope they had a nice Christmas and a nicer New Years. I hope we can all be home next year."

A. J. "Joe" REED, S 2/c, Sm 7A45C, Sect. 930, Bks. 518, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.: "I am in SM school here at Bainbridge, but at first glance at my address one might think that I was a personal aid of the admiral. We are scheduled to be here for four months. At the end of that time some of us won't be here, but I like to think that Glenville will be represented to the end...I enjoy reading the HM very much. A few copies have been delayed when my address changed, but just like everything from West Virginia, they always come through."

ENSIGN RALPH E. COX, c/o CINPAC Staff, Fleet PO, San Francisco, Calif., Island of Oahu: "Recently I received several back copies of the HM and enjoyed catching up on the happenings of other fellows in the service...Since landing here I've met Lt. Robert Bonner who at the present time is living in the same B.O.Q. as I. I've met and talked with Lt. (j.g.) Woodrow Morris, a GSTC graduate, and two other W. Va. fellows - one from Clarksburg and one from Charleston. I am looking for Tony George who is also here... The duty assigned us here is very pleasant, if hard work can be called that, and the climate, living conditions, and eats are as fine as can be found anywhere - outside the U. S. A. At least, that is what they tell us...Since we are still as far from the fighting as we are from home we see the war from the newspapers as you do. Many interesting stories are told us by fellows returning from the front en route to the U. S. Of course you all will hear many great tales of the war, but we get the first edition as it were. Thanks for the HM and keep it coming."

On account of an amazing outburst of generosity among our loyal readers the HM reports that it is now coasting along on a high level of prosperity. We thank Freda Arnold, Leona Davis, Urma Sprouse, Virginia West, Mrs. Marvin Meyer, Mrs. Frank Martino, Mrs. Ancel C. Reed, Mrs. Ira Reed, Mrs. Ernest Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whiting, Wilbur Beall, and Butch Beall for contributions.

We should like to hear from Kenton C. Berry, Warren Lamb, James Woofter, Homer Moore, Kyle Bush, and Karl Danley. Also from all others who care to write.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
January 10 to January 16

We remember that these latitudes are called the temperate zone, but there's been nothing temperate about this winter. Temperish, would be more accurate. Ice, snow, rain, flood; more ice, snow, etc., for six gloomy weeks. Everybody slid, fell, got up, and fell again. The youngsters liked it, the oldsters didn't. For our part, we conclude that the guardian angel that has been preserving us from harm must certainly be getting tired of it by now, so, the next time Court House hill freezes up, we intend to lay in a stock of the more necessary groceries, disconnect the telephone and the doorbell and cleave to our own fireside while our bones are still intact and the more vulnerable points of our anatomy reasonably free from black and blue bulges. We might even read a book...S 2/c Puzy Luzader writes from Oklahoma that the fog out there is so thick even the birds have trouble getting in their flying hours. A tower near his barracks is said to be 100 feet high, but he wouldn't know, never having seen the top of it...Lt. Denver Barnett, a graduate of the college, a bombardier on a B-17, has been reported missing in action, but word comes that he is a prisoner of war in Germany...Frank Martino is stationed at the Naval Hospital, Ft. Eustis, Va., not in Florida as we stated in last issue...The Red Terrors came out on the long end of a 45-42 score in a game with Sutton that went into an extra period. They took Sand Fork also 60 to 44...Cpl. Linn Sheets is reported missing in action in Belgium since December 16...According to a card received by her sister, Ruby Bradley, former student, is still a prisoner of the Japs. The card bears the stamps of both Jap and U. S. censors and reads: "I am interned in Philippine Internment Camp No. 1. My health is good. No word from home. Working in camp hospital. Hope all are well." This camp is located at Manila...Sailors Carl "Popeye" Luzader and Leroy Hoover have completed boot training at Great Lakes and are home on 9 days leave before being reassigned...The Main Stem has been so quiet and law-abiding during recent weeks that a mild flare-up of hostilities between Haymond Horner and Buddy Alltop in front of Dump Garrett's poolroom was enough to cause quite a dither. Net result: Two bloody noses, and the HM didn't hear what the row was about...Carey Woofter's office at the college has sprung several leaks and Carey has an assortment of tin cans under them. Since he discovered that each can emits a different tone when a drop hits it, he has been watching carefully for new leaks so as to extend the range of his new musical instrument. His repertoire has already progressed from "Three Blind Mice" to "Old Black Joe", and he has hopes of rendering a symphony some day...Lt. Bernice Cridlin, former health nurse here, is now with a hospital unit in France... S 1/c Donald Barker home on

leave from Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois...Letters have been received from Pvt. James Murphy, former coach at Tanner High, that he is a prisoner in Germany.

January 17 to January 23

Bernard and Mary Graves, who have been operating the Log Cabin Service Station on lease for several months, have bought the place; log cabin, wood fireplace, lean-to, pumps, and all, and will continue doling out gas as usual, if and when they can get any to dole...Sgt. Lyonel Stalnaker, USMC, is home on 30 day leave after 28 months of action in the island-hopping campaigns of the South Pacific. He goes to Parris Island, S.C., for reassignment...S 1/c Roy M. Waugh back in the States for leave and rest. He has been in the Pacific area for 10 months. He ship, the baby flattop "Gambier Bay" was sunk in the battle of the Philippines...The Board of Education is having transportation difficulties. ODT has decided bus schedules must be revised to cut out all overlapping and deadhead runs. Object being to save gasoline and tires by eliminating any unnecessary driving...Hillis Cottle's brother Harold is reported killed in action in Italy...SOM 3/c Bill Luzader home on 4 day port leave from Boston, and displaying two campaign ribbons...Sgt. James Woofter, who has called Langley Field, Va., home for many months, has been transferred to Truax Field, Madison, Wis....Glenville smothered two of her ancient rivals in recent games: Tanner-Glenville, 25 to 46; Burnsville-Glenville 35 to 62...State Trooper Randall has given up his lease on the Presbyterian manse in Brooklyn Addition and the Ted Fultineers will occupy it. Our housing shortage is getting so acute that we expect any morning to find the Court House lawn sprouting tents for the accommodation of the homeless...Mrs. Margaret Prunty Smith, former health nurse, in town for a brief visit before returning to Tyler, Texas, where he husband is stationed after a long tour of duty in the Aleutians. She has a position in the Health Department at Tyler...Capt. Tiny Moore now has a DFC to add to his other honors. It was awarded for some especially hazardous flying over Yugoslavia...Margaret Ball Gainer, sister of Rith Ball Norman of the DPA, has sold her grocery store at Parsons and enlisted in the WAC. Her husband and only son are both in the armed services...Al Lilley has reconsidered the Oak Hill coaching job and will leave the Burnsville Bruins at the end of this semester...Ira Reed, member of the Board of Education, has been inducted into the army. No successor has been appointed as yet...S/Sgt. Bill Porter, B-17 gunner with the 8th Air Force, is home after finishing 28 missions over targets in Germany and the occupied countries. He will go to Miami for reassignment...Ens. Robert Reed send us a Fleet PO, San Francisco address... The minister's three year old son announced the other day that he knew two kinds of goats: billy goats and holy goats...Haymon H. Boggs has sold his house in Brooklyn Addition to O. R. Griffith.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SGT. JAMES WOOFER, Section "M", Bks. 2131, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin: "The Army pulled a fast one when they sent me up here to study radio mechanics. I would not have been more surprised if I had been given an outright discharge. My M O S is so different from this that I could not have imagined it had I tried... I will be here approximately twenty weeks provided I go straight through the course. If I have to back-track and retake some of the work over, I may be here much longer than that... There is enough snow here to do everyone for quite some time. I have not seen any bare ground since I passed through Cincinnati on my way up here; furthermore, I don't expect to see any for two months yet. When a new snow falls here the people merely push it over on top of the old one. This makes banks of great depth, especially along highways and sidewalks... I had hoped to see some good basketball here, but after seeing a heat between the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin I decided to wait until I get back home to see any more. Any "Pioneer" team that I can remember would have defeated either of these clubs in a walk. I imagine Wilfong's Class B Champions of 1941 could have done it... Truax Field is located near Madison, a city of some 80,000, which is Wisconsin's capitol. From what I have seen it is a pretty good town. Chicago is two and one-half hours away by train. I hope to get down there when the cold weather eases up a little."

