

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. (j.g.) WARREN LAMB, USS Concord, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "Having recently made the acquaintance of your periodical, I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy reading it and at the same time say hello to all the fellows with whom I have temporarily lost contact. Of course I know I'll see them all at the first Homecoming at GSC sometime after DOW, but it's nice to know what kind of shuffle Fate is handing them in the meantime. Seeing so few familiar faces from W. b-g Va. makes me think that the hill-billies are an intelligent race of people. No one in his right mind would be seen around here. It gets so lonesome at times that even one of Coach Mate's stories about a "Redhead" would sound good. Proof that Sherman was a master at understatement...I have been aboard the light cruiser Concord for a year now, most of which was spent being Signal Officer and forming definite opinions about sea duty. Consorship prohibits my talking about the former and common decently the latter so I'll let the implication stand. I'm scheduled to take over the duties of C & N Division Officer so my headaches will increase. Only the spirit of John Paul Jones (he probably skippered her at one time) keeps this "rusty bucket of rivets" floating. I won't say she is the oldest ship in the Navy, but the last time they cleaned the bilges they found Eric the Red's ID card. But it also has its advantages. We are always expecting an emergency trip to the States for an overhaul. All mistakes in typing are due to the fact that I have my fingers crossed. The rough seas in this area are doing their part to get us back. I'm inclined to think that Balboa was not in possession of all the facts when he named this pond the Pacific. There were a few miles he didn't see from his coconut tree. When I return to civies I'm going to take a bottle of it with me. It will remain hidden until things are going tough, and then I'll break it out as a reminder that things could be worse. The brighter side of the picture is when we get ashore to bowl or play basket ball. We have a good team and have beaten every ship in the Task Force one or more times. In a recent tournament we tried to help work our way through the Navy by betting on ourselves, but we were so good we couldn't get a nickel down at any odds. I've been trying ever since to figure how we lost...A few days ago I spent a pleasant afternoon with Lt. (j.g.) Bob Grudier drinking green beer and talking over old times at Glenville. Our visit was cut short due to the fact that I had to get back aboard, and he had to get some sack time before flying the next day. Like me he's hoping to get some leave in the not too distant future, so I hope you will be seeing us both then. In the meantime I'm sweating it out."

CAPT. HAROLD SCOTT, Phy. Eng. Dept., BAAF, Ft. Myers, Florida : The Greenville Army Air Field was de-activited as of March 31. I, along with others, was transferred to Ft. Myers...I have been assigned to the PT Dept. and will be in charge of the Parachute Landing Course.

This parachute training is given to all gunnery students before going overseas... If there is anyone from Gilmer County stationed at this base, I wish they would get in contact with me."

PVT. MIMER REED, Hosp. Plant 4402, APO 667, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "I was wounded last October in Germany and was in a hospital in England till January and started back to outfit and landed in a hospital here in France...Sgt. Elmer Simmons is the only person from home I've seen so far...We are having some beautiful spring weather now and I hope it continues. I hope it won't be too long till the fellows will be back, and it will be like old times again. Best of luck to everyone."

PFC. WILLIAM GAIN, 71st JAS Co. APO 331, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.: "With yesterday's mail came a much welcomed sheet of Valley News, the HM. It made the second copy I've received since I journeyed through the Golden Gate and each of many days thereafter moved a bit closer to where the big game is being played. After reading the HM by flashlight in my present humble home I was prompted to write you of my present plight...As to exact location I can but say that I'm somewhere in the Pacific. That's not a very good pin-point location, but it's the best that can be given just now... After the time spent on the boat I resolved it was a wise choice I made by choosing Army rather than Navy. Not that I was sick, or near it, but there isn't room to operate and the scenery gets mighty tiresome...It was good to see land; any land; just land! What I've seen of it so far isn't too good in any respect. Terrain in general is even rougher than that of W. Va. Only one kind of tree grows here in any quantity, but the small animal kingdom, mainly mosquitoes, seem to thrive. Even so we have it better than many. There's a good PX, movie change every night, along with frequent USO shows from the States...So far I haven't seen any lads from home around. While I was in Coronado, Calif., I happened on to Rex Pyles. Later while on the boat Bobby Bennett yelled at me one day, and we had several chats about the hill country and the lads therefrom. He says he got a round trip ticket, and I' sure I did too, so we'll see you later...Was just this minute informed that I made PFC again, so in the future be sure to address me as such. Time now that I do something to make me worthy of that sudden thrust of responsibility. What say!"

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We should like to hear from Harvey Beall, Charles Griffith, Nicholas Murin, Tom Pierce, Albert Woofter, and John P. Elliott, Jr. Also from all others who care to write.

The HM thanks L. D. Zinn for oats.

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This week's simile : As conspicuous as a blonde hair on the shoulder of a dark man married to a red-head.

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For twelve years he was president of this country. A great man, head of a great nation; together achieving a greatness not to be reached by either without the other. His faith in the courage, strength and spirit of America never failed through the long and often terrible years. That faith was upheld in thousands of towns, cities and farms, in hundreds of factories and shipyards; and now is again justified on battlefronts from the Normandy beaches to Okinawa. He hated war as the nation hated it, but when war could no longer be avoided, neither held back from the heavy price of victory. For him, as for many another, the price was life. Now, his payment is made. Victory is close. It is time to build the only memorial he would have desired; a sure and lasting peace firmly established among earth's turbulent and warring millions.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
April 4 to April 10

Pfc. Jake Fitzpatrick has been wounded in action in France. He is with the 95th Division, a part of Gen. Patton's Third Army...Pvt. Leon "Sheriff" Smith has been sent to France with the 478th Engineering Maintenance Co., after serving for two years in Iran with the American troops who kept the lifeline of supplies open to Russia...Mrs. J. H. Larkey, affectionately remembered by so many for her unflinching kindness and cheer in the little sandwich shop at the end of the bridge, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Boggs, April 8. She was buried at the St. Boniface cemetery on Leading Creek... Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr., radio officer with a B-29 group, has been assigned to duty in the Pacific area...T-Sgt. Rymer Garrett has been awarded a third Oak Leaf cluster for his Air Medal for "extraordinary and meritorious service". He is engineer on a C-47 which evacuates casualties and transports supplies in the IBC theater of operations...Y 3/c "Casey" Jones sends Easter greeting from the Philippines. Says he still expects to find Happy Whiting around the next corner...Bobby Griffith had a little fracas with a bulldog, from which he was rescued by Blair Gainer's German shepherd. Bobby was bitten badly enough to rate a wound stripe but is doing all right at present writing. ...Mrs. Dan Haywood (Madelyn Beall) and two small sons brightening our avenue for the duration. Dan is stationed at Ft. Knox...S/2c Stanley West, home on short leave at the end of boot training at Great Lakes. Said a Brooklyn Addition garden was a much tougher assignment than anything the Navy had thrown at him... Cpl. Jack Keith, Jr., is transferred from Camp Stewart, Ga., to Ft. Jackson, S. C... Home on leave: Pvt. Clyde Cumberland, furloughed from Camp Pickett, Va., while recovering from wounds received in the fighting at Breat, France; Pvt. Ray Coberly, Camp Robinson, Ark.; PhM Art Coberly, Jr., from New York, 30 days leave after commuting back and forth across the Atlantic for the past months; Robert Southall, Medical Det., Camp Campbell, N. J.; T/Sgt. Paige Smith, Camp Pickett, Va., recovering from wounds received in the ETO...Lt. Leon Bell, former student at the college, was wounded in action in Germany on March 24. He is a combat engineer with the Third Army...Y 2/c Patty. Jack writes from Hawaii that she has her appetite back after living on soda crackers most of the

April 11 to April 17

C. M. I/c Everett Ellison, of the Seabees, whose detachment has been receiving special training at San Bruno, Calif., is scheduled for overseas duty somewhere in the Pacific area...Cpl. Richard Whiting, in the Field artillery, whose unit is attached to the Third Army, writes that their pooch, whom they had named "Bastogne", was accidentally run down and killed by a jeep. Everybody from the captain down seems to have mourned his untimely end, and we hope he was buried with full military honors... The medal offered by the Rotary Club to the member of the Red Terror team who showed the highest brand of sportsmanship in the basket ball games of the season was won by Bob Arnold. B. E. McCullough, president of the club, made the presentation at an assembly program... Pfc. Damon West and Edna Naomi Gordon were married at Baltimore on March 31... Pfc. William Boggs home on furlough from the Newton D. Baker Hospital at Martinsburg, where he has been stationed for some time. He says the hospital is being enlarged to accommodate several hundred more patients than it is equipped for now...Sgt. Denver Thompson reports that his 321st B-25 Group of the 12th Air Force has completed two full years of combat operations in the Mediterranean Theater...Arthur J. Moore, Field director with the Red Cross, has been assigned to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Whiting Field, Milton, Florida...The Red Cross drive for funds is going well over the quota of \$5300.00, thinks Mrs. Jane Berkhouse, Executive Secretary of the local chapter. Some of the districts have already exceeded their quota and several solicitors are still to report. A Tag Day netted \$101.55...Memorial services were held at both the college and the high school for President Roosevelt. The first announcement of his death was received with shocked disbelief, but that has now been replaced by real and deep grief...Lt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker is home on 15 days furlough from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., and is being transferred to Wichita Falls, Texas...The Red Terrors are expecting to have the best track team they've had in years...Leona Davis and William Montgomery Speers, of Landowne, Pa., were married Friday the 13th at Ft. Mitchell, Ky. They will live in Cincinnati. Sheriff and Mrs. Worthy Davis attended the wedding...Pvt. Dick Yeager home for ten days before reporting to Ft. Meade, Md., for overseas assignment

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CPL. OLEN E. BERRY, 489th Bomb Sq., 340th Bomb Gp., APO 650, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "It has been a long time since I've written, but I'd like for you and your many readers to know that I'm still alive and doing my part...We recently moved to Italy from Corsica where we've spent nearly a year. We are still doing ground support work and some long range. We were recently given credit for keeping the Brenner pass closed for 45 consecutive days. We have one Presidential citation, one cluster and are in for another cluster...I recently had a good long talk with Babe Thompson who is in another group of this wing. I also found and talked to Delmer Howell who is in this group. We entered the Army at the same time. His home is at Stout's Mills I believe...I was recently offered a field commission but refused. Accepting would have meant at least another year and one half overseas. I had other reasons too. The work I am doing is important enough for me to stay with it...I have hoped to meet others from Glenville over here, but so far I have had no luck. I guess that most of such meetings must be postponed until peace times. What a grand homecoming that will be! Best of luck to all of you."

WILLIAM T. LUZADER, Som 3/c, USS Opponent (AM 269) c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "Since we've changed FPO's I'd better let you know so I'll keep getting all the dope from the home front and far-flung localities...Now, having stopped on the west coast for three days after coming through the canal, we're steaming westward. Tomorrow we make our first stop. Nobody knows the kind of duty we'll get, for even though this is a minesweeper most of our duty so far has been everything but that...When I was in California recently I decided to drop down south of the border and see what it was like. Just as I was crossing the line I thought I saw a familiar face, and I soon found out it was "Wild Kitty" Wilson on MP duty. We couldn't talk long since he was on duty, but we made arrangements to get together the next night. That was the only time I saw him, however, for we left the next afternoon...Keep up the good work with the paper and here's hoping you can discontinue it before long."

ENSIGN BOYD "Sammy" LAMB, USS Tennessee, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "I just received three copies of the HM, and they were very welcome, as we had not had a mail call for about three weeks... Things have been pretty lively in this part of the Pacific for awhile. I left the States the latter part of January, and we were in the battle of Iwo Jima within 20 days after we left Bremerton. They really got us out here in a hurry. Since Iwo we have been busy, but I am not permitted to elucidate...I recently ran across Lt. (j.g.) Madison Whiting on one of the rare islands out here that has an officer's club. He is the first Glenvillite that I have seen in the Pacific area. I did not get to have a very long

chat with him as I had to catch the boat back to my ship soon after seeing him. We did not have time to have a beer together, so I hope I see him again soon... Did you know that my oldest brither Harley was badly wounded in the invasion of Normandy. He is now in the Northington General Hospital at Tuscaloosa, Ala. I'm sure he would appreciate getting the HM."

A/C KARL W. WEST, Sq. 00, PCU, S.A.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas: "We received the news of Roosevelt's death Thursday evening about 1700, and of course it was a great shock. I wish he could have seen the end of the German war, at least. We had a four hour parade Saturday afternoon in his honor. It was quite solemn and serious. We had two prayers and a sermon, with some musical numbers. Last we removed our caps and held them over our hearts for the benediction and taps. You cannot imagine the true feeling there watching the flag at half-mast, and listening to a bugle blow taps over 12,000 men. Not a plane was in the air, nor a person moving on the whole base...Yesterday, someone broke down and decided to let us go to town, which was really a nice break. I went with my bunkmate and William Rymer. First we went to the Alamo and wandered around among the antiques of the battle for the Lone Star State for an hour. We lost Bill somewhere and George and I went on to the San Fernando Cathedral where they were having a memorial service for the President. It was Catholic and Spanish, but we enjoyed it. The cathedral is about 200 years old and has a very beautiful interior...San Antonio is a G. I.'s town and prices are terrific, but we took in all we could...I hope I get the HM soon. I'd like to see the news."