Dear Dick:

I had twelve bottles of whisky in my cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle, or else. So I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good booze down the sink except the first glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the fourth glass which I drank.

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it, and poured the rest down the glass. I poured the sink down the glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork out of my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled and drank the pour.

When I had emptied everything, I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles, corks, and glasses with the other and came to 27. To be sure, I counted them again when they came by me and I had 74, and as the sink came by me, the bottles in a pour, I counted them again and finally I had all the houses, bottles, corks and glasses counted except one bottle and one house which I drank.

Your Gl-Glub-Good-Fren,

Eddie

Our faithful correspondents in the field have failed to make the deadline this time, and we regret the meager length of the "Letters" column. Could be they are too busy fighting this war to take time to write about it.

We should like to have letters from Bill Berry, Neil Sappington, Russell McQuain, Jr., Jake Fitzpatrick, Johnny Wagner, and Casey Jones.

The HM thanks Russell McQuain for a load of hay.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
January 24 to January 30

In our limited experience, a jail break meant getting out of a hoosegow by such violent means as dynamite, hacksaws, rope-ladders or holding up the warden with his own gun. In fact, until last Friday we never heard of anybody in his right mind trying to break into jail, but that's what happened when a McCall truck busted loose from its brakes on the Lewis Street hill. The driver turned it into Church Street, bailed out, and the truck carried its load of oil well casing straight out the Court House drive until it ended up against the door jamb of the jail's basement garage. Almost ended the whole rear wall of the jail and had a very disintegrating effect on the garage doors, as well as crumpling its own facade practically beyond repair. We don't know whether there is any connection, but we hear that a week later when Sheriff Davis was taking breakfast to the cell block's lone prisoner, the elevator stuck between floors and stayed stuck for some hours till Ernest Stalnaker went up in the attic and finagled the damn thing loose. We haven't found out yet who ate the breakfast, the prisoner or the sheriff... S/Sgt. Guy Bennett, Jr., and Pfc. Carrie Sturm, WAC, were married at Philippi on January 20. Guy has just returned from twenty-one months overseas, and will report to Miami for reassignment. His wife is stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, O. ...Sgt. Stanley L. Langford has been transferred from Daniel Field, Ga., to Miami Beach... Hazel Fisher has resigned her position in Normantown high school. Madeline Moore Wells is teaching in her place... Sgt. Bill Porter and Mabel Sullivan were married January 19 at Glenville. ...Asa Hardman, father of Ross and Russell Hardman, died suddenly at the Tanner high school building on January 27. Cerebral thrombosis, we hear... Charles E. Wilson, of the USS Endurance, has been promoted from Ensign to Lt. (j.g.)... Home on leave: T/Sgt. J. A. Shock, Coffeyville Air Base, Kansas; E. M. 1/c William G. Cross, from Seattle, Washington, after 17 months of counting waves in the South Pacific; Cpl. William M. Cutlip, from Macdill Field, Florida; Sgt. Charles Black, Greensboro, N. C.; S 2/c Walter Frame, Ottumwa, Iowa; Jennings Moss, Jr., Naval Repair Base, San Diego, Calif.; S 2/c Bernard F. White, Camp Endicott, R. I.; Sgt. Herbert Davis, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Pfc. Richard Lydick, Camp Swift, Texas; Pvt. Dorsie Westfall.

Barksdale Field, La....Sgt. Robert Johnson, Ord. Battalion Headquarters, Ft. Jackson, S. C., came home on ten days furlough, and his brother Billy came from Urbana, Illinois, where he works in a war plant to see him for one day, which was all the time his boss thought he could be spared from the job...Sgt. Fred Beckett has been missing in action in France since January 3...Cpl. Harold W. Southall has been awarded two bronze stars for meritorious conduct in action on the Belgian front...Cpl. "Johnnie" Jones, of Grass Run, was reported missing in action on January 5, but a later telegram received by his family brought the news that he had been located and was back with his outfit in the line...Mrs. Margaret E. Arbuckle recently celebrated her birthday, and the HM hopes she sees several more. She is ninety-three...Pvt. Ira Reed, member of the Board of Education on leave of absence and recently inducted into the army, has been sent to Fort Knox, Ky., to train with an armored unit... "What's the matter, Mary?" "I have rheumatism in my muscles." "You ought to go to a masseur." "What's that?" "A man that pinches you all over." "Oh, you mean a Marine!"

Some GI's when they got into Bitche, Said, "This is remarkably pitche;
All we need is a cellar,
The deeper the swellar,
To use if the bombs are too scritch!"

January 31 to February 6

A ground hog with any enterprise whatever could hardly escape seeing his shadow on Friday. It was the only day for two weeks that there was a suspicion of sunshine, so we may as well dig in for another six weeks. The prolonged cold spell has caused a gas shortage in this area, and forced some movie goers and pool room cowboys to either stay at home or go to church by reason of their accustomed haunts being closed up for the week-end... Hubert Zinn has been named a member of the Board of Education to serve while Ira Reed is in the armed forces...S/Sgt. Jim McMillen, was badly wounded in France September 18 and has since been in a hospital in England, has arrived in the States and is now at Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. His wife, the former Virginia Langford, has gone there to visit him...Mrs. Frank Wilfong, mother of Mrs. Kline Ralston, died at her home at Linn on February 3...Lt. John Hamilton, killing a little time with us while waiting for the liquor store to open, remarked that they didn't have anything particular for him to do when he was sent to Camp Lee, Va., so he suggested he could use a few days leave. You never can tell about the army. They actually gave it to him...S 1/c Johnny Wagner, has been transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for further training in radio, after several weeks in Gulfport, Miss....J. W. Bonner, of Lockney, father of Lt. Robert Bonner, has retired after thirty-five years of service with the Hope Natural Gas Company. ...Lt. Howard Lindell, a recreation director stationed in France, sends an address and asks to be added to the HM's list of thirteen and a half readers. (The