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I held a pretty hand last night,  
So dainty and so sweet;  
Enough to make my poor heart break,  
So wildly did it beat.  
No other hand in all this world,  
Could, to me, such solace bring.  
I held a pretty hand last night:  
Four aces and a king.

- S/Sgt. E. W.

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We should like to hear from Evert Howes, Garnett Hamric, Isadore Nachman Guy Stalnaker, Jr., Robert Flesher, and William Erwin.

The HM thanks Marguerite Whiting, Alma Arbuckle, Mary Louise Lewis, and Clark Wolfe for hay.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
April 18 to April 24

The Ration Board reports that one of its customers sent in a request for ration books for her baby, and if they didn't want to take her word for it they could ask Dr. Smith. The Board decided that she certainly ought to know whether she had had a baby or not, and sent out the books without bothering Doc, who is a

busy man - what with doctoring the public, getting his spring plowing done, and selling a little farm machinery to the other dirt farmers in the county... Sgt. and Mrs. James Woofter, of Camp Howze, Texas, in town for a couple of weeks. Jim goes to Ft. Meade, Md., for overseas assignment...Pvt. Hayward D. Moore, on 60 day furlough from the convalescent center at Camp Pickett, Va., where he is recovering from serious wounds received in the ETO...Kenneth Adams, of the Merchant Marine, ran his dad's truck off the road a mile or so below town, and wrecked one of his passengers, Arley Riddle, who was thrown out of the truck and seriously injured. Seems that Gilmer County's cars and trucks are now so used to a 35 mile speed limit that they've forgot how to do fifty on a 2-mile curve...Lt. Orville Wheeler writes from England that he is very lucky to be getting off with a few broken bones, shrapnel wounds and the loss of some toes...S 1/c Ronnie Gainer in and out again on a 4-day port leave from New York...Pfc. Linn Sheets has been liberated from a camp in Germany where he has been a prisoner since Dec. 16...Tate Hyer has finally, after years of trying to beat a jinx, come to the gloomy conclusion that he will have to choose between going fishing and his job. He doesn't go so far as to say that the West Penn does it on purpose, but every time he leaves town with the idea of finding out where and how they are biting, things begin to happen to the power supply. Everything from trees falling on the lines, to floods, typhoons, or what-have-you...CCM William "Jake" Moss, of the seabees, is on Okinawa, and writes that the people are friendly enough as soon as they get over being afraid of the Americans...T/4 Alfred J. Frashure, with the 67th Armored Regiment, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic conduct in the war in Germany... Pvt. Jack Porter has completed the required training for his Paratrooper wings at Ft. Benning, Ga., and is now spending a furlough at home...In our account last fortnight of the fracas between Bobby Griffith and a bulldog, we credited his rescue to Blair Gainer's police pup, when it should have gone to Pfc. Denver Riffle's pooch. We apologize... Lt. Bernice Gridlin, of the Army Nurse Corps, is now stationed in France. Writes that she has lived in a tent for seven months...Wanda Smith, WAVE, a graduate of the college, has been transferred from Richmond, Va., to the Edenton, N. C., Naval Air Base...GM 2/c Eugene Miller, on 21 day leave from the carrier "Wasp", which came home to Bremerton, Wash., under her own steam after a Jap bomb went through her flight deck and on down to the third deck before exploding. Gunner Miller reports that they got the plane that dropped it and also shot the wings off another that came in out of the sun immediately behind the first one... Capt. Robert Hauman, wife and small son, home from Ft. Worth, Texas, where Bob has been doing some practice flying on Liberators. Says he may be assigned to a B-29 group later...On April 12, Pfc. Ed Hersman's outfit was the first into a German camp where his brother T/5 Ray Hersman, had been held prisoner since Dec. 16. Now, ain't that somep'm? Ray has been evacuated by plane to Paris and will

probably be home soon.

April 25 to May 1

Thad Byrne, leading hound fancier of this metropolis, is shopping for new dog houses. Reason being that the city fathers have decided that the shacks back of the Whiting House, including Thad's kennels are fire hazards and will have to be removed. As the dogs neither smoke nor play poker, the HM thinks an exception might be made in their favor...AM 1/c Bennett Stump, flying home from a tour of duty at a base in North Africa, was delayed at Bermuda and missed his small daughter's first birthday. Something went wrong there on the take-off and the plane with its crew and twenty-odd passengers went into the bay. Nobody was hurt much, but everybody lost all their gear... Sgt. Robert Johnson has arrived in the Marianas, after seven weeks at sea... Sgt. Prentiss Cochran, brother of Mrs. Frank Wolfe, is one of six men of the 101st Airborne Division who have been making a tour of defense plants in an effort to stimulate production to the highest possible level. They are survivors of the 101st's disastrous attempt to spearhead a break-through in northern Holland, and say that one reason for its failure was lack of ammunition...Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodford (Helen McGee) have a daughter, Helen Jane, born April 24...Lt. Millard "Shy" Cunningham writes from Germany that when he walked into his company C. P. to introduce himself to the new executive officer, he found himself talking to Lt. Maurice Shock. Nice...Ted Fultineer, USNR, home with a brand new ensign's commission and accompanied by a brand new wife, the former Emma Frances Fitzpatrick. He will go to Miami, Fla., for a nine weeks special training course, and then probably be assigned to sea duty...Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Archart announce the birth of a daughter, April 25, at Charleston... Sgt. Beecher Reed, back on leave from a long tour of duty in Greenland and Iceland. After a 21 day furlough he goes to the Redistribution Center at Asheville, N. C., for assignment...Among those inducted into the service April 25 was prosecuting attorney Arlan W. Berry. He was assigned to the army and has been sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind...S 1/c Jack Luzader has been transferred to Wildbey Island off the coast of Washington for special training as an aerial gunner...S 2/c George Belknap, on nine days leave after finishing boot training at Great Lakes... T/Sgt. Eddie Kennedy, with a tactical reconnaissance group in Germany, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. The group is known as the "Ramblin' Recks"...Mrs. Fred Whiting is recovering from an operation in a Baltimore hospital...Pfc. Landus Rhoades, USMC, is home on leave after fifteen months in the Pacific Area of hostilities. And we mean hostilities, in case you haven't heard. The grapevine has it that Cam got so excited over his arrival that he nicked a customer's ear for the first time in twenty years...We were invited to a Rotary Club dinner to hear a talk on price control. There was a record attendance and a shortages of waitresses, so Dr. Shreve and Rev. Moore could be seen beaming benevolently over heaped plates while they helped serve...T/Sgt. Fred McElwee is home on leave. He was captured in Germany Dec. 1 and escaped a month later.

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SGT. CLAIR BOSO, 76 Signal Co. APO 76, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Somewhere in Germany, April 21: "Since the last time I wrote you I have covered lots of country here in Europe, but I wouldn't trade the sorriest piece of W. Va. for the whole of this country. We were in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany - and I was about to forget England. All of them have some beautiful scenery, but we are not viewing it under ideal circumstances. If that were the case I might think more of it... We are a part of the third army and no doubt you have read of our activities in the papers. We were in on the drive that breached the Siegfried Line, crossed the Rhine, and are now helping to administer the final blow to the Nazis... This is a most peculiar country. Every town that we have entered has thrown away the Swastika and replaced it with the white flag. And all the people we have been able to talk to are not Nazis. They merely belonged to the party because they were forced into it. From their side of the story it would seem we are fighting the wrong people. But we put them down for what they are - a bunch of damn liars... Although I don't always get the Horse's Mouth on schedule, I get it regularly. We have been moving pretty fast though, and I'm hoping to be caught up in a week or so. I see that lots of the boys from Central W. Va. are in my immediate area, but I've never run into any of them. Things go pretty well with us considering the fact there is a war on. At the present time the biggest gripe we have is the lack of mail. So you can see things aren't too bad. But still I'd rather be home... Regards to everyone in the service."

PVT. JOSEPH H. NOROSKI, Co. "B", 12 I.T.B., Camp Wheeler, Ga.: "Don't let the Joseph H. fool you. It's still Dink except for army regulations. I was inducted on April 6th and sent way down here for my basic training. I would appreciate any letters from my friends and copies of the HM. My wife and son are living in Salem, W. Va."

HIRAM L. COX, S 1/c, USS LCS (L) (3) 24, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "I was quite surprised to run across Ensign Boyd "Sammy" Lamb out here a few days ago. He is the first Gilmer County boy I have seen since coming across. We had only a few minutes together. While with him I heard about your paper and would like to be put on the mailing list. My home is at Letter Gap and I'm a former student at Glenville State College."

ENSIGN ROBERT E. REED, LCT (5) 83, Flot. 7, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "I am now in the Philippines and they aren't so bad - much better than New Guinea where I also spent some time. I like my duty here and that means a lot. I can't tell you the number in my crew, but it is small and two of them are from good ol' West Virginia. Quite a high percentage for ones small ship... Give my regards to everyone and here's hoping we will all be together again soon."

LT. ORVILLE R. WHEELER, 4194 Hospital Plant, APO 407, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., England: "Received the HM today and want to express my thanks especially since it is the first copy I've got since December due to my moving around so fast. (Evidently I didn't move fast enough though, as I'm now stuck in a hospital.) When Coach Nate hears about me losing my toes he will say: "Wheeler always was slow. I don't expect he will even move until the play is over now." ... I was so close to the Rhine I could smell it when "BAM" and my ride was over. Lots of fun while it lasted though. I was hoping to run into some of the Glenville boys, but wasn't that lucky. I was with an Armored Infantry Bn. in 4th Armored Division; which incidentally got a Presidential Citation a couple of weeks ago - the second outfit to get it as a division, thus I'm rather proud of them even though I didn't last long... Give my regards and best wishes to all the Glenville people and all the boys I used to warm the bench with and for. (Of course Jake, Rod, and Puzy were my closest bench buddies.) I hope it won't be too long before we will all have one big happy homecoming."

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## V-E DAY

That too talkative senator at San Francisco and the Associated Press reporter a week later, with their premature announcements of victory, siphoned off most of the noisy rejoicing that might have attended news of Germany's surrender. This metropolis left the shouting, parading, and dancing in the streets to excitable spots like New York and Paris, and went about its usual affairs, thankful that at least a part of the war's heavy load was lifted. Anyway, nobody goes waving flags and telling neighbors that the war is over then those neighbors' sons are doughfeet and marines on Okinawa or B-29 crews whose ships didn't return from missions over Japan.

The radio had itself a wonderful time, hop-skip-jumping over the globe getting comments from the great, near-great and the un-great. President Truman in his brief announcement, left no room for doubt that the nation's entire fighting strength would be in the Pacific war as soon as it could be sent there; Eisenhower was dignified, but plenty forceful; and the best address we heard was made by the commanding general of the First Army. Listening to it, a lamb would have bristled right up to the first lion he happened to meet.

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We should like to have letters from Catharine Withers, Lynwood Zinn, Howard Jones, Gabriel Chabut, Billy Decker, and Frank Martino.

The HM thanks Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough for oats.

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Pvt. McPeep has lost his jeep,  
But he knows just where to find it;  
It's over the hill, with the sarge and a frill,  
And the colonel is parked right behind it

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Lt. Stanley D'Orazio writes from Germany, in a somewhat delayed communication, that "the last month has been a rat race after the long period battering at the Seigfried. Our division was credited with the capture of Coblenz, and has done a lot of spearheading for the Third Army. Am still flying as an artillery observer - received an Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster thereto."...Pfc. Paul M. Holbert is reported killed in action in Germany... Sgt. Forrest Messenger has been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in bomber operations over Europe...1st Lieut. Robert Campbell is home for thirty days from the ETO. He landed with the first waves on the Normandy beaches and has been in most of the fighting since...The question of whether Adolf is dead or alive continues to arouse practically no interest among local sages. General opinion seems to be that it makes no damn difference now. If he had died in 1935 the world might have benefited... RM 2/c Wm. McKinley Wright informs us that his ship, the USS Cogswell, has bought more bonds than any other ship in the Navy during the last drive...Georgia Pearl Stalnaker resigned her job with the FBI at Washington, and has returned home for an indefinite stay on account of the serious illness of her mother...Pfc. Harlie Wolfe, Jr., has been doing a spot of traveling during this war. He has been in Panama, Hawaii, the Philippines, and points in and around the China Sea...Sgt. Sexton Wright, in service since July 3, 1941, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service in the ETO...The annual American Legion citizenship school, Boys State, held at Jackson's Mill has been cancelled for this year on account of transportation difficulties, such as no tires and little gasoline...Servicemen on leave: S/Sgt. Charles W. Griffith, from the National Airport, Washington, D. C.; S l/c Bernard Roberts, NAS, Patuxent, Md.; Pvt. Adrian F. Conrad, after being wounded in the fighting in Germany, on furlough from a hospital in Jackson, Miss.; Sgt. Bernard E. Brady, Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; Cpl. Howard McHenry, AAF, Boca Raton, Fla. S l/c Lloyd E. Wright, USNAS, from Dallas Texas; Pvt. Charles A. Talbott, Geiger Field, Washington; Pvt. Lamar L. Fitzpatrick, AAF, Keesler Field, Miss... The perennial question of where the town's kids shall play has come up for its yearly discussion. The difficulty is the same as always: how to find a few rods of ground, not otherwise occupied, which are approximately horizontal...Two of the local citizens decided to get married a few days ago, and did, so far as we can learn at this writing; but it turned out to be one of those trial affairs, in which both parties are such a trial to each other that they part as soon as possible. The HM hears that after hostilities ceased the pair divided the canned goods and went their separate ways amicably enough... For several thousand aviation cadets at San Antonio Air Base, Texas, V-E day was the day the army decided that their pilot training program needed to be cut back, and the said cadets assigned to other divisions of the fighting forces. Cadets Karl West and William Rymer were among the disappointed ones...Adele Harpold Walsh has left for overseas service.