half is a pickaninny in the Solomons.)... Lt. and Mrs. Creed Barton (Nancy Wolfe) here from Norfolk, Va. He is slated for immediate overseas duty and Nancy will remain at her home near DeKalb...Lt. Roland Holt, Jr., a Navy pilot, here for a short visit with his dad; editor of the Pathfinder. Home from many months in the South Pacific he finds this West Virginia winter hard to take after the hot spots and hotter times he has been used to... Doil Fitzpatrick, who has been janitoring at the high school for a double handful of years, died at his home in Glenville early Monday morning, February 5, of asthma and complications...Major Francis "Bus" Fisher is at home in Parkersburg on leave while recovering from serious wounds received in the Pacific area. He has been overseas for over two years...T/5 Sammy Reese is now in Brisbane, Australia. He is in the Singal Corps, U. S. Army...Pfc. Jake Fitzpatrick has sent his family a Nazi flag captured on the German border, and reports that he received nineteen Christmas packages...And that reminds us that we seem to be launching the HM into the blue with the odds against its arriving at any particular destination. Harry Pritt, in France for three months, writes that he hasn't received any mail of any kind in that time. Well, we can assure him that all those back numbers are galloping stubbornly along his trail and are certain to catch up with him soon... Sunday a sleet storm laid down an ice barrage that had everything stopped in its shivering tracks. The morning bus from Clarksburg skidded into town and decided that the going was too slippery for further travel. After hotel accommodation had been arranged for, however, the sleet turned to rain and melted enough of the ice to make it safe to go on. The afternoon busses were cancelled from both north and south...Red Davies, Earl Wolfe, and Patsy Palumbo had an Old Home Week-end in Baltimore. We hear that every other sentence began with "Say, remember when - ", and that the war wasn't even mentioned... Bill Sherwood, of Uncle Sam's Navy, has arrived in California after suffering wounds in the Pacific fighting. He writes his family not to worry about him; that he's "only half-shot"...John Gygax, whose wife is the former Willerma White, is reported missing in action on the Italian front. Mrs. Gygax was librarian at the college for some years... President Emeritus E. G. Rohrbough, of Washington, D. C., is making a short visit to the town...Lt. Izzy Nachman writes that he and Raymond Freed and Happy Whiting have made contact in the Philippines, and that he's heard that McArthur has several other GSC cowboys helping him out. He hopes to see some of them in the future... Home on leave: G M 3/c Earl Nicholson,, Brooklyn Navy Yard, after several months in the EOP; S 2/c Ernest Lee Marks, Great Lakes, Ill.; Pfc. Wilbur Marks, Camp Walters, Texas; Pvt. John Stalnaker, Shepherd Field, Texas...Drawings for Sectional Tourney to be held here March 9 and 10 are: Normantown vs. Tanner; Glenville vs. Walton; Spencer vs. Troy; Sand Fork (redrawn)...Recent Red Terrors scores: Normantown 50 Glenville 42 --- Gassaway 48 Glenville 50 --- Sand Fork 34 Glenville 38 --- Spencer 44 Glenville 27 --- Tanner 34 Glenville 46.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. STANLEY D'ORAZIO, Headquarters, 335th F. A. Bn., APO 448, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., January 14, Somewhere in Belgium: "At last there is a spot of time to express thanks for receipt of the HM and to chronicle a few experiences in the ETO. The army unconsciously arranged a travel tour which has covered England, France and this neutral country plus a corner of Germany. Unfortunately, the towns are battered so that the sights are dull and many of the people are in distressing conditions. I find the greatest value of travels to date is the association with the people whose ideals, customs, viewpoints, manner of dress, language, are interesting...My location makes it clear I have seen combat and its attendant unpleasant sights. The place from which I am seeing it may be a surprise to my friends - the seat of a liaison "cub" plane as an artillery observer. Our pilots fly along the front lines to spot enemy targets on which we adjust artillery fire by radio communication to our guns. Plenty of flak and machine gun fire whizzes by - hope the Jerries continue their poor aim...Luck has been with me in another way, meeting fellows I know. Even had a short reunion with brother-in-law Harvey Beall. It is a grand feeling to talk with someone from home, reminiscing about days at GSTC. I'd swap such a conversation, or mail, for the very finest G-I meal. Incidentally, folks back home shouldn't gripe if their service friends complain mail delivery is slow, because APO's in this theater have done a tremendous job. Supply units work overtime too, and have erased the shortage on cigarettes - each soldier gets a free ration of cigarettes, candy, gum, shaving cream weekly. Folks in the States can rest assured everything possible is being done to make life more pleasant over here. I was fortunate in seeing a USO Show which included Bucky Walters and three other big league baseball stars... Our Belgian hosts (we live in a house near the air strip) have been teaching me French. My lingo is weak, but I hope to graduate from the sign language class soon. Belgium is pretty country, mainly forest which stands out beautifully in the whiteness of the heavy snow blanket now covering the ground...In football vernacular, the Jerries made a hard down field drive, but the allied goal line stand was magnificent and now we are carrying the ball...Best wishes for what we all hope will be the HM's last year. Luck to all Glenvillitas wherever stationed."

SGT. SAMUEL J. BRANNON, D. O. P. Hospital Plant 4196, APO 407, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., February 2: "Today I received your December 26 issue of the HM, so you see I am behind on them. But I greet each copy with great interest and read them avidly. They are just about my only contact with the old home town... I have been convalescing in a hospital here in England for more than two months as a result of shrapnel wounds received in Germany. I have been unfortunate in

that I have never met anyone from Glenville over here. But then I have only been here seven months. I hope I have better luck in the future...England remains the same. You take the mild with the bitter."

A/C Charles L. Furr, 2111th A.A.F.B.U Class 45-B B.A.A.F., Sqd. B-1, Blytheville, Ark.: "Several weeks ago I ran across Capt. Harold Scott in Greenville, Miss., where he is the P. T. officer of that field. He gave me the information necessary to get the HM, of which up to that time I had not heard about...Last Saturday night Louis Romano brought his Memphis team down to play Scott's team, and he is the same old ball-hawk. We all had a pleasant time talking over old times...I'm now in my final phase of flying training here at Blytheville and if too much bad luck does not overtake me between now and April 15, I should graduate on that date. Say hello to everyone around Glenville for me."

We should like to have letters from Donald Barker, John Hamilton, Egbert Mollohan, Bus Fisher, Billy Cain, and Ed Rohrbough.

The HM thanks Mary Morgan Herndon and Elizabeth Lewis for saddle soap.

RED TERRORS BALL SCORES

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO
February 7 to February 13

Among the American prisoners released from the Japs when Manila was taken was Lt. Ruby Bradley, of Loondyville, a former student at the college. She had been in the Philippines since 1940 and was taken prisoner December 28, 1941. News of her release was heard by her sister over the radio on February 5. ...SoM Russell High McQuain, stationed in Norfolk, and S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe, Ft. Belvoir, met in Baltimore last week for a week-end visit to the city's hotspots. ...Mrs. Floy Decker has gone visiting to Arizona. Two of her sons, Billy and Joe, are at Yuma and Kingman respectively...The college has enrolled its first war veteran freshman, Raymond Taylor of Richwood. Recently of the Marine Third

Division and the fighting in the Pacific. After spending several months in various hospital recovering from a wound in his leg, he has received a medical discharge. ...Fashion note: "Women are wearing the same things in brassieres this year."... Pvt. Harry Pritt is back in a hospital after being wounded for the second time in the fighting on the Belgian front... Pfc. Damon West has been transferred from San Pedro, Calif., to Camp Howze, Texas. His brother Clive has been on the European front since D-day... Skeebo has ditched the Ludwik Cass plant in favor of a war job with the Goodyear Rubber Co. in Akron. The HM wonders if it would be worth while to consult him about getting us four tires equipped with an automobile... Lt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker stopping over for three days enroute from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., to Chanute Field, Ill., for 30 days special training... Raymond Freed, former instructor at the college, now with the Red Cross in the Philippines reports that the RC center serves coffee and cokes to all soldiers who come around, from four starred generals down to two privates who arrived aboard a water buffalo. The generals stepped up and took theirs over the counter like everybody else, but the buffalo's passengers got curb service - but fast!... Lt. Harold Gainer, Camp Anza, Calif., has been promoted to Captain... Lt. Howard Lindell, USNR, stationed at a rest and rehabilitation camp near Dartmouth, England. He is a welfare and recreation officer... Cpl. Charlotte Hyer, USMC, stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., writes that she and the South regard each other with mutual dis-esteem... Lt. Randall McKinney, former coach at Grafton, is now adjutant to Lt. Cmdr. Theodore Menke, regimental commander of Callaghan unit on a U. S. Naval training center. Ran formerly served 23½ months on the battleship "New York."... H. L. White, Chairman of the War Price & Rationing Board, has written a history of the board and its activities at the request of Bessie Bell, who is collecting various historical data on Gilmer County's part in the war... John Shuman has opened a fruit and vegetable market in John Stalnaker's old barber shop in the Gainer building. His first window displays were apt to be a bunch of wilted celery, and a discouraged cabbage or two, but of late he puts out apples and lettuce that are plenty luscious looking... Mrs. Allie Miles died at her home in Glenville on Feb. 9 and was buried at Otterbein cemetery Feb. 12... T/Sgt. Charles Mick has completed 30 missions over Europe as a gunner on a B-24, and is now at the Air Forces Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, for reassignment. He has been awarded the DFC and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters... Twenty-six men left Feb. 14 for the induction center at Huntington. They were assigned to various army training centers, except Stanley West, who was accepted by the Navy and assigned to Great Lakes for boot training... Home on leave: T/Sgt. Page Smith; 22 days furlough from Woodrow Wilson Hospital at Staunton, Va.; S/Sgt. Fred Miles, Camp Robinson, Ark., called home by his mother's death; Pvt. Junior A. Post, Camp Walters, Texas; Pvt. Lester D. Putnam, Camp Gordon, Ga.

George M. Tharp, former GSC student, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is a B-29 pilot, at present stationed at Phoenix, Ariz... Cpl. Goff "Gink" Summers reports from England that he and the war and making out right well at present, what with brick barracks, steam heat, and plenty of pin-ups... Marjorie Wiant and Claude Dobbins were married February 10, at Clarksburg, and will live in Akron, where Claude works for Good-year... SK 2/c Arlena Walton, USNTC, brightening the Main Stem, with her snazzy uniform on ten days leave from Bainbridge, Md... Grace Summers Smith, Sand Fork teacher, has received word from the War Department that her husband S/Sgt Robert H. Smith has been seriously wounded in action in France. Sgt. Smith recently transferred from the Military Police to the infantry... SOM 3/c Billy Luzader, a small blue island entirely surrounded by girls, home on week-end pass... Ruth Fitzpatrick and Orville Wolfe, defying superstition, were married February 13... S 1/c Jesse Lilly writes from Alamoda, Calif., and signs his letter "Muscles". Huh! Throwing his weight around just because his basketball team has won their 20th straight victory... Cpl. Lloyd George Wolfe has contacted Hap Whiting and Izzy Nachman in the Philippines. These West-by-God-Virginians are a clannish lot and if three of them get together they can whip up an Old Home Week anywhere in the world... The Ruddell Reeds have left for Hays, Kansas for a short visit with their son, Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr... Public school caretakers don't agree with Shakespeare about the lack of importance of a name. They want the legislature to direct everybody to call them "custodians" instead of "janitors"... John Baker Ellis has received his wings and commission as second lieutenant at the Big Spring Bombardier School, Big Spring, Texas. Home on 15 days leave, he returns to Texas for reassignment... James P. Norman has enlisted in the Merchant Marine and leaves these parts March 6... Home on leave: T/5 Lester V. Messenger, Camp Livingstone, La.; A/S James Clifford Cool, Great Lakes; Pvt. Hoy S. Keith, 169th QM Co., Charleston, S. C.; S/Sgt. Aubrey F. Goff, Hunter Field, Ga... The Gilmer County Chapter, American Red Cross, had an open meeting Feb. 19, with a film of the organization's foreign activities and a lecture by Miss Mary J. Barnes, a field worker, who has been in India for two years. The annual drive for Red Cross memberships and contributions will begin March 1. The county quota for this year is \$5300.00... The Selective Service Board wants 122 men for pre-induction examination on Feb. 22. That leaves about 14 on the Board's list to satisfy the next call when it comes, not counting the grandfathers and the pre-school ages... Sailor Frank Percy in town after several months in the Pacific area. His ship was part of the force making possible the Philippine landings... Circuit Court convened and found itself involved in divorce cases diluted by a few chancery suits. No criminal cases. No juries. Inference: Gilmer Countians are law-abiding but impossible to get along with.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. (jg) NEILL SAPPINGTON, U.S.S. LST 663, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif., In the Philippines: "I have been getting the HM quite regularly, and it keeps me up on most of the gang although there are a lot of Joe's therein that I don't know that came to Pioneer school after I left some ten years ago...Not a whole lot I can tell you. You knew, of course, that we took Izzy Nachman to Leyte on the invasion there back in October on this tub. Had the good luck a couple a weeks ago to run into him again, and we pitched a little binge on spiked beer and you couldn't guess who the third member of the party was. Nobody but our ole pal and comrade, Hap Whiting. We had quite a bull session between drinks.. May get a chance to see Iz again, but Hap has moved to another one of these 7000 islands in the Philippine chain. I know which one but am not at liberty to put it out. On one of our runs we had a Glenville boy aboard, a Sgt. Hoover. Don't know his first name but he was in the infantry. Possibly some of the town folk know of whom I refer...Had a letter from Stan Jeranko recently who is with naval intelligence at San Pedro. My old buddy Rex Pyles wrote me from San Diego, but I think he is out this way now on an APA. See by the HM that Tony Chabut, Madison Whiting and others are out this way. Hope I get a chance to bump into 'em...Are Miss James and Miss Olsen still on the hill? And Miss Bell? If so give 'em a hello for me. Also my good friend Laban White...Was on my third invasion last month at Lingayen Gulf on Luzon. Wasn't too rough, at least we didn't run into much trouble."