Yesterday the feathered population was doing considerable bickering under our front window. We found that Mama Cardinal was building a nest in our favorite rosebush, while a pair of catbirds flitted around making snide remarks about her building material, her architecture, and her choice of location. Mom tended strictly to business and paid them no mind, until Pop Cardinal finally showed up and said definitely he didn't like anything about the set-up; it was too close the ground, and there were too many thorns around it. A tree was the only place fit to live in. So Pop and Mom left, and the catbirds sneered and swaggered awhile, then went to work and finished the nest for themselves...Sgt. Louis Giboney is back in the States after sixty missions with the 15th Air Force in Italy...Denver Riffle, Jack Woodyard, Ralph Ellyson, and "Grumpy" Stump staged a Gilmer County homecoming in Luzon of the Philippines a few weeks ago. Denver says he has hopes of soon finding Karl Danley, who is reported in that area...Mary Jean Ralston is working in the Draft Board office, in place of Mrs. Bonnell of West Union, who has been in charge since N. E. Rymer was forced to resign because of ill health... Pvt. James Singleton has been transferred from Camp Atterbury, Ind., to Camp Hood, Texas...Sgt. Jack Conrad is home for a thirty day furlough after another operation on his leg. The HM hopes this is the last one...Lt. and Mrs. Nate Rohrbough and son John are here from Corpus Christi, Texas, where they have been stationed for the past two years. Nate is assigned to Chapel Hill, N. C., but Phyllis and John expect to spend some weeks in Glenville... Sgt. Beecher Reed and Barbara Messenger were married Sunday, May 13, at Baldwin. After his furlough Beecher goes to the Redistribution Center, Asheville, N. C., for reassignment...Bill Hutchison, former student, in from Dayton for the week end. He is with the National Defense Research Committee, doing research on all explosives used by the army. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Speers (Leona Davis) visiting from Cincinnati... One of our citizens is of the opinion that this war is getting really tough. Said he heard the enemy was turning gorrillas loose on our troops...Neil Albaugh, Jr., former student, has been promoted to Lt. Col. He is executive officer of the director of operations at Port of Embarkation, Charleston, S. C....Our air mail service is getting to be a big girl now. Six years old on May 12...Pvt. French De Barr, a graduate of the college, has been missing in action since Nov. 14, 1944, in Germany...SKV Billy Kellar and his wife here from Quonset Point, R. I....Lt. Joe Haight, AAF, has been released from a German prison camp...The county's bus drivers are being put through a week of tests and maneuvers by Fred Eberle, who used to twirl a mean ice-cream scoop at the Grill while allowing the college to educate him. Pud Luzader thinks that the drivers, including himself, may get passing grades but only by the skin of their teeth...Pvt. Harold Gaston, who has been in a German prison camp for more than a year, was liberated on April 12 and came home on furlough May 8...S/Sgt. Rodney Moore and Aletis Williams were married at Redding, Cal., on May 12.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. WILLIAM WHETSELL, 448 Grp., 715 Sq., APO 558, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., England: "I am at present taking it easy waiting transfer. We closed down operations except for a few trolley missions and training flights. I've been over most of the countries in Europe and over all of the British Isles since I've been over here. I flew a couple of trolley missions over the devastated cities in Germany and was low enough to see it all. We flew over all the bombed out cities along the Rhine at altitudes from 200 ft. up to 1000 ft. Mannheim, Coblenz, Essen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Mainz, Munster, Dortmund, Hanover, Hamburg, Bremen and others were nothing but piles of rubble. We flew so low the German men and women shook their fists at us and we retaliated by doing the same. I hope everyone in the United States realizes how ruthless and cruel they really are...Gen. Eisenhower came to London and the people in the streets just about nobbed him just to touch his hand. He is really a hero to the British and they all love him. He's a grand man and a good general without a doubt...I'm hoping to see you all before I have to go to the Pacific. We don't know what they have planned for us just yet, but we are hoping for a chance to see the U. S. on our way to Japan...I helped the war effort over here by dropping a few tons of bombs on German targets. I saw flak and the effects of it on my airplane, and I'm ready to tell you it is something to be afraid of."

LT. (j.g.) NEILL SAPPINGTON, U.S.S. LST 663, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif., N. W. Pacific: "Receiving the HM right along, sometimes late and sometimes on time. I haven't much to report, or should I say, not much that I can report. Quite a few weeks ago, and only because of the info I received in the HM, I was able to run down Madison Whiting. Got in touch with him via visual communications and met him later on the beach (at Ulithi) and we had a good session in between bourbons and coca-colas. He found that this ole boy had a much greater consumption than he did in that respect. Was glad to get to see him. Since I haven't been in the Philippines since mid-Feb. I haven't seen Iz Nachman nor Hap Whiting again. Iz was on Leyte and Hap on Mindoro last I heard. But I don't think Nachman is on Leyte anymore. So far I haven't been lucky enough to run into any other Gilmerites...I have pulled down a fourth bronze star, but to me it is just four too many. I was not in on the bloody Iwo affair but got in on the one after that...Pyles is still in Diego and Jeranko still in Pedro last I heard. Those are the only former GSC boys I am now in touch with via the mail route. Haven't heard from Nachman for some time...Hello to Wib and any others around who might remember Nate's problem child of '34."

PFC. CATHERINE WITHERS, WAC Det., S. P. S., Lexington, Va.; "Life is not all "hubba hubba" here at TC 87 - it's plain hard work beginning with first call at 6 a.m. until 5:50 p.m. (Incidentally

I live for 5:30's and Sunday's. At present we have some 1500 students here from army camps and posts all over the globe, learning everything from where to procure funds for building an athletic field to making improvised costumes from old paper bags for soldier shows. Next month - a new class arrives here every 28 days - 1800 are expected and among the personnel will be Cliff Battles, famed for football ability, and Desi Arnez, well known guitar player in movies and husband of Lucille Ball of la cinema...In addition to some typing, filing, printing photostats, developing pictures, and helping instructor in handicraft classes, this WAC manages to get in some swimming, tennis, etc. A great variety of athletic equipment is available here and that suits me fine... During the past three classes we've had enlisted Marines and Navy officers also attending ye school for Personnel Services. Those Marines! They do love their Jap teeth, bracelets, and hell-raising in general (apologies all Marines - it's really a swell organization.")

LT. RUDELL REED, JR., 330th B. Gp., 458th B. Sqdn., APO 246, Unit 2, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Somewhere in Marianas: "We haven't been here too long yet, but are really giving the Japs hell. These B-29's are just what the doctor ordered. We've had very low losses and good results so far. I have been in 9 missions which is slightly above average for the Group. They have lost two cities and several airfields from those few missions though. The weather between here and the Jap mainland so far has been more of a problem than any opposition the Japs have given us. From now on they're going to start catching more hell than ever... Tell any of the fellows in this neck of the woods to write or look me up cause I'd really like to see someone from home. I ran into Brooks Walker at the Navy Station a few days ago, but we both had little time and our visit only lasted 15 minutes. He's just here for a layover and then I guess after the Jap fleet... Incidentally we had that damn fleet shooting at us awhile back and they gave us a hot time and a couple of holes so I can tell them where it was. So long until we're all able to get together at the Glenville State reunion when this shooting is all over."

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The HM thanks Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, Mrs. Arch Brown, and Neill Sappington for oats.

We should like to have letters from Homer West, Robert Butcher, Earl Rymer Stalnaker, Laban White, and Ray Nottingham.

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There was a little lawyer man  
Who gently smiled as he began  
Her dear, dead husband's will to scan.  
And thinking of his coming fee  
He said to her quite tenderly,  
"You have a nice fat legacy."  
Next morning as he lay in bed  
With plasters on his broken head,  
He wondered what in hell he'd said.

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May 16 to May 26

The traffic light at the lower end of Main Street has been restored. No light means green light to most drivers, it seems; an attitude which ends too often in fender-crumpling and noisy arguments over who can legally claim the right of way... Pvt. Ira Reed, former member of the Board of Education, on furlough after completing basic training in a tank unit at Ft. Knox, Ky., says he has a diploma which reads "tank driver", but that he learned to handle guns, too, as well as getting to be letter perfect in how to wear a helmet weighing nine pounds. He reports to Ft. Ord, Calif., for overseas assignment... Cadet Nurse Monnie Norman home on weekend leave from Mt. Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, where she has been in training since February... Pvt. James M. Murphy, former coach at Tanner High, has been liberated from a German prison camp and is now spending a 30 day leave with his wife and small son. He returns to Albion Hotel, Miami Beach, for rest and reassignment... Advice from an old-timer to a two-timer: If at first he won't believe, cry, cry again... Town stores and offices have started the Thursday afternoon closing earlier than usual this year, so as to give everybody an extra half-day to work in victory gardens. Golfers, fishermen, and rainy weather come in for much harsh criticism by big plant-and-spray men like Wib Beall and Tate Hyer... Pfc. Linn Sheets Lt. John Barnett, and Lt. Joe Haught are among those recently liberated from German prison camps. John is in a hospital in England according to the last report received by the HM; and Linn is now spending a furlough with his wife and children in Auburn. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and when released had lost sixty pounds, a result of poor food and illness... Madelyn Beall Haywood, who is spending the duration with her mother, Mrs. Frank Beall, is visiting her husband, Pvt. Dan Haywood, now stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky... Jeanne Gainer's toy bull terrier, Winpy, well known on our streets these past eleven years, died last week. Of old age, and not of the meat shortage... Sgt. Edward F. and F 2/c Jack Hardman, home on furlough at the same time at their home in Orton, after long service in the Pacific... Cpl. Richard Berkhouse was wounded in the fighting in Germany shortly before V-E day. Not seriously, he writes... Sgt. Gink Summers, a B-17 gunner, has been awarded the Air Medal. He is with the 91st Bombardment Group... Earl Boggs, principal of the High School for the past twelve years, has been granted leave of absence for a year's study at Peabody Institute, Nashville, Tenn. He will be an assistant instructor in the Institute while working on a doctor's degree in Education... Som 1/c Russell Hugh McQuain home on five day leave. Tried to get it extended so he could play the bugle for Memorial Day services but Uncle Sam decided the Navy needed him back... Sgt. Junior Craddock, USMC, writes from Okinawa that he needs to get only four more planes before he'll be an ace. Early in May he used his BAR on a Jap "Betty" that flew too low over his foxhole and brought it down in flames. He especially asks that the information be relayed to Everett Withers, who always claimed to be the better shot.

One of the Army groups helping with the 7th War Bond drive visited the city Friday. Everybody who bought a bond at the show could have a ride in a jeep or shoot a gun, depending on his tastes and temperament. A couple of bursts from a machine gun takes most of a \$25.00 bond, of course, but it was probably worth it. For our part, we were greatly taken with the "Doodle-bug", an amphibious craft which we hope to purchase after the war for pleasure driving. The pleasure to be derived from attempted of any so-and-so road hogs to force us off the highway... Mrs. N. M. Woofter died suddenly at her home at Latonia on May 26. She had been ill for some years, but her death was unexpected... CM 1/c and Mrs. Everett Ellison announce the birth of a son, Everett Blair, Jr., at Glenville, May 28... Mrs. Bud McCoy (Tommy Larkey) and small daughter are in town for the duration. Bud left for army service some weeks ago... Duke Dent, former student at the college, has been appointed chief of Pan-American Airways electroplating shop in Miami, Fla. He has been with this airline for three years... Skeebo Lorentz's son, Billy Bell, was arguing with himself which he preferred as a place to live, Glenville or Akron. He finally picked Glenville, because he said he guessed he know his way around better here... Dr. W. H. Cramblett, president of Bethany College, made the address at the seventy-first annual commencement at the college. Thirty-nine received A. B. degrees. I. N. Hardman, '89, was the oldest alumnus present at the exercises. Three graduates in normal courses of 1925, Frank Cain, Willie Reed, and Lynn Holstein, received A. B. degrees this year... Sgt. Avon B. Wyer has been awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding service in the erection of a railroad bridge across the Rhine at Duisberg. It was finished on V-E day and is called Victory Bridge... Cam Rhoades and Crip Holt recently sought to prove the contention that, once you've learned to ride a bicycle, you never forget it. They were so certain that they staged the test right out on Main Street instead of trying it first in one of the back alleys, but it turned out that there were two sides of the argument. Cam persisted through several spills, none of them serious, before he gave up and admitted that he was a little out of practice. Crip did better, but didn't try standing on his head on the handle-bars, as he boasted he used to do. Cam suspects that Crip had been practising on the sly or he couldn't have made such a good showing... Mabel Wolfe recently sold a citizen a ticket to the show and noticed the man went outside instead of going into the theater. That went to tell him the picture was on and was informed: "I ain't goin' to no show. I'm waitin' for the Sutton bus."... The town fathers have decided that the ancient and decrepit Whiting House, along with the still more ancient and decrepit shacks surrounding it, shall be removed, making way for something that will be an adornment to that central location. We'll miss the old ruin, of course, but it is long past its usefulness as a tavern, and we suppose there is really no good reason for letting it continue to sit subornly in the path of progress.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SGT. W. J. "Bill" BERRY, 449th Bomb Sq. (M), APO 140, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.: "I have been in Belgium for some time now. This fact might lead you to suspect some startling changes in the Belgian way of life. But I am forced to confess that I see no measurable improvement. Outside of a slight upward tendency in the drinking habits of the immediate populace, and considering a more rapid circulation of the Belgian franc in the near-by towns, I am unable to report any uplifting trends. The Belgians don't seem to be a people easily influenced. They just go right on about their business of plowing the rolling farm land with their horse and ox hooked side by side. The women get out in the fields and work with the men. An advancement, I must admit, but I hasten to add that I had nothing to do with the idea. They thought it up themselves. Maybe someday, with the cheering precedent set by these Belgian martyrs, we can get the women to do all the work...Some of the people, some of the time, still wear those wooden gondolas on their feet. Just like you see in the geography and history books. Actually they only wear these wooden boats (or boots) when it is raining, which is all the time; or when working in the mud, as when aren't they? Now I'm all mixed up. Who started that rignarole anyhow?... The trains are of the dinky type. Little passenger cars, small box cars, and tiny engines and petite Forty and Eights. All story book stuff. Picturesque... Picturesque also describes a lot of other features of Belgian civilization. Grand chateaus here and there; occasional windmills; oxen and even cows being worked in the fields; little winding brick streets; tall church spires; milch goats; pigeons in the upstairs window lofts; and sometimes rubber tired buggies. No foolin'. The other day I saw a two-wheeled cart (buggy?) with wheels similar to an auto's, which was being pulled by what looked like an erstwhile fine racing horse. Picturesque I should say... Furthermore, these few examples by no means exhaust the picturesque joints of the place. Not at all. You go to a nice neat cafe; sit at a clean table and admire the general spickness and spanness of the glassware, chrome or brass and oak; whilst a buxom barmaid makes with the tall, cool and foamy. Peace drenches your soul by the glassful, and the woes of the world are forgotten until suddenly you realize that you have that certain feeling. You gotta go. You whisper in the ear of some G. I. He points outside with a knowing look (it can be done). So you go out back into a courtyard, or along a wall, or just out back. You stand around in embarrassment looking for what you're looking for and seeing nothing that even resembles such. Except of course there are two white bowls like wash bowls screwed to the wall at about sixth grade height. These bowls are surrounded by and in plain sight of the cafe, kitchen, and cow barn windows. You blush with uncertainty. But before your modesty is completely flooded a more accustomed G. I. bursts out the door, marches up to one such white bowl, and lets go with "It beats hell how they do things

over here, don't it?" You affirm his statement in kind and laugh at the picturesque patter... Then too, the Belgian likes his animals. He admires good horse-flesh, sturdy beef stock and proud poultry. He (the Belgian) is a thrifty citizen and appreciates the value of sound, well cared for livestock. And in keeping with the idea of thrift - especially thrift through good care - he sometimes treats his beasts almost as well as himself. By that I mean he just builds an addition to his house and quarters his stock in said building. This makes for excellent care since he can just walk down the hall and milk and cow and water the horse. Time saving idea - but picturesque! Come to think of it this combining house and stable is a pretty efficient idea. After all, it's only a few steps from the cow to the kitchen, from the table to the hog trough, from the manure manufacturers to the good earth. Saves effort. Of course, the proximity of the home to the stables, the manure pile, and the pigsty all make for a lot of the good strong earthy odors which are medicine to the modern super-civilized man. Picturesque though'.... Now as to weather. Belgium has a mean annual temperature - but why elucidate. It just has a mean annual temperature. That's all there is to it. Just mean - the year around... To cut short this rambling description, the people speak Walloon, which is a mixture of English, French, Dutch, and the noise of a babbling brook... This is a very incomplete description of Belgium. I haven't explored far yet. The boys tell me about Brussels for instance, which is a big town complete with modern buildings, parks, autos, statues, movies, night clubs, Red Cross clubs, cafes, Scotch, cognac, beer, wine, pretty girls, mercenary girls, music, hot running water, and for all I know a lot more. These last above-mentioned things are not picturesque and I only go in for the picturesque."

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The HM thanks Mrs. Stanley D'Orazio for horse feed.

We should like to have letters from Wilbert Brown, Charles Linton, Carlton Matheny, Fred Wells, Laban White, Jr., and Robert M. Whiting.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
June 6 to June 13

Last week Rosedale got worked up into a goose-pimple dither over a balloon which floated gently down into a tree. It wasn't big enough to carry a Jap sniper, but the citizenry had no doubt at all that it toted a load of high explosives, and they wanted it investigated and rendered harmless a little sooner than right now. So they telephoned for the law, and Sheriff Davis went over for a look-see. He brought back one of the balloons sent out by the Weather Bureau... Pvt. Joe Decker has been transferred to Keesler Field, Miss., for training with a B-29 detachment, preliminary to an overseas assignment... Lt. Joe Haught and T/Sgt. Fred Beckett getting a big welcome on the

Main Stem. They were freed from German prison camps on April 29, and returned to the States on the same ship. Also aboard was Lt. John Barnett. Fred says John was wearing a mustache of such length and rigidity that if you looked at it from behind you could see both points. The HM will give out with the real facts about this phenomenon if John doesn't remove the decoration before we get a chance to see it...Cpl. John Fryatt home on short furlough before returning to gunnery school at Kingman, Ariz. ...F 1/c Lon A. Cunningham home on 30 day furlough from action in the Pacific. He is a survivor of the destroyer Bush, recently sunk off Okinawa. ...ART 3/c Willard Ellyson with ten days off en route to San Francisco before leaving for overseas service. While on a five minute visit to the John Wagner's he rescued Christine Hyer from a bicycle spill and killed a ten inch garter snake for Mrs. Jim Keith, which argues that radio technician training teaches speed and coordination. Johnny Wagner writes from Corpus Christi that he has also made the ART rating...Something (could be the practically continuous rainfall we've been having) has disturbed certain of Brooklyn Addition's householders to the point where they are having their dwellings h'isted above flood stage. They hope Mabel Wolfe stepped off her back porch and suffered numerous bumps and contusions when she made contact with the ground five feet below. She said her ankle turned but we suspect that she just forgot about the house being three feet above the steps at the moment. The house-lifters are preparing to move on the Clark Wolfe and Sheriff Davis houses...RM 2/c John Cooper home on leave after 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  years in the Pacific. His ship is the battleship New Jersey. He and Lon Cunningham compared notes on the carrier Franklin. They had both witnessed the action in which Big Ben was so nearly wrecked...H. L. White, of the college, says that the halls of learning begin to look natural again, what with a summer enrollment approaching three hundred. Little clumps of students may be found everywhere, even in the library, we hear...Lt. Alma A. Vannoy, WAC, on ten days leave from McGuire Hospital, Richmond, Va. ...Sgt. Russell Porterfield is home on leave from the ETO with three battle stars. Says his brother Tootie is now stationed in Georgia...Albert (Jux) McGinnis died at his home on Stewart's Creek, June 10, and was buried in Snyder Cemetery...Squire Bill Kee is in a Weston hospital after suffering a broken arm from a fall on the steps of the Conrad Hotel. Bill Whitesel is also hospitalized from a fall from a ladder while he was demolishing one of buildings on the Whiting House corner... The Glenville Mercury has put out a Memorial Edition for the alumni and former students of the college who have lost their lives in this war. It is worth reading and worth keeping to read again.

#### June 14 to June 19

Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood, who has been on terminal leave, has resigned his resigned his commission in the arm, effective July 1. He plans to return to teaching in the fall...Lt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker has been transferred to Kearns, Utah. From there he will get an overseas assignment...

Sgt. Nicholas Murin home from France on 30 day furlough, getting acquainted with his 17 months old son. He still has a bullet in his foot as a souvenir from the ETO...Orda Chenoweth has undertaken to steer the liquor store along its accustomed orderly and unoffending way. Icky Murphy, who has been in charge, is putting in a grocery store in the building which once housed the Bucket-o'-Blood, of unfragrant memory. We hope the place's previous reputation doesn't corrupt Icky's groceries...S 1/c Gordon Rinehart has been promoted to coxswain (petty officer). He is in the Marianas...Seaman Joe Reed graduated at Bainbridge, Md., third highest in a class of 110. That got him a recommendation for SM 3/c ...S/Sgt. Gink Summers home on 30 days furlough from a tour of duty with a bomber squadron, based in England. They brought their planes back by way of Iceland and Newfoundland to a field in Connecticut... Ida Woodyard Westfall, grandmother of Jack and Harry Woodyard, died June 14... Louie Wohinc is building an addition to his glass works. When it is finished he promises not only to furnish customers with superfine tableware, but to decorate it as well...Student Nurse Ann Withers is home on 28 days furlough from Presbyterian Training Center, New York City... Pfc. Allen E. Conrad, on furlough from Thayer General Hospital, after 39 months in Iceland, France and Germany...Mayor Wib Beall and his entire administration were returned to office in one of the town's almost unnoticeable elections. The votes cast showed a sizable increase above the number usually counted and they were unanimous in endorsing Mayor Beall's regime...Everett Withers is in Hartford, Conn., learning the ins and outs of news broadcasting for his employer, W. & L. University...Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr., is a member of the crew of a B-29 which is engaged in industriously blowing up Japan's major industries...Buck Jamison has been commissioned a second lieutenant. He was given a battlefield promotion for courage and leadership in action... Lt. Bill Moore of the Navy is home on short leave after long service on the North Atlantic run...Mrs. G. E. Saeler (Lovie Belle Stuart) has gone to join her husband who is stationed at the naval base at Long Beach, Calif....Gom Huffman, of Parkersburg, scheduled to teach at the college in Miss Olsen's place this summers, has resigned on account of illness. The place is filled by Eunice Kyle, of Upshur county...Cpl. Delmar Howell, home on furlough after 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  months in Africa, Sicily and Italy. His borther Lawrence was killed in action last year...Lt. Orville Wheeler is back in the States after being hospitalized in England from injuries received in the Battle of the Rhine. While in England he had a telephone conversation with Jake Fitzpatrick who is also convalescing...Gilmer County collected and shipped 2500 pounds of usable clothing in the drive for clothes to be sent to Europe... To celebrate the lifting of the ban on horse racing, the West Virginia Turf Agency has donated the proceeds of four days of racing events to the American Legion, Dept. of W. Va.... Then there was the Scotchman who was punneled nearly to death because he thought the sign on the door said "Laddies."

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. LYNWOOD D. ZINN, MC, U. S. S.  
White Marsh LSD-8, c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.: "Today is "holiday  
routine" aboard so I am trying to get  
caught up on my correspondence. "Holiday  
routine" means authorized knocking off of  
all but essential work and watch standing.  
Sundays are usually holiday routine, but  
this is the first one we have had in three  
months...I know that I have been near sev-  
eral Gilmerites, but have not located any-  
one as yet. I get ashore very seldom and  
even then it is usually just to go to some  
hospital with patients. I have been on  
the lookout for Charlie Barnett's "can"  
and Neil Sappington's LST, but so far have  
not happened to see them. I hope that if  
any of my friends see the White Marsh they  
won't hesitate to come aboard...No doubt  
the HM has only a rather hazy idea of just  
what an LSD is or does. I don't blame  
you. When we first came aboard we had  
even less of an idea. It does not have  
wings, so it can't fly. It does not have  
fins, so it is not submersible. It does  
do practically everything between those  
two extremes, however. Originally it was  
designed to transport and launch assault  
landing craft during amphibious operations.  
It is no Task Force 58 ship, but hardly a  
dull duty either...Right now, the chief  
topic of conversation aboard ship is how  
soon the rotation plan is going to start  
rotating. The scuttlebut is flying fast  
and thick. Anyway it is pleasant to talk  
of getting home, even if nothing seems to  
come of it. Our eighteen months will soon  
be up...I hope the HM will keep up its  
interesting and versatile news reporting  
and keep us informed as to events along  
the Main Stem. If it were mine to trade,  
I would not trade one block of said Main  
Stem for the whole \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific."