PFC. ANDREW EDWARDS, 900th Signal Co. Depot Avn., APO 149, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Somewhere in Belgium: "Since landing in France I have seen some places that have been very interesting although several instances were not very pleasant. I saw the ruins of St. Lo shortly after the great battle there, the city of Rennes, Le Mans, Paris and its vicinity and now this city in Belgium. I have been to Paris quite a few times but many of the interesting things are in storage and the gaiety and bright night life has not reached the point of peacetime cheerfulness...Heard from Stan D'Orazio and he is now stationed in Eastern France. Said he spent some time in Nancy which is not too far from the front and that he had flown as a cub liaison observer over a corner of Germany...I haven't seen a basket ball game since I refereed the Glenville-West Virginia Tech game at Montgomery in Jan. 1943. In fact I haven't seen any kind of sport since I have been over here. My favorite sport, baseball, is limited over here as it takes quite a large space and a good bit of equipment...The only news I get about the old grads is through the HM and it makes me think of some of the "bull sessions" we had at the dorm...Give my regards to all my friends."

PFC. CLIVE WEST, Ser. Btry., 56th F.A. Bn., APO 8, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Germany: "I have been roaming around a lot since we arrived in France soon after

D-Day. Have been in and close to some of the hardest fighting that has taken place since the invasion...At present I am some where in Germany. I have been in France, Belgium, and Holland...So far I've been lucky and haven't received a scratch which suits me fine...Most of the time we are very busy. It takes a lot of supplies to keep things going. I know of several Gilmer County boys around here, but so far I haven't seen any of them."

LT. HOWARD LINDELL, Navy 416, FPO, New York, N. Y., Sandridge Park, Devon: "I was very pleased to get some back copies of the HM as I have lost contact with most of those I went to school with. What I wouldn't give to be able to attend a good old fashioned Homecoming at Glenville when this things is all over...Tell anyone who is near Dartmouth (the English Naval Academy used to be here) to stop in for a visit, and I'm sure I can find a bottle of "Calvert" and some entertainment...My job here is Welfare and Recreation and the camp has been used as a rest and rehabilitation spot, although we have few cases of that type now and are about to fold up, we hope!...I joined the Navy on Jan. 20, 1942 as chief specialist in athletics and took my training at Norfolk; stayed there until Easter then proceeded to the Air Station at Kansas City. I ran a recruit training program there and was recommended for a commission in June. However, the commission was not given to me until I had indoctrinated the last of my 2500 recruits. I finally was awarded my commission on Dec. 11 and was sent to Farragut, Idaho. For 3 months I was battalion commander, then put to work organizing the various camp's physical training programs. On Jan. 1, 1944 I received my promotion to Lt.(sg), and a few days later orders came to be in New York. ...I first landed in Scotland and served as welfare and recreation officer. On June 8 I had an emergency operation and was in bed exactly 1 month. Was on my way home after getting released from my old outfit, but the skipper of one of the other outfits requested that I be sent to him to set up a recreation program in Cherbourg. After many weeks of work the set up was declared to be one of the best outside the States, so I requested that I be permitted to go home as we were cutting the personnel 40%. When I reached Plymouth all officers my grade and over were frozen for a job in Germany. I rested in Salcombe for 6 weeks and then came to my present job as I had been successful in getting out of the Germany deal. What happens from here on, only God and the Navy knows...Regards to everyone in the services."

JOHN L. WAGNER, s 1/c, Bks. 14, Class 6, Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas: "I came here from Gulfport, Miss., the base the seabees left behind. Corpus is mighty good in comparison. Most things are sitting pretty for us, including the weather...I'll be here 23 weeks and by that time we will have covered enough ground for the Navy to consider us fit for action as ART's (Aviation radio technicians)...Last week I visited Lt. Mate and family. I first met him at a basket ball game

between Ward Island and NAS. Quite naturally, the teams weren't what we were used to seeing...Haskel Pears is in the ART program here several classes ahead of me...This week end some of us are hoping to see a little of Mexico. Corpus is a pretty fair liberty town with beaches and fishing, and Houston and San Antonio not too far away. The most important thing I've learned since I've been here is that Texas is a huge state, with a lot of nothing in between the cities."

The HM thanks Howard Lindell for hay. We should like to hear from Clair Boso, Nelson Wells, Leon Smith, Gary Oles, and Meredith Sisk.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO

February 21 to February 27

Butch Beall got a carton of cigarettes from his nephew Dick, who works in a airplane factory in California. They didn't happen to be Butch's favorite brand so he took them down to Ruddell Reed's store to trade them in. Ruddell fortunately had some of the right kind and agreed to trade so they opened the carton to see if it was a full one. Butch still turns pale when he thinks how near he came to trading sight unseen. Dick had carefully wrapped each package in a ten dollar bill!...Mr. and Mrs. Dick White announce the birth of a son on February 22. Nice day for a birthday...MM 1/c Paul Britton, formerly of Newberne now in the Pacific, has been in the Navy five years and now has a ribbon for every theater of operations in this war...Cpl. Olen Berry, aviation mechanic, writes from Italy that his B-25 Bombardment Group has been given a second distinguished unit citation for sinking the Italian cruiser Taranto...Pvt. Clyde Cumberledge is recovering from a wound received in France. He is home on leave from a hospital at Camp Pickett, Va.... When the Russians moved in on eastern Germany they over-ran some prison camps, among which was Sagan where Lt. John Barnett has been for many months. Some prisoners were liberated but dispatches have made no mention of the Americans flyers known to be there...Pfc. Edna McQuain, WAC, is reported drowned in New Guinea. She had been at her overseas post about a month...Seaman Jack Luzader is still fighting Oklahoma weather. Says the wind blows dust in your face when you are standing ankle deep in mud...Lyle Satterfield's car caught fire the other night, and burned up everything except the tires. ...The liquor store has been featuring some second hand furniture in its window. Icky Murphy, proprietor, has placed a vacant-faced doll in an arm-chair, but we don't know whether it's for sale or just to give the idea that the chair is comfortable...S 1/c Dale Vanhorn, home on leave after being wounded in action. He has been in the Pacific for a year...Jack Hardman, seaman, on leave from Duke U., wrapped his dad's car around a telephone pole, but Ross was so tickled to have him here that he didn't even cuss...The local postoffice has a new pair of scales. Perhaps the man who said that Glenville charged more for mailing packages than any other P. O. in the county will now stop trying to ruin Maggie Whiting's business.. Red Cross Field Director and Mrs. Arthur Moore have a son born Feb. 23 at Milton, Fla...The Old Tavern, once known as the Bloody Bucket, is being remodeled and will

open as a combined restaurant and pool-room. We hear that when it was being raised onto a higher foundation the underpinning mostly remained where it had been for a long time - in the mud.