CPL. LLOYD G. WOLFE, Btry. "D", 168th  
AAA Gun Bn., APO 72, c/o Postmaster, San  
Francisco, Calif.: "I have been receiving  
the HM regularly and enjoy reading it very  
much. News from home sure keeps one's  
morale high after being over here for al-  
most two years...I have seen all of this  
Pacific that I care about. My outfit  
landed at Sydney, Australia; from there  
to New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, then to  
my present location, the Philippines.  
Things are very quiet around here now, but  
were plenty hot the first four months  
after the invasion. Our Battery has nine  
Jap planes to it's credit, and all of  
them were downed in this operation...I  
have been very fortunate while on this is-  
land seeing some of my old buddies. To  
date I have seen Isadore Nachman, Happy  
Whiting, Wilson Reed, Robin Powell, and  
Ervin Schrock. Sure is nice seeing these  
boys especially my brother-in-law Wilson.  
He is stationed close by and we visit each  
other frequently. Hap and Izzy are not on  
this island now. Have been looking forward  
to seeing my brother, Harlie, Jr., as he  
is in the Pacific somewhere... What I am  
looking forward to most is the day when I  
get to come home, which may not be long  
now."

S/SGT. JOHN E. "Speedy" HOWES, 320th  
Bomb Sqdn., 90th Bomb Group, APO 321,

c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.:  
"A lot of water has gone over the dam  
since I wrote last, but nothing much worth  
mentioning. It's pretty much of a routine  
and gets pretty boring after 34 months...  
We have been in the Philippines for some  
time, and it is a small improvement over  
New Guinea and some of the other places  
we have been. The women still go bare-  
footed, but they do wear some clothes  
above the waist. They are still black,  
and are out to get rich off the dog-faces.  
We happen to be on one of the worst is-  
lands, so maybe I shouldn't judge all of  
them by this one. I am going to Manila on  
a three-day pass soon. I may get to look  
up Freed and some more of the boys if they  
are still there...I guess you have been  
hearing plenty about the point system.  
That's all we have been talking about for  
several weeks. Our bull-sessions used to  
be mostly about women, but we just grad-  
ually lead to that now...I have 94 points,  
which should make me eligible, but I am  
still here. However, things do look much  
brighter, and I expect to pay Glenville a  
visit before this year is over."

PVT. KARL W. WEST, Squadron O, Bks.  
550, Maxwell Field, Alabama: "We left  
San Antonio on June 27, came by Austin  
north to Shreveport, La., and Vicksburg,  
Miss. We stopped in Jackson, Miss., for an  
hour, the longest stop we made. Then  
straight on here. The trip was all right  
and Bill (Wm. Rymer) and I felt a lot  
better when we got east of the Big River  
again. I hope we stay on this side of it,  
too. This place isn't too bad, but it is  
hot. And I mean hot...I don't know yet  
just what the score is here, but I guess we  
are going to enter pre-flight again. This  
field is a B-29 base, and the sky is full  
of them all day long. The cadet center is  
a long way from the flight line, but we  
sure get plenty of noise from them...Be-  
fore I left S.A.A.C.C., I took the West  
Point exams and passed with a grade of  
excellent, they told me, but I can't enter  
before July, 1946, and I suppose I'll be  
overseas by that time."

LT. A. F. ROHRBOUGH, USNR, #262 Pre-  
Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C.: "I am  
stationed at the great Chapel Hill Pre-  
Flight School. I am in the basketball de-  
partment, teaching the little cadets baske-  
ball. What a job! ...I will also say I am  
not overworked. I have tried to get moved  
out to sea for two years but to no avail so  
far. I must be too old for the duty of  
sitting around out there. You understand  
we are in the Navy and the Navy orders us  
to a station and then we are assigned to  
the best available job for our ability, and  
then try and get out of it."

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The HM thanks Maxine Satterfield, Rose  
Funk, Mrs. John Smith, and Mrs. Ancel Reed  
for harness oil.

We should like to have letters from  
William Griffith, Robert Hauman, Maynard  
Young, Madison Whiting, Jack Garrett,  
Raymond Freed, and Okey Reed.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
June 20 to June 26

We apologize to Lt. Col. Underwood for reporting in our last issue that he had resigned his commission. What we should have said is that he is retired from active duty, but is still an officer in Uncle's army. Sorry, colonel... Doc Bartram decided he had put in too many 80 and 90 hour weeks lately and has given up doctoring for a week or two of vacation. Fishing, maybe; golf, probably; loafing, sure... Capt. Hazel Maxwell, Army Nurse Corps, on short leave from McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va. She is head nurse of the operating rooms of the hospital... Pfc. Leman Luzader, in the service over three years, has been given an honorable discharge at Ft. Knox, Ky., where he has been stationed for the past year. He is 43... The main water line for Brooklyn Addition sprung a leak where it crossed the river the raised a big blister in the Little Kanawha. We hear that Butch Beall thought up several new ones to describe a "#0!&%" pipe that would break in the middle of the river... A/C Jack Hardman home between semesters from Duke University... Pfc. Denver Riffle, somewhere in the Philippines was asked by a couple of G. I.'s if he were the fellow from West-by-God-Virginia who had Jap souvenirs for sale. Den said they had the wrong man, but before the argument got serious the visitors gave the show away. They were Jack Stalnaker and Howard Taylor, and Den hadn't recognized either of them... Sgt. James McMillen on 30 day leave from an army hospital in Nashville, Tenn., where he is recovering from wounds received in the ETO... Alf Cain and his daughter, Mrs. Zell Hamstead, have been visiting John Gilbert Cain and family at Highland Park, N. J. When they returned, Roger and Roberta Cain came back to spend the summer with relatives here. Roger said New Jersey was all right, but he liked Glenville better... Sgt. Perry H. McQuain on 30 day furlough after three years overseas. He is in the ground forces of the Air Corps, and was at a base in England... Lt. (j.g.) James Satterfield, USNR, who has been stationed in Trinidad for several months, home on ten day leave, with his wife (Eldred Jimison) and small daughter... Pfc. Ray Nottingham writes from Germany that things are very quiet and uneventful since the shootin' war stopped over there... Cpl. Oless Gherke, of the 6th Airborne, is now stationed in Germany... Cpl. Dale Hanlin writes that his outfit, the 1117 Engineer Combat Group with the Ninth Army, has received a citation for constructing a pontoon bridge, a treadway, and a Bailey bridge across the Rhine in fifty-three hours... Pfc. Joe Rodriguez, who used to be a Pioneer star, home from two years service in the Pacific and stopping in Glenville for a few days.

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June 27 to July 3

Lt. (j.g.) William Kidd, who has been in England for several months, here on leave with his wife, the former Madelyn Conrad. He is being transferred from a bomber squadron to the Air Transport Service... Mary Louise Lewis and her sister, Ann Wilson Hayhurst, have gone to Balti-

more for the summer. Both plan to study at John Hopkins University... Pfc. "Jake" Fitzpatrick on leave from hospital while recovering from wounds received last March. He was in an English hospital until evacuated to the States... Mr. and Mrs. John V. Smith, from Akron, Bill Smith and family from Georgia, and Pvt. Leon Smith, from Iran, Africa, Italy, Germany and points west met at the old homestead last week. "Sheriff" had been overseas for nearly three years. On July 2 he and Mary Susan Simon were married at the bride's home at Shimston. Hunter Whiting was best man and advised Leon that there wasn't any need for him to be nervous: all the groom had to do at a wedding was get married while the best man had to see that he did it without making any bad breaks... Pfc. Catherine Withers home on 15 day furlough from Washington & Lee University, Lexington... Rosemary Young, wife of Lt. Cmdr. Maynard F. Young, will visit her in-laws until mid-August... Ray Luzader fell from a hay stack on the Gid Fisher farm and broke his shoulder... A/S Robert L. Decker on short leave from training at Bucknell University... T/4 Aaron Luzader ambling along the Main Stem, giving it the once over after 37 months in the Pacific zone of hostilities. His sleeve has a row of hashmarks clear up to here... A sailor at Great Lakes send us a notice from their bulletin board warning the students not to accept every invitation handed them by civilians. It might be a phony and lead to trouble. And us thinking all these years that it was the civilians who needed to regard sailors with a wary eye! ... The mobile X-ray unit of the State Health Department examined 168 persons at the T. B. clinic. For the two days it was here the temperature was ninety and above in the shade and there was certainly no shade out on the Court House drive where it parked... Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hudson (she was Helen Davis) have a daughter, Penelope, born June 30 at Long Island, N. Y... The Monongahela West P. S. Co. has changed its two mile long name for a shorter designation: The Monongahela Power Company, and will continue to furnish us light and power as usual except when a tree falls on the lines... Sgt. Jack Conrad, home on 90 day furlough after another operation on his leg at McGuire Hospital, Richmond, Va... Marjorie Davies has gone into the chicken business. Bought twenty-six Hampshire Reds and has raised them to the feathering out stage without losing a one. The HM hopes to hear her and John Wagner argue the respective virtues of Hampshire Reds and Rhode Island Reds... The liquor store, after having been busted to private for more than a year, has its stripes back again, and is no longer an agency. Woodford Bush returns as manager and Orda Chenoweth is clerk... M/Sgt. Norris Gluck home for a month from 3 years of service in various unpleasant spots in Europe. He was responsible for some notable work in setting up communications on the Normandy beaches... Pfc. Hap Whiting has left the Philippines and is due to arrive in Glenville the latter part of this month... T/Sgt. Robert Lee Jack here for a week from his duties at Washington, D. C. ... Lt. John Gerwig home on 20 day leave from Lyndall Field, Fla. He is doing test-piloting on practically everything except B-29's and B-32's.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

SGT. JAMES WOOFER, Office of the Chief Surgeon, GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., Manila: "The most important impression which has been made upon me since I arrived in this part of the world is that I am ready to go back. That will not be for some time, however...After a nondescript boat ride and some shuffling and reshuffling in the Pacific Theater I have been assigned to General Headquarters which is spread out all over the city of Manila in whatever buildings remain usable. Specifically I am assigned to the Office of the Chief Surgeon, AFPAC. The work of this office is all of an administrative nature and consists mostly of classifying and sometimes reclassifying members of various branches of the Medical Department who arrive here to be assigned to the numerous commands...The building in which this office is located is one of the least damaged in the city. It is possible that the Japanese could have used it before we arrived. There are eight stories in it, all of which are devoted to offices representing almost every branch of service. Its most redeeming feature is elevator service...There are no shortages here to speak of. Cigarettes are rationed at the rate of one carton per week. Beer can be had a case at a time when in stock. Confections, toilet articles, etc., are plentiful. I have seen Wrigley's gum and other such articles which are extinct in the states; at least in every place that I have been. There is more black market here than at home. Shoes cost \$20.

Ordinary watches will bring prices ranging from \$100 upward with no questions asked. The only prerequisite is that they run when sold. The buyer takes all the risks...Most of the men here live in wooden barracks or partially destroyed buildings. Showers are either in or adjacent to most of the quarters...The food is probably better than in most camps back home. Transportation is furnished to and from the mess hall and office buildings...The newsreels and papers could not give a description of Manila which would be graphic enough. This city has been totally destroyed. There is not a building which has not been damaged in some way. Much of this was done by bombing and artillery fire and the remainder was done by fire. Many buildings are entirely gutted with nothing remaining but the pillars around which they were built. The sidewalks have been destroyed or covered by depthless masses of dirt and debris. All the bridges were destroyed and makeshift ones are now in their place. Some of the city has been repaired, but only that needed by the armed forces. There is mute evidence that the rising sun has definitely set in these parts. This evidence is unbearable, in some respects, if one gets too near it. The natives in the city itself live in the most squalid surroundings. I have seen them sort garbage for food and there are always groups hanging around mess halls following each meal. This is really a deplorable situation, but it will improve. There is evidence that much culture was here. The government buildings can be

made out as once magnificent structures. Greek and Spanish architecture is predominant. The higher class of people speak Spanish in preference to English. There is a university here which was founded in 1611. I believe this out-dates any of ours. The Manila Symphony is still in existence. In fact it is giving a series of concerts later on in the month. There is an airconditioned theater in operation as well as several others without this accommodation...I can be located easily at the above address if some of the boys come over here."

LT. (j.g.) T. J. PIERCE, Carrier Aircraft Service Unit 65, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "It behooves me to drop a line and tell you my new address. It took the June 19 edition of the HM about three previous stations and 11 days to find me...I am working with a couple of flight groups who are re-forming to pick up a flattop. They are practicing daily and brushing up on a few new tricks to toss at the "slant eyes." They are a swell bunch of pilots and aircrewmembers and really know what to do with a plane...I really enjoyed Bill Berry's account of the Belgium countryside. The story has everything...Right now I am based near the Mexican border in sunny Cal. I haven't had time to do the usual things in Mexico's Tiajuana as yet but hope to soon. I'm not sure how long I'll remain here or if I'll go out with my group. Time will tell...I'd give a couple of legs or arms to talk down Main Street and say hello to Wib and all the folks."