February 28 to March 6

The students and faculty of GSC staged a Gay Nineties Revue Monday evening. From some place they had unearthed a few of the old heart-crusher silent movies to help enliven the occasion... Frank Woodford died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on Tuesday morning. He was the father of Paul and Carl Woodford...MM 1/c Herman Gerwig, USS Kawean, home on port leave from New York, got to see his brother, Lt. John Gerwig for the first time in three years when Johnny, who is now at Nashville, Tenn., after many months flying in the South Pacific, wangled a 24 hour pass and stretched it into an overnight visit home...Pre-induction examination for 30 men called for February 28 had to be cancelled because of high water. No announcement yet as to when the call will be re-issued... Cpl. Bill Wheeler, of the medics, has been sent back to the Belgian front after some time in the southern France sector... Darise Jamison, now serving with the 1st Army in Belgium, has been commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. He has been in the service for three years...Ensign Royce Snodgrass, former coach at Sand Fork, who was recently granted a medical discharge from the Navy, is now a patient in a veterans' hospital at Huntington...MM 3/c Bill Sherwood, wounded at Ormoc Bay, is now at home on leave...Seaman Don Barker home on short leave from Glenview, Ill., reports to New York for assignment to sea duty... Pfc. Samuel Wilson was killed Feb. 4 in Burma while serving with the Army Medical Corps...Sgt. James Woofter has been transferred to Camp Howze, Texas, for additional training. Writes that six weeks should see him ready to go looking for the war across one or the other of the oceans...Joe Wenzel and Alfred Hess have gone to the New Martinsville section to start work on Route 20. Joe is an expert powderman, and Alfred can take a grader and build a super-highway before you know it. It looks like the SRC has a heavy mess of repairing to do this spring. Much snow and plenty of freezing have done a record amount of damage to concrete and macadam surfaces... Petty Officer Robert Butcher, after 27 months on and around Newfoundland, was glad to see these hills again and didn't care who knew it. He goes back north again after 15 days leave...S/Sgt. Charles Linton sends us a copy of "Stars & Stripes" for Dec. 23, containing the account of the cold-blooded killing of a forward observation unit after it had surrendered, as told by Bruce Summers, who was one of the few who got back to our lines. The paper was mailed Dec. 26 and arrived here March 3...Sgt. Jack Conrad telephoned from New York that he had arrived safely. The English hospitals got tired of him and shipped him out...One of Burnsville's less peaceful (feminine) citizens disturbed this town's tranquility Saturday p. m., and Mayor Wib Beall had to invoke the law. The law, Bill Moore to you, found itself involved in a very ungentlemanly war for awhile until the offender could be urged up the hill to Sheriff Davis' cooler.

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

JOHN COOPER, R M 2/c, USS New Jersey, CR Division, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "Needless to say I enjoy your spicy little paper very much and always read every word with great interest. I have gone to school with many of the guys mentioned in it and know nearly all of them...I always take note of the fellows who are in this part of the world with hopes that I may contact some of them. Not long ago we were anchored in the same atoll as Walter Berry, but conditions did not permit a meeting. We did get in communication though...Several months ago I was at Pearl Harbor and Honolulu. That is the nearest to civilization I have been since the last of 1943. That was a very enjoyable diversion from the usual routine of many months at sea. While there I tried to contact Mr. Freed and Fred Shreve but Freed had come out to my country and Fred had been discharged from the hospital. Later I learned that several other West Virginia fellows were around there, but I did not know it at the time...Twice in the last year I have been recommended for a commission and officers training and passed the physical given by a board of doctors aboard here. Final approval is made through the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington and they concluded that I didn't meet the physical requirements... The Navy Department has announced that we rate four bronze stars. They are commonly called battle stars. A campaign is operations within a certain area or island group. The Navy is about eight months behind since the fourth star represents the Marianas campaign in the taking of Guam and Saipan. Incidentally in that campaign there was a sea-air battle and over 400 Jap planes were shot down and a Jap aircraft carrier sunk one day. Madison Whiting was keeping me company at a distance at the time...From all reports about the weather back home this winter I should be glad I was out here, and I read some press items that the snow is melting and the rains are causing floods in the rivers along the Ohio valley. I hope that everything doesn't wash away and that I am back before too long to see if things still look normal."

SGT. JAMES WOOFER, Co. D, 41st ITB, 1st Plt., Camp Howze, Texas: "This state is not as some songs would lead you to believe, at least this particular part isn't. It is said to be the only place in the country where you can stand in mud up to your knees and have dust blowing in your face...After a somewhat prolonged stay in one place (Langley Field, Va.) I have again taken up the sport of globe trotting, and in a most earnest way. Coming here has completed a geographical cycle which has seen me in each of the northern, southern, eastern and western parts of the country. They tell me that my travels are going to be furthered still more, and to a greater extent in a short period of only five weeks. In three years service I have not crossed paths with a Gilmer Countian. Perhaps I shall soon have that pleasure... The training here is of the most rugged nature. It includes real down to earth

preparation for destroying the enemy; in fact that is all it does include...I shall leave here for P. O. R. at Ft. Meade, Maryland, around mid-April. From there I will go to P. O. E. Between here and P. O. R. I hope to have a delay of some seven days, plus travel time, which I hope to spend in the fair city. This will be my first visit in well over a year, and I am eagerly awaiting it."

LT. NATE ROHRBOUGH, MOQ, KK2, NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas: "We are still in sunny Texas enjoying the warm weather and the various things which are strange to West Virginians. Last Sunday we drove to Brownsville, Texas, where we crossed over into Mexico and attended a bull fight. After seeing one in Mexico City, this one was quite amateurish and gory... My time is about up for shore duty and anything is expected by me from here on out. I have enjoyed fighting the war from this front just as much as anyone in shore based activities. They are all the same, except some stations are better than others and this one is the best for training and living."

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Region 2

Cairo	37		
Normantown	54	Normantown	35
Victory	38		
Washington Irving	40	W. I.	34

Region 3

Elkins	62		
Weston	47	Elkins	38
Fairmont West	35		
Morgantown	46	Morgantown	42

We should like to hear from Olen Berry, Casey Jones, Norris Gluck, Billy Luzader, and C. L. Underwood.

The HM thanks Mrs. Ancel Reed, Mrs. Ruddell Reed, Alice Krug, and Carey Woofter for horse feed.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO
March 7 to March 13

Jack Carroll's store at Rosedale entertained an apparently inexperienced hijacker the other day, who annexed all dough in sight and what the customers had on them, but missed collecting from the cash register. One woman who proffered a zipper purse got it back unopened with its forty-two dollars when the zipper stuck. First time we remember hearing of a stuck zipper being useful...The HM is in receipt of an excellent likeness of Sgt. Bill Berry, who is stationed at a Ninth Air Force B-26 Marauder base somewhere in France. His job is maintenance and repair of the Norden bomb sights at the base and it looks like he's doing all right, since his group has been awarded a