CAPT. HOMER L. MOORE, Maint. Div. SPATSC, Spokane, Washington: "I'm not very proud of my record in writing to you or to some of the fellows. I'm not making any excuses, as I guess it's just natural laziness. However, a few days ago I received a barracks bag which I had left in England just before we started on the North African invasion in November of '42. In this bag was Vol. 1, No. 1 of the HM entitled the First Whinny. This issue was dated April 6, 1942, and among other opening statements there was one to the effect that it's circulation was expected to be from twenty to twenty-five. My how that mouth has spread. It also had at the end a list of addresses of the fellows to whom the first copies were being sent. This was entitled Our Sucker List. After looking it over and considering everything, I have decided it should have been entitled Our Lucky List, for even though some of those fellows have had a pretty rough time of it, so far as I know they're all still alive and kickin'; and who's to say that ain't somethin'. I'll stand correction if I'm wrong. These are the ones who were on the first list: Bantz Craddock, Jr., Sam Craddock, Francis Fisher, H. L. Moore, Isadore Nachman, Fred Wells, Andrew Whiting, Madison Whiting, Sexton Wright, Donald Young, Maynard Young, Earl Wolfe, Denver Thompson, Robert Hauman, Homer West, Karl Danley, Loren McCartney, John Barnett, and Jack Woodyard...I think we should all have a big Ho'so's Mouth shindig with dinner and drinkin' on the grounds some of these days in the not too distant future."

PVT. EDWARD RAY NOTTINGHAM, 571st AMB Co., APO 350, c/o PM, New York, N. Y., Geissen, Germany: "Things remain rather quiet on the Western front. I have done all the visiting on this side of the pond that I care to. I'm about ready for the Pacific. The point system really caught me with my pants down. They should have warned me long ago. I only have seventy-five - not near enough...No doubt everyone has read about how the Germans treated their prisoners and slaves. I expect it's all true as I've visited some of the prison camps...Now that the censor doesn't bother me, I can't think of a thing worth writing. We are getting ready to move back to Paris in a few days."

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The HM thanks Cpl. and Mrs. Bruce Summers for saddle soap.

We should like to have letters from Denzil Hamric, William Kafer, Buck Jamison, Paul Scott, Bruce Summers, and Stanley Langford.

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#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO

The re-surfacing of the main alleys in town has been handsomely finished. We congratulate Mayor Beall's administration on a good job...S/Sgt. Vance Hardman got home recently on leave to find two of his brothers already there, while a third had returned to duty only a few days before. There are six of the Hardman boys in the services...Pictureland Theater has a new star in its service flag. Jimmy Harper, chief projectionist, has ditched the movies in favor of a stretch in the Navy. ...Ensign John Williams, former student at GSC, has completed the Air Spotters course at Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla...Capt. Jack Bolyard, who was attending the college in 1942 when he enlisted in the army, is home on leave. He has been flying a P-51 for General Chennault...A citizen caught wandering along the Main Stem with a lost look turned out to be in search of Tally Wright's barber shop. Seems Howard Bess left Cam Rhoades and moved to Tally's shop. Gilbert Rhoades decided to spend his time farming, and Tally moved into the remodeled Dump Garrett pool room on the corner. Directions for finding your favorite hair-clipper after this shuffle can be had from Town Sergeant Bill Moore. ...On July 10, nine men from the county went to Huntington to be inducted into the services. On the ninth, thirty-one had gone to the same induction center for examination...Pvt. Jimmy Norman has been discharged from the army after partially recovering from an injury suffered in training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas...Doc and Mrs. Lohan have moved their beer and sandwich place from the Whiting House to the building at the end of the bridge. Most of the shacks behind the old hotel have been torn down, improving the appearance of that block about 200 per cent, and the HM hears that the Whiting House itself will soon be gone...Lt. (j.g.) James E. Satterfield is on the deck of an ocean-going tug of the Atlantic Fleet. He is executive officer and has been on sea duty for the past seventeen months...Royce Snodgrass

and Bonnie Baker were married in Huntington June 23, by the Rev. Frank Baxter, a former pastor in Glenville. Royce was discharged from the Navy some time ago, and is now contact representative of the Veterans Administration in the Huntington area...Lt.(j.g.) Robert Grudier, former student at the college, has returned to the states from a long tour of duty in the north Pacific. He has been flying a navy Ventura with a search plane squadron which patrolled the sea lanes north of Japan and staged rocket raids on Jap shipping, radio stations, canneries, and anything else they could find that seemed to need strafing. Before that he had been with an anti-submarine patrol in the South Atlantic...Carl Starkey's new restaurant, The Leon, in the old Shackelford building seems to have got off to a good start. From some source he managed to get a few steaks and a couple of hamburgers which is about all that is required now to operate a successful beanery...Tate Myer's brother Harry has resumed study at the medical college of the University of Virginia. He was forced to stop some months ago on account of illness...CCM Jake Moss, accompanied by a cane which he assured us was a temporary appendage, limped into the office a few days ago. He has been involved in the Pacific war for the past 27 months, island hopping with the Seabees from Guadalcanal to Okinawa. Said when they went to Okinawa everybody was issued two blankets, but after being baked, broiled, and boiled in the tropics for a year and a half, nobody could see the use of loading up with anything that wouldn't be needed, so the blankets sort of got misplaced during the landing. As a result Jake said they damn near froze to death when the temperature went down to 55 at night...S/Sgt. Bob Smith, who was badly wounded in the ETO, is home with an honorable discharge from the service...Mrs. Esta Gainer died suddenly at her home on Main Street on July 10. She had been ill recently but seemed to be recovering when an attack of angina pectoris proved fatal. ...S/Sgt. Russell Porterfield and Cpl. Richard Berkhouse have been cited for gallantry in action over and above the line of duty...Pvt. Leon Reed home for fifteen days after finishing basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark...Somebody thought up having a games party at the town hall to raise funds to furnish a room for a community center, and sent out some kids, little and big, to sell tickets for it. Practically the whole population bought the tickets, we hear, and contributed enough dollars to boost the project a long way toward success... A fussy old lady was traveling cross-country via bus and was terribly upset at the many stops the driver made. All she did was gripe for hours; then finally she stepped up to the driver and said. "This is the worst transportation in the country - Why do you have to stop at every telegraph pole? The driver couldn't take it any longer and, without turning his head, he said. "Sorry, lady, but this bus is a greyhound"...Pfc. Jake Fitzpatrick is home on furlough from Moore General Hospital in North Carolina. He was wounded in the leg and foot in the ETO, and has been spending a lot of time in hospitals in England and over here.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

LT. STANLEY JERANKO, USNR, Army and Navy YMCA, 5th Floor, 9th & Beacon Sts., San Pedro, Calif.: "Your unworthy recipient of the "Mouth" wishes to thank you again and again for being so kind as to keep him on the mailing list, for it affords him many moments of pleasure as well as interesting sidelights about his friends and acquaintances in and out of the service. Your herculean efforts to please the boys and girls in the service, I'm certain, are appreciated more than mere words can appropriately portray -- at least words of one so utterly incapable as your humble admirer has at his command. ...The last issue of the "Horse" reflects information of considerable interest -- Leman Luzader's age, "Skull Pains" Whiting's homecoming (incidentally has anyone ever learned his age?), Hunter being the best man at any wedding, much less Sheriff Smith's; marriages and furloughs of various and sundry -- it all amazes me for I just can't figure how they do it -- not to mention Lt. Nate's admission of not being overworked and that he is becoming conscious of his age. Things like the above mentioned are a rare treat to one so far removed, both from the war and his friends...Could give you some facts about myself, but fear they would be too uninteresting and base for the citizenry of the hills to consume. However, Las Vegas is most interesting and intriguing, as is Hollywood, Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, Palm Springs, Boulder Dam, Mexico, and at times Los Angeles and Long Beach...That little "Copperhead" that so foolishly consented to "hitch" herself with me some 14 years ago, and the offspring resulting therefrom, are still out here with me and enjoying it all. Haven't learned as yet which is the more precarious, military or home life. Should an expert be available, I am susceptible to, and eager for, advice on the matter... People here refuse to believe that sunshine is, of necessity, pumped into our fair state; neither will they believe that Lil Abner is a product of our hills, nor that clothing is not worn by either sex (other than bear or squirrel skins) until one reaches the age of maturity -- which is 18 in the Southermost part of the state and 17 elsewhere. "Ole Man Mose" Post or "I'll drive you out of here like an ox" Grose should tour this country and give forth with their respective lectures...Is there anyone who can enlighten me as to the whereabouts of "Bar Bell" Rohrbough? All my efforts to locate the aforementioned have gone for naught... See Butch Beall is still rendering invaluable service to the community at large; "Milk Shake" Beall I presume is still smoking his pipe and endeavoring to entice some "Milk Fed Freshman" to sample milk that never came from a cow. How come Thad "Fox Hunter" Byrne isn't crashing the Rialto, Heard On, these days? Ruddell "Grocery Tycoon" Reed and Russ "Highway" Hardman are also missed...Forwarded here with a copy of "Indoctrination For Return to U. S." which may be of some interest. It may be noted that "reproduction of all or any part thereof is forbidden by Navy order #12121212 $\frac{1}{2}$  and strict compliance is

requested and directed under threat of severe disciplinary action...Give everyone regards, if any are found in a receptive mood."

LT. COLDR. MAYNARD YOUNG, USCG, USS Marchand (DE-249) o/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.: "Please note my change of address. Also, I have given up my apartment in the Bronx. My wife and daughters are now in the old home town so that the kids can play out in the sun barefooted, and my wife can get some canning done. Later they will go to New London, Conn., for the winter; that is, if I don't run into Rex Pyles or Stan Jeranko and find they have an apartment all ready to rent...It must be difficult for you to keep up with addresses these days. Would appreciate seeing a new set of them so that I could find some of the boys. Missed seeing Howard Lindell once because I did not know he was around...Certainly glad to hear John Barnett is going to get home at last. The prisoner of war pictures were not too encouraging. Saw his brother, Charles, in Florida about a year ago...I'll probably be around where many of my old Glenvillite and College friends are. We'll all be busy, I know, but if they see me come steaming in -- they can tell by my number -- I hereby invite them aboard. I can offer ice cream and coke anyway. Those who know me by my first name are especially invited. As I understand things now, that should include Everett Ellison, Lynwood Zinn, Madison Whiting, Neill Sappington, Hap Whiting, Iz Nachman, June Craddock, Ruddell Reed Jr., and probably many others...Ivan Hays Bush, Jr., and I have been in the same business, though he may not have known it. Have missed seeing him, however. Good luck and best regards."

## GRIPE FROM THE PACIFIC

Tune: The West Virginia Hills

You can take these tropic islands,  
And go sink them in the sea;  
You can blow 'em all to glory,  
And you'll hear no howl from me.  
I don't like the heat and smell  
Of the jungle in the sun,  
Where the bugs are big as biscuits,  
And mosquitoes have a gun.

I'm wore out with fighting Japs,  
Fighting mud and rain and pests;  
Fighting something night and mornings,  
This man's army gives no rests.  
Only way I like a war,  
Is to fight it sitting still,  
Underneath a sugar-maple  
On a West Virginia hill.

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The HM thanks Mrs. Frank Martino, C. L. Underwood, Maynard Young, and Frank Wolfe for stirrup grease.

We should like to have letters from Joe Decker, Earl McDonald, Jesse Lilly, Hunter Rymer, Jr., Gaylord Reed, Damon West, and Charles Wilson.

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The Community Canning Center is now operating on a two-day-a-week schedule, with more time promised if needed. We hear that it is a highly successful enterprise and recommend it to such of our widely scattered readers as may desire to store up a few coconuts, pineapples, figs, dates, or what-not. We had a notion that all you did was to take your bushel of beans to the front door, shove them in, and then collect a bushel of filled cans at the other end of the assembly line, but we found that we were expected to wash and string said beans as well as stuff them into the cans. That was when we lost all our squirrel instincts and remembered that we didn't really like green beans, anyway... Lt Ernest Lee Arbuckle, recovering from flak wounds, managed a short leave to Rome on his birthday and telephoned home by trans-oceanic radio. Said he didn't know when he would get out of Italy and wanted to know if his cow had a calf yet... HM editor Mabel Wolfe, one of whose vices is entering radio contests, recently won a prize for a limerick: 24 bars of candy. To force a division of the spoils, this scribe has tried both politeness and blackmail, but without result. Oh, well, we hear that the Grill may have some chewing gum next week... Sgt. Junior Craddock, USMC, writes from Okinawa that after some research his outfit has come to the conclusion that the fleas out there like a clean skin better than one shielded by several layers of grime. Hence no more shaves, no more baths... Fletcher Stout, of Shock, was badly hurt July 18 when a pile of hay-poles collapsed on him. He died shortly after in an ambulance which was taking him to the hospital. His business activities were many and successful, but Glenville people will remember him mostly for the huge and juicy watermelons he brought to town each summer... Lt. Hoy C. and Sgt. Willie A. Barton recently sifted out of the European turmoil and met at Le Havre for the first time in three years... Capt. Tiny Moore, of the air technical service command at Spokane, Washington, flew some brass hats to Dayton this week, and managed to get home for a two day visit. He has been in the states since finishing fifty or so missions, flying from bases in Africa and Italy... Ernest Roe has given up the struggle with rationing and other regulations and has sold his beer hall and service station on the top of Normantown hill to Martin Pettit, recently discharged from army service in the far east... Mrs. Arlan Berry has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to join her husband, who is in training at Camp Robinson... Lt. John Barnett making slow progress along the Main Stem, being stopped every ten feet to greet friends. He is on leave from Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs... Marriages: Donaldine Heater and Cpl. Robert Vanhorn at Grantsville; Anita Stewart and Petty Officer Marchall Limer at Smithville; Boneva Ellyson and Sgt. James E. Spurgeon at Auburn; Pearl Jones and Arley Matthew at Cleveland, Ohio; Louise Feeney and Capt. Thomas J. Gillooly at Weston... Capt. Loren "Buck" McCartney in and out

of town on leave after three years in some of the more hostile areas of the Pacific area of hostilities... Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams announce the birth of a son, Roy Douglas on July 21. Weight, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds.