Presidential Citation for outstanding success in over 300 missions...Lt. Carlos Ratliff will coach the Iowa Pre-Flight baseball team at Iowa City, Ia., this season. He used to play with the Blue-field team in the Mountain State League... Dick McClung, county agent, has resigned to go to work for the West Penn Company in their Farming for Better Living program. His headquarters will be at Elkins and his work will not involve so much traveling on foot as his present job. He hopes...Y 2/c Patty Jack home for ten days delay en route on her way to Shoemaker, Calif., and from there to Hawaii. The ten days covered the time of the basket ball tournament nicely...S/Sgt. Charles Griffith also drifted into town for the fracas. All the way from Washington, D. C. ...The Ruddell Reeds have returned from a trip to a Kansas air field to see Ruddell, Jr. They stopped off on the way out through Indiana to see Leon, who is learning what makes the army march so much...The French Cathers have four sons in the armed services: MM 3/c Warner, now on sea duty; and the others in the army, Pvt. Charles, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Pvt. Foster, in New Guinea; and Pvt. Howard, Ft. Ord, Calif. ...Rabbi Appelbaum, scheduled to lecture at the college March 7, had to cancel because of high water, which was general all over the state. The Little Kanawha had valley citizens watching it anxiously three times in ten days, but didn't get high enough to do any major damage. The Ohio went on its annual spree and flooded towns and low-lying farms all the way from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi...Lt. (j. g.) Warren Lamb is a patient at a hospital in the Aleutians...Pvt. Harry Pritt is back in active service after being wounded a second time on the European front. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Infantryman's badge... S 1/c and Mrs. Shummie Hines announce the birth of a son, March 12, at Clarksburg. Shummie is somewhere in the Pacific area...A rural mail carrier comes up with the first fish story of this or any year. Seems his jallopy got stuck in a mud hole that the creek had left when the water got over the road. After working on the problem for some time he decided the only thing to do was to drain the water off and when he'd done that there was a sizable fish flopping about among the car wheels... Home on leave: S/Sgt. James L. McMillen, wounded in France, from Thayer Hospital, Nashville Tenn.; Pvt. John R. Robinson, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; Pvt. Oren James Heckert, Ft. Meade, Md.; T/4 Cecil Davis, Jr., Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; Lt. (j.g.) Frank Martino, Ft. Eustis, Va. ...Doc Smith says his garage apartment seems to have an evil influence over people who live there, or maybe it's the war or the weather or something, that causes them to have ructions.

To a Jap flyer:

"Ho, you crazy S. O. J.,
Down you go to fry in hell,
With your engine shot to glory,
And your plane a blazing shell.
You can take this message with you
To the other little chimps:
Make a place for Hirohito,
He's about to join the imps."

March 14 to March 20

The calendar says spring is here, or will be tomorrow. A lot of fat, pompous robins have been saying the same thing ever since they arrived from the south three weeks ago, so there may be something in it. It was pure propaganda, though, when those silly birds started it. Talking about spring with snow inches deep everywhere and Court House hill still so icy and dangerous for men or machines. They should know better, but robins never seem to learn anything; always come rushing back north in February in a perfect tizzy for fear the grass will start growing without them. Which reminds us of the manpower shortage among grass-cutters, and has us wondering whether to chauffeur the lawn-mower ourself this summer or just to give up and let the grass grow. Of course, we could get a couple of sheep or a cow to keep it gnawed off, but like as not the neighbors would object...Pvt. Catherine Withers, WAC, is at Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Staunton, Va., for treatment of an elbow injured in a basket ball game...S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe home on a week-end pass from Ft. Belvoir, Va. Says Adele Harpold Walsh of the Red Cross is still stationed there...Engelbert Sauritch, who works at the Ludwik Glass plant, has moved into the Worthy Davis house in Brooklyn Addition...Mrs. Shay Moyers (Garnett Fitzpatrick) is still ill in a Baltimore...Skeebo Lorentz ambling along the main stem while on short vacation from his job at Goodyear Rubber at Akron...S 2/c Joe Reed, who joined the Navy to see the world, is having a session with children's diseases. First chicken pox, now mumps...Sgt. Jack Conrad, wounded in the fighting in France several months ago, is home on thirty days furlough. He was in a hospital in Dijon and also in Paris, and recently has been in another one at Bath, England. After his furlough he will report back to Ft. Pickett, Va., which is a convalescent camp...Mr. and Mrs. Junior Rhoades announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Victoria, March 16, at Charleston...Pfc. Harold Wilson, M. P., who has been on duty recently along the Mexican border has a twenty-three days furlough, and expects then to be assigned to overseas duty...And then there was the little moron who wanted to put girdles on rumors. You know how those things spread, he sez...Sgt. Gink Summers writes from England that they have baseball games with cans of shoe polish and a broom. Things really get hot when they change to light bulbs...Lt. Bill Whetsell sends an APO New York address to let us know he's on his way...Dr. W. T. Smith received a telegram from the War Department saying that his son was missing in action since Feb. 26, but since then he has had a letter from Richard that he is all right, so the report he was missing was evidently an error. The letter was written March 6 and postmarked March 10...Harry Woodyard, currently with Gen. Patton's Third Army tourists, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant...Mrs. Ruth Ball Norman, of the Department of Public Assistance, has been in a Cleveland clinic for some days for observation and treatment...Pop: "Stop that, or I'll beat the devil out of you!" Son: "You can't. Mom beat the devil out of me yesterday."

LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PFC. DAVID "Jake" FITZPATRICK, Cannon Company, 377th Inf., APO 95, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Germany: "A million thanks for every issue of the HM. I've almost memorized each one, cause there's never a day that our thoughts don't turn to old Gilmer County... Maybe I could tell you more about Luftwaffe strafing ability or how the German towns are torn up for "spring house cleaning". I'm sure you have heard much about the destruction though. As for sights, you can't begin to believe such things until you see them; then they can't be explained in words... Things are going swell. I'm getting a big kick out of everything... I meant to write after I landed in Normandy. But each time I postponed it, thinking I'd wait and write the "V Day" happenings... I almost ran into my brother Lonnie in France; then in the famous bulge in Belgium I just missed seeing Mac Bowles by hours. Right now I'm hot on the trail of Harry Pritt, Deacon, Tubby, and Uncle Buck Jamison. But things have been happening so fast lately it's hard to keep my ownself located... I'd like to write all the ex-Terrors and ex-Pioneers in service. But I'm sure each one understands. Here's hoping they are all O. K. and "hanging in there". I know if we all had our wish today, we'd trade for the smallest part of life in Glenville or G. S. C., or just to be one of the pool room boys or one of Crip Holt's tobacco chewing club members. Then what a bull session we could have, and I'm sure this thing Sherman calls hell wouldn't ever enter into the conversation... Certainly good to hear the honors via Tony Moore. Also congratulations on the better half too, Tiny... How you doin' Puzy. Good luck. Member we gotta little date in the next town real soon. O. K.!... Send my special thoughts to Coach Nate, "Olly" McQuain, "Bake" Ellis, Joe, Jesse, Orville, "Mamie" Whiting, Rod, Solly, and "Hana-Brew". Give my regards to everyone at home."

SGT. JOSEPH E. REED, Co. "B", 543rd E. B. & S. R., APO 70, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Somewhere in Philippines: "I have moved again and onto an entirely new group of islands for me. In my fourteen months down here in the Pacific, this is the first place I can honestly call civilized. You can imagine our feelings when we saw the Filipino people on the beach carrying white flags. Was a wonderful sight to see, and one that will long be remembered... Things are still pretty well cluttered up here, even though the island is about rid of Japs. Another consolation is that we are able to talk to the natives here. The Filipinos for the most part speak very good English and as a whole are plenty intelligent. Oh! but these customs (Spanish). They're certainly not for the average GI. I enjoy reading the letters from my friends in the service. Makes me feel good to know that they are doing their jobs and doing them well. That's what will play a big part in bringing us all home sooner, and all in one piece."

LT. COL. C. L. UNDERWOOD, General Delivery, Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.: "Since I was injured about a year ago, there has been very little happening to me other than the usual hospital routine required to complete the recovery process. After reaching a certain point in this process, I was placed on a limited duty status for three months here in the hospital as educational counselor and am continuing the work as a patient while waiting for a disposition board to meet. It will determine what my future shall be: line duty or civil life... This is a wonderful place where one may have for his enjoyment three very excellent golf courses, several excellent tennis courts, a fine swimming pool, fishing, and other sports. All that I have been able to use of these fine things are the trails where I've enjoyed walking... Best wishes for you and all of my friends in the service."

PFC. ADDIE HARDMAN, 9th Med. Depot Co., APO 503, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "I don't know who puts out the HM, but lately I have read it a few times and enjoy it very much as I know quite a few of the boys that are mentioned. Howard Scott and I are together now. That's how I got to know about the paper. We came over together twenty-nine months ago, but were separated right after we landed over here. But now, two years' later, we are together again somewhere in New Guinea... I would like to get the HM as I don't know how long Scott and I will be together this time."

We should like to have letters from Adele Harpold Walsh, Lloyd George Wolfe, Paul Siegrist, Winston Shelton, William Moss, and Jack Keith.

The HM thanks Addie Hardman and an anonymous contributor for hay.

BALLAD OF SHORTAGES

The Air Force took my gasoline,
The Army's got my car;
OPA will ration my steaks,
My smokes have gone to war.
My tires now roll in Germany,
My butter flies to Guam,
My shoes march north through Italy
By order of Uncle Sam.
My cookstove cooks in England,
Or stews in the Philippines;
My washer has joined the Navy,
And launders the sailors' jeans.
My candy bars go to China,
K-rations take my cheese,
And my money now buys war bonds,
Instead of things like these.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO
March 21 to March 27

A card from Pfc. Linn Sheets, who has been missing in action since December 16,

informs his family that he is a prisoner in Germany. He says he is well and was not wounded when captured. His wife, the former Oletha Edwards, and three sons live in Auburn...Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Willard Shreve (Marjorie Barnett) announce the birth of a son, March 19, in Washington. After some months in the Pacific area Lt. Shreve is doing a tour of duty at the Naval Observatory...Lt. George "Smoky" Tharp greeting friends here on a 16 day leave from Ft. Worth, Texas... The Medics basket ball team at Ft. Belvoir, Va., of which S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe is coach and captain, won the post championship. Out of thirty teams in the league, they were the only one undefeated, and in scoring they topped their closest competitor by eleven points...The county is going to have a canning center, and is also taking steps to make sure that there is something to can. Classes in gardening to tell the local gardeners how, when and what to plant are to be held by some of the veteran and (wind and weather permitting) successful practitioners of the community. As far as we are concerned, no amount of instruction could make us an agriculturist, successful or otherwise. By the time we get around to doing something about the weeds, the bugs have already finished off all the immature tomatoes and cabbages. The only things they don't eat are the carrots, and we don't eat them, either...Dave Tewell, blind student at the college, gets his degree this June. In spite of handicaps, Dave graduates with high grades and has the liking and respect of students and faculty... Cadet Nurse Frances Gerwig is spending a twenty day furlough from Johns Hopkins Hospital at her home in Orton and with relatives in Glenville and Buckhannon... Pfc. Tony Miller, overseas since February, has been transferred from the cavalry to the mechanized troops...Mr. and Mrs. Oris "Bud" Currey (Muriel McGinnis) have a son, John Garrett, born in a Baltimore hospital March 24...Lt and Mrs. Millard Cunningham also have a son, born March 22, at Akron, Ohio. "Shy" is with the 3rd Army in Germany...The HM acknowledges a contribution to its oat bin from a contributor in Anderson, Indiana. It is addressed to "The Mare's Tail" and the editors will gladly send him a few hairs if he will forward his name and address...Lt. Orville R. Wheeler, former student at the college, was seriously wounded on March 6 while in action with the 3rd Army. He was flown to England and is now in a hospital there...Lt. Sammy O'Brien, grandson of Mrs. Mellie O'Brien, was graduated from the Army Air Field at Waco, Texas, with Class 45-A on March 11...The Normantown Vikings won the State Basket Ball Tournament at Morgantown, snatching the championship away from Logan by a margin of one point. This is the first time since 1941 a Gilmer County team has got past the semi-finals and we feel the Vikings have a right to strut about it. The HM adds its congrats to the many the team has already received...Cpl. Earl McDonald writes from somewhere in Europe that he ran across Bus Mowery in a chow line recently. Not as good as meeting in the Grill, probably, but somewhat better than a foxhole...The college show, "The Gay Nineties", went on tour in the county

for the Red Cross. The cast fears if Petrillo hears about it he will insist that they join his union.

March 28 to April 3

We have a budding crime wave, no less, on our unaccustomed hands. Four would-be gangsters, average age fifteen and a half, robbed the till and the Red Cross contribution box at Pictureland, took a cargo of Dovie Bailey's beer without the formality of paying for it, made several unsuccessful attempts at breaking-and entering, and generally disturbed this peaceful village more than a little. Judge Fisher let them go until June on the promise of good behavior, with orders to Sheriff Davis to cart them off to Pruntytown with no delay if they flouted the law again. Hardly had Mayor Wib Beall got that difficulty taken care of when a howl drifted down wind from the Conrad Hotel. A citizen who had been working in Ellyria, Ohio, was home for the Easter holidays (too bad the armies were too busy to take a day off, too), and had gone to sleep in the hotel lobby. He woke up in time to see a man departing hastily and taking the sleeper's wallet with him. A chase, a' la Keystone cops, through the upper floors of the hotel ensued but both thief and wallet had vanished, and what's more they're still vanished...Pvt. Harry Pritt has been wounded for the third time in the fighting in Germany. He says the Jerries may be poor shots, but they sure as hell aren't blind when he's around. Before he was wounded he says he got close enough to Berlin to smell the polish on Von Ribbentrop's boots...George Rollyson, of the paratroops, is at his home at Rosedale on furlough. He was wounded in Holland last October, has been for some time in a hospital in England and will return to Ft. Patrick Henry, Va., for further treatment. He was in nine major battles before being invalided home... Pfc. Catherine Withers, WAC, home on ten days furlough after being in Woodrow Wilson Hospital for treatment of an elbow injury...PhM 2/c Joe Rodriguez writes that he is trying to enjoy life in the Philippines...Sgt. James S. Collins is home on 21 days leave after completing thirty missions in the ETO as a radio operator and gunner on a B-17. Reports that they limped back from one of their missions with two engines shot out. Those Flying Forts certainly are like the old Model A Ford in one thing: They take you there, and they also bring you back...Lt. Ernest Lee Arbuckle, with the 15th Air Force in Italy, was wounded recently during a mission over Austria. A piece of flak went through his check, removing two teeth and fracturing his jaw. He writes that he is doing all right and will be back with his plane in a few weeks...A/C Karl West telephones from La Junta, Colorado, that he is being transferred to the Air Field at San Antonio, Texas...Pvts. Robert Kellar and Theodore Bush home on short furloughs from the cavalry post at Ft. Riley, Kansas...Easter day was fine and bright and Easter outfits were out in considerable numbers, but for the first time since we remember the women didn't talk much about their new clothes.