July 25 to July 31

A persistent drizzle seemed appropriate when the contents of the old Whiting House were sold. The crowd was small, damp, and unhappy, but they had come to buy and buy they did. All the big old fashioned dressers, scarred chairs and tables, sagging bed springs and discouraged looking mattresses. The house itself will be torn down as soon as possible... Capt. Robert Haumann has been transferred to Gulfport, Miss. Lt. Homer Paul West comes over there from Brookley Field at Mobile for a day or so each week to look after things at Gulfport Field, so they should be able to get together... Pfc. Lonnie H. Fitzpatrick home on leave after a year in the ETO. He was with the 7th Army and went into Austria by way of Frankfurt-am-Main. Says Austria is a very beautiful country and that what he saw of Germany is not hurt much by the war with the exception of some of the cities... Pvt. Dan Haywood home for ten days from Ft. Knox, Ky. Reports to Ft. Ord, Calif., for assignment... Sgt. Billy Decker has been transferred from Yuma, Ariz., to Laredo, Texas... Lt. Jackie O. Hedge, CCS CAAF, on leave from New Mexico, and due for overseas assignment... Rev. G. J. Johnson, of the Methodist Church has been voted an increase in salary for the coming year... President emeritus E. G. Rohrbough, of the college, visiting the town for a few days. The Rohrboughs now live in Washington, D. C. ... PhM 3/c Bernard G. Boggs, who has been crisscrossing the Atlantic for several months is home on 30 day leave pending assignment to the USS Franklin. Big Ben is being repaired at New York after terrific damage sustained from Jap suicide attacks... Lt. (j.g.) Birl "Junior" Cottrill, 14 days leave from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he has been instructing the Navy's embryo birdmen for two years. He goes to Jacksonville, Fla., for assignment... S 1/c Ronnie Gainer on 25 day leave, pending re-assignment... The Board of Education met Monday evening and placed teachers. High school principals were all reappointed, except Pearl Pickens, who requested return to the Glenville High School as teacher. Asa V. Cooper replaces her at Tanner. The county enrollment having fallen off, four teachers will be dispensed with this year... Frank Wolfe and family in from Baltimore for a few days. Frank a trifle disgusted because late rains have muddied the river and ruined the fishing... S/Sgt. Paul Siegrist in town for a day of his 30 day leave after nine months with the 15th Air Force in Italy. The HM thanks him for a lot of kind words which he said about us to the neighbors... Sgt. Eugene Barrett on furlough after some months in the ETO, went off the road on Buderman Boulevard. The car turned over three times, but neither Gene nor his wife were hurt, beyond some cuts and bruises... Lt. (j.g.) Frank Martino here for a week from Ft. Eustis, Va.

## AUGUST 14, VICTORY DAY

V-J Day is yet to be formally proclaimed, but who cares? The war is done. And celebrations attending its finish are long, loud, continuous, and unrestrained. If tomorrow we find we have added a hangover to the other post-war headaches which await consideration, one more among so many will hardly throw us. At least, the terrific insanity of the war is over, and it is possible to begin putting the pieces of our civilization back together to make something better and more durable than anything we have had before. That, we owe to the dead as well as to the living.

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## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PATRICIA JACK, Y2c, U. S. Naval Bks. Navy 128, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.:

"Please may my name be crossed off the list of those who have looked forward to receiving the HM for quite some time without writing to express any thanks for it well THANKS and then THANKS again... I left Norfolk in March wending my way westward, stopping a few days in Shoemaker where I supposedly learned to work, eat, sleep and get along in my first assignment outside the continental USA, ending my journey on the island of Oahu in this the "Garden Spot of the Pacific", and, in my opinion, the travel folders haven't exaggerated one bit about the beauties, and I've been told not to judge it under wartime conditions... My work is very interesting. I work in a Weather Office but so far they haven't asked me to help predict the weather, I just stick to the secretarial work. One doesn't have to worry about rain spoiling a picnic cause it seldom rains where I am and when it does it's only for a short time. I wasn't familiar with the term "liquid sunshine" until I came here, but I soon learned. Rain will just be pouring down while the sun shines brightly and over in one corner of the sky a rainbow can be seen. Flowers are gorgeous here and the moon is well worth traveling this far to see - course most of the time we look at it while sitting inside an eight-foot fence, but just the same, it's some moon! ... I live in a regular little village of quonset huts with some umpteen hundred other females. We have our own mess hall, ship's ser vice, snack bar, movie and dance pavilion; latter two outdoors. The movies that we have were shown in Glenville when I was in high school but I have sorta forgotten so am surprised all over again at what happens when and why. We have liberty four nights a month till 10 pm but other times we have to be on the inside looking out by 6:30... I was invited on board an aircraft carrier for lunch one day - my first visit on one of Uncle Sam's fighting vessels as the trip over here was made on one of the Matson's converted luxury liners - I don't know who was more flustered - the men at seeing an American girl after so long a time or me at seeing all those men!!! "

LT. HOWARD J. LINDELL, USNR, S. P. S., Lexington, Va.: "I arrived back in the states April 28 on a hospital ship and was hospitalized at once. I had my "tummy" opened again as a hernia had developed in the previous incision... Upon getting

released, I took 30 days leave in Kansas City, Mo., with my wife. She flew to New York and was with me there while I was in the hospital... After my leave, I came here to the Army's School for Personnel Services and you can imagine my surprise to run into "Red" Davies, Brooks Golden, Catherine Withers; a Lt. Young who played at Morris Harvey against us and I believe he spent a summer or two in Glenville; Wes Bennett from Westminster College (remember the trouble he always caused us); Charley Hyatt, Pitt's great basket ball player, and quite a few other friends that I hadn't seen for years... They keep us busy here 0630 to 1730 and sometimes at night. However, I enjoy it and the school puts out a lot of good teaching... School is out August 15, and Ruth and I will be on our way to Miami for three days duty at District Headquarters and then on to the Naval Hospital at Key West where I will be the Welfare and Recreation officer... Regards to all."

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The HM thanks Mrs. Russell Porterfield, Mrs. William Smith, Fred Madison Whiting, Russell McQuain, and J. Wilbur Beall for hay.

We should like to have letters from Carlos Ratliff, Robert Lee Jack, Richard Whiting, Jack Luzader, and Robert Johnson.

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HEARD ON THE RIALTO  
August 1 to August 7

Tate Hyer has acquired a fishing camp on the Elk River, in which he plans to spend his declining years, if he lives that long. The family's stay there this year was rather spoiled by a game warden shooting their dog, Jumbo, because he mistook him for a canine criminal that had been chasing deer out of season... Ensign Glendon Brown has been transferred to Whidbey Island, Washington, and hopes to meet S l/c Jack Luzader, who has been stationed there for some months... Trooper Randall has been transferred to Shinston and our new policeman is W. E. Oldham. The State Police have recently been doing their work in new cars of so many colors that they are now known as the "Rainbow Patrol"... S l/c Joe Reed home on 5 day leave from New London, Conn. Expects to be assigned to sea duty... Lt. (j.g.) Lee White and Geraldine McClain were married at Weston on July 22. Lee is home on 30 day leave after 30 months action in the

Pacific area. He will report to Washington for reassignment... John C. Tyson and Norita Gallien were married on June 10 at Auburn... The Frank Beall's and Bayard Young's are visiting their folks. Both Frank and Bayard work in a chemical plant at Latrobe, Pa.... Ruble Smith, son of Hannigan Smith, of Glenville, has typhus fever. He has been serving with the army in China, and has now been removed to a hospital in Burma... Our lady mayoress, Bernyce Beall, returned from a visit to her sister in New York August 3. She was only two blocks away from the Empire Tower when that bomber plowed into it... Recently in the ETO, and now home on leave: Raymond E. Adams, T/4 Odbert R. Campbell, Pfc. Verald A. Peggs, Lt. Clifford Kuhl, Pfc. Don M. Westfall, Pvt. Earl Hiney, Sgt. Harold W. Southall... Mrs. Hester Ann Lyman has taken over the 4-H work where Jerry Vickers left it. Jerry has gone to Massachusetts to continue her education at Newton Centre... Yeoman and Mrs. Casey Jones (Ella Summers) announce the birth of a son, William Goff, August 7. Weight 9 lbs. 11 oz.... Floods have done more damage to gardens and crops the past few days than the flash flood two years ago. The Cedar Creek valley was flooded from Cedarville down to the mouth of the creek. A day or two later the country around Linn had a gully-washer that spread boulders the size of bushel baskets over Coon Davis's garden... Cpl. and Mrs. James M. Turner and small son have returned to Camp Blanding, Fla., after a short furlough. Jim is an MP at Blanding... RM 3c Forrest Rogers came home from a year's service in the Navy, mostly in and around South America, just in time to move his family and possessions above high water when Cedar Creek went on its rampage... Dee Stout died at his home in Cedarville on August 6. He was 80 years old and had lived at Cedarville all his life... Lt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker and Cpl. Jack Stalnaker recently managed a reunion in Manila. Cpl. Denver Riffle made it a threesome... S/Sgt. Kenneth Wilson on 30 day furlough. He took part in every major campaign from the Battle of the Bulge till Germany's surrender. He was severely wounded at Eansbach but was soon back in action... Earl Boggs has been granted leave of absence from Glenville High School and will go to Peabody Institute in Tennessee early in September. He expects to work on a Ph.D degree and will also be an instructor at the Institute. Joe Hall will be acting principal of the high school for the year and will also coach the football and basket ball teams.

#### August 8 to August 14

Thompson Drug Store is closed. Temporarily, we hope. Single handed the Grill is unable to cope with the thirsty public in these days of rationed ice cream and coke. Garland Brannon has taken a job with the Clarksburg Drug Company, wholesaler, and Thompson's have not secured a new manager as yet... The Central Restaurant, under new management about every three months, is beginning to rival the famous and infamous Bucket o' Blood. The present proprietor has a habit of throwing out customers in the late hours, and on a clear night the ensuing fracas can be heard clear over to the Cedar Creek bridge. Took Sheriff Davis, mayor Beall,

town cop Bill Moore, and State Trooper Oldham to restore peace and quiet recently... Lt. (j.g.) Madison Whiting reporting in for a few days from a long tour of duty in the Pacific. His ship is the cruiser Vincennes which stood off the coast of Okinawa and shelled Jap shore installations for twenty-eight straight days... Raymond Freed, Red Cross Field Director, has arrived in Washington, D. C., after 19 months in the Pacific area. He is on leave of absence from the college... Mrs. Eula Bodkin has resigned as clerk with the Ration Board. The Bodkins plan to move to Spring Garden, Va., where Raymond is principal of the high school. Mrs. Bodkin will teach biology in the same school. Mrs. Edith Bell takes her place at the Ration Board... 1st. Lieut. Earle Spencer, pilot of a B-24 shot down over Germany a year ago, in town for a visit. Injured badly when he bailed out of his plane, he was hospitalized in France for some time after his liberation by the Russians in May of this year, and arrived in the States in June... Ross Stern bought the old Whiting House and will dismantle it as soon as he can corral sufficient man- or boy-power to do the work. Since his kennels were torn down, Thad Byrne has moved his hounds to the old Gainer barn... Capt. Loren "Buck" McCartney and Georgia Pearl Stalnaker were married August 14 in Morgantown. Capt. McCartney reports to Fort Stoneman, Calif., on Sept. 1... Everett Withers, founder of HM, is vacationing on Cape Cod. He has been working at Radio Station TIC in Hartford, Conn. ... Cpl. Harper Turner, home on furlough, succumbed to an attack of malaria. Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs sent an ambulance and hurried him there for treatment, and he is now sufficiently recovered to be released from the hospital. Mrs. Russell McQuain is home after being a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, Clarksburg... Sgt. Olen Berry dropped in casually after long months in the ETO. He went into Africa three months after the initial invasion, from there to Sicily, and on to Corsica, where his bombardment squadron has been based for some months. He said they had so much equipment and supplies piled up on that island that nobody would have been surprised if it had sunk into the Mediterranean. He came home on a banana boat with 2,999 others, and the boat had never been intended for more than a few hundred passengers. They ate, slept, and exercised in rotation... Lt. Walker Boggs, of the Naval Air Transport, home on 14 day leave to visit his father, who is very ill... Lt. and Mrs. Stanley D'Orazio (Lilla Mae Gladwell) in town for an evening on their way to Grantsville, where Stan was engaged in the practice of law before the war... Frank Hammer, who was a star athlete at GSC a few years ago, died of accidental poisoning at his home near Weston August 13. He served in the army from April 11 November, 1943, and since his discharge had been managing the home farm... The State of West Virginia is planning to do something for the state's fishermen. Trout hatcheries are to be enlarged to double their previous capacity. The Conservation Commission also intends to raise several thousand quail and wild turkeys a year for release among these hills... Ensign Guy Stalnaker, Jr., here for 15 days from Kingsville, Texas.

## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

PFC. WILLIAM B. GRIFFITH, Co. "G",  
164th Inf. APO 716, c/o PM, San Francisco,  
Calif., Cebu, P. I.: "I can't think of a  
better time to write than now when V-J Day  
is in sight. It doesn't mean a damn thing  
to me, although the war is over. When I  
start down Town Hill and gaze on the waters  
of the Little Kanawha is when the war is  
over for me...When Truman said yes that  
the Japs had accepted our terms I said yes  
also with a few shots of Truman's whisky,  
although it was this local stuff. These  
people brought out their best 'Sunday Go  
Somewhere' clothes and took it all in line  
with 'Victory Jo'. One Flappo soldier  
grabbed me and started shaking hell out of  
me and said 'the Japs in Japan know the  
war is over but how are these out in the  
hills going to know'. Half of his talk-  
ing was in Visayan, but I finally found  
out what he was talking about...I haven't  
seen any of the fellows from home since I  
left Howard Taylor and Jack Stalnaker 8  
months ago on Bougainville...My 23 months  
overseas are just a drop in MacArthur's  
canteen the way it looks. I'm headed for  
Japan just bigger than hell, and it's  
going to be soon...Give all the good peo-  
ple back there my best regards...I had to  
run all over the company area to find a  
dollar bill instead of two pesos. Maybe  
this will feed the H&M one meal."

SGT. STANLEY LANGFORD, Unit "B",  
Coral Gables 34, Fla.: "I have been re-  
ceiving the H&M regularly...I am still  
working in the Post Office Dept. as ass't  
army mail clerk. The only thing I dis-  
like in Florida is the heat. Give me  
those good old hills of W. Va. I have met  
several men from W. Va. since I have been  
here, but none from Gilmer county as yet.  
If any of our good mountaineers should  
happen to come through this hospital I  
will be at the PO to help take care of  
them...It's so hot here now you could fry  
an egg without a fire. And still they  
call Florida the garden spot of the world!"

Jack Luzader, S 1/c, Bks. 12, NAS,  
Whidbey Island, Wash., sends us this Riley  
poem.

Country Landmarks

or

Ode to a Country Outhouse

When memory keeps me company and moves to  
smiles or tears,  
A weather beaten object looms through the  
mist of years.  
Behind the house and barn it stood, a  
half a mile or more  
And hurrying feet a path had made straight  
to its swinging door.  
Its architecture was a type of simple  
classic art,  
But in the tragedy of life it played a  
leading part;  
And oft the passing traveler drove slow,  
and heaved a sigh,  
To see the modest hired girl slip out  
with glances shy.  
We had our posy garden that women loved  
so well;  
I loved it too, but better still I loved  
the stronger smell

And told the night o'ertaken tramp that  
human life was near.  
On lazy August afternoons, it made a  
little bower,  
Delightful, where my grandsire sat and  
whiled away an hour.  
For there the summer morning its cares  
entwined,  
And berry bushes reddened in the stream-  
ing soil behind.  
And the fat spiders spun their webs to  
catch the buzzing flies  
That flitted to and from the house where  
Ma was baking pies.  
And once a swarm of hornets bold had  
built a palace there  
And stung my unsuspecting aunt - I must  
not tell you where;  
Then my father took a flaming pole -  
that was a happy day -  
He nearly burned the building up, but  
the hornets left to stay.  
When summer bloom began to fade and  
winter to carouse,  
We banked the little building with a heap  
of hemlock boughs.  
But when the crust was on the snow and  
sullen skies were gray  
In sooth the building was no place where  
one could wish to stay.  
We did our duties promptly, there one  
purpose swayed the mind;  
We tarried not, nor lingered long on what  
we left behind.  
The torture of that icy seat could make  
a Spartan sob  
For needs must scrape the gooseflesh  
with a lacerating cob,  
That from a frost encrusted nail, sus-  
pended by a string,  
My father was a frugal soul and wasted  
not a thing.  
When grandpa had to "go out back" and  
make his morning call,  
We'd bundle up the dear old man with a  
muffler and shawl.  
I knew the hole on which he sat - twas  
padded all around,  
And once I dared to sit there - twas all  
to wide, I found.  
My loins were all too little and I jack-  
knifed there to stay;  
They had to come and get me out, or I'd  
have passed away.  
Then father said that ambition was a  
thing that boys should shun,  
And I must use the children's hole 'till  
childhood days are done.  
But still I marvel at the craft that cut  
those holes so true;  
The baby hole, the slender hole that  
fitted sister Sue.  
That dear old country landmark; I have  
tramped around a bit,  
And in the lap of luxury my lot has  
been to sit;  
But ere I die I'll eat the fruit of  
trees I robbed of yore,  
Then seek the shanty where my name is  
carved upon the door.  
I am now a man, but none the less I'll  
try the children's hole.

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The H&M thanks Mrs. J. W. Martin and  
Bill Griffith for hay.

We should like to have letters from  
anyone who wishes to write.

Mabel Wolfe, co-editor of this publication, needs the following numbers to complete her file: No. 6, Vol. 1; No. 21, Vol. 1; and No. 1, Vol. 2. Bessie Bell, who is collecting historical data of the county's war effort would like to have Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, of Vol. 1, for her collection. If any of our forty-leven readers happen to have saved these and will contribute them, it will be greatly appreciated.

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#### HEARD ON THE RIALTO

The college is brushing out the corners and polishing the blackboards in preparation for an enrollment of near double that of last year. Two faculty member, Lt. Col. Underwood and Raymond Freed, have returned from service with the army and Red Cross, and will take over in their classrooms this fall. Carey Woofter, long time registrar, has retired and for the present Dean Crawford will serve as registrar as well as Dean. We hardly see how he can spare enough time from visiting with his new daughter to fill two positions at GSC, but we are sure he will manage it somehow. Opal Vincent, A. M., of Cairo, has been employed to teach speech, dramatics and journalism...Mrs. Floda Cottrill Moss and daughter visiting here from their home in California. This is their first trip east in twenty-one years, and is in celebration of an anniversary...PhM 3/c Bill Kafer spending a furlough in Weston. He has been stationed at Stevens Institute of Technology, and reports back there at the expiration of his leave...James A. Tierney, long time resident of Glenville and owner of the drug store here, until a few years ago when he moved to Charleston and later to Weston, died at a Baltimore hospital August 22 at the age of 78, and was buried at Weston on August 27... S 1/c Robert and Mrs. Sturm (Barbara Hauman) announce the birth of a son, August 15, in a Clarksburg hospital. Seaman Sturm is stationed at Chicago, Ill. ...Lt. John Barnett, still at Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs recovering from privations suffered as a German prisoner, has been promoted to captain...Lyel West writes from Charleston to inquire how to evict roaches. Seems a family of them has moved in with him and settled down. He says he's got used to seeing them race around in restaurants, but damned if he's going to have them sitting around evenings in his rooms watching him read...Pfc. Linn Sheets, after some weeks at Miami, Fla., has been transferred to Ft. Bragg, N. C.... The Ludwik Glass plant resumed operations August 20 after being closed for some weeks. We are thinking of paying it a visit in the hope that Louie may present us with a few pieces of his famous glassware...The faculty of the Glenville schools gave a farewell party for the Earl Boggs's at the Boggs farm on Leading Creek. Sounded like an exciting occasion, as we heard it, with a coke bottle exploding in Lucy Wolfe's face and scattering coke over several of the guests. Lucy wasn't hurt but the top half of the bottle flew across the room and wounded Mrs. Marvin Cooper on the leg...Pvt. Ira Reed, Board of Education member on leave of absence, landed in Manila with his armored division on July 29... Harry Stevens, recently of Grantsville, has been made manager of the Thompson Drug Store and the store is again distributing

the public...Pfc. Clive West has reported at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for reassignment after a 30 day furlough, following long service in the ETO...Lt. Willard Shrove is in a hospital at Bethesda, Md., following an operation made necessary by an injury suffered aboard ship in the Pacific Area...Linn Hickman, teacher of journalism at the college and editor and manager of the Glenville Democrat, has received a fellowship at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., and has gone there for the year to work on a Master's Degree in Journalism. In his absence the Democrat will be edited by Eunice Wilfong, former star reporter for the Glenville Mercury. Recently she has been working as a reporter for the Clarksburg Exponent... Happy Whiting arrived in town a few days ago after a 42-day trip across the Pacific and through the Canal, landing in New York. He reported that Uncle Sam was through with him for this war, and that being a civilian was going to be all right, as far as he could tell after two and a half years of it. He is the only soldier we know who served 42 months without a furlough. His brother Charlie came up from New Orleans to help welcome Andy back...F 1/c Stanley West reported to Chicago August 30, and has been sending cards from there and points west on his way to Shoemaker, Cal., where he will probably be assigned to sea duty...Lt. (j.g.) Lynwood Zinn is spending a leave at home after more than two years in the Pacific on an LSD. He is assigned to shore duty at Norfolk, Va., at the expiration of his leave... Lt. Ernest Lee Arbuckle is spending a 30 day leave at home. He has been overseas with a bombing squadron of the 15th Air Force since November, 1944, and was wounded during a mission over Austria in March of this year...Sgt. Denver Thompson is home from eighteen months service in Africa, Corsica and Italy. He was headed for more of the same in the Pacific area when V-J Day interrupted the re-deployment of his unit. The ship turned about at Panama...P/O J. W. Stump and Mrs. Stump (Mildred Thompson) are visiting in town. Petty Officer Stump has been in the Pacific Area for 16 months and Mrs. Stump has been working in California while he was overseas...Everett Withers here on vacation after spending some time learning the ins and out of news broadcasting at Station WTIC. Says the greatest drawback to the broadcasting business is the amount of work involved. He returns to Washington & Lee University to teach this fall...Lt. and Mrs. H. Laban White, Jr., (Gwendolyn Beall) announce the birth of twin girls, September 2 (V-J Day) in New York. The twins have been named Nanora Diane and Patricia Linda. Lt. White is stationed at Brooklyn Navy Yard...Jeanne Gainer, secretary in the FSA office, has returned to work after an absence of some weeks due to illness...Raymond Boyles has been promoted to Staff Sergeant and given a short furlough which he is spending with his family here... P/O 3/c Johnny Wagner home for a few days after finishing radar training at Corpus Christi, Texas. He reports to Norfolk, Va., for assignment, and says he hopes he rates an ocean voyage...Marine June Craddock writes that he expects to be on his way home immediately, but did not know just when he would reach the States...T/5 Richard Whiting has been

## THE FINAL NICKER

The HM, which was started in April, 1942, by Everett Withers, ends its racing career with this issue. From a lively colt with a sponsor list of twenty-five, it grew into a frisky nag which carried news and amusement (we hope) to nearly three hundred men and women from these hills who have been serving in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Their words of appreciation will always be gratefully remembered by the present editors. The home front kept the feed box filled, and messages from the fighting fronts boosted our morale so that we actually made it down the home stretch, but now that the emergency (and ain't that a word with which to characterize a war that ended with the atomic bomb?) is over we are leaving the track to other and swifter steppers, while we hunt up a green pasture and bask in the sun.

I. L. West  
Mabel Wolfe

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## LETTERS FROM THE MILITARY

R. M. "Bob" WHITING, Aerog, USN, NASD, Norfolk 11, Virginia: "Sorry to be so late with a requested letter, but have finally worked my way clear of all obstacles, mainly, the moving of my place of business to a new location and absorbing all of the business formerly carried on by the Navy's Aerological Section at the U. S. Naval Observatory. My job and responsibility has grown by leaps and bounds during the past three months... Considerable post war planning has been taken into consideration and now things seem to be moving along quite satisfactorily. While maintaining my former rank of warrant officer, I am now acting as technical consultant or assistant to the supply officer for the dispensing of all supplies for the aerological section of the navy, and expect, in the near future, to assume responsibility for the repairing and reconditioning of all used equipment and instruments being turned in by units being closed down in the field... Incidentally, my official address has also changed as indicated. Health remains good for both myself and family. Robert, Jr., started to school this fall and strangely enough seems to prefer school to being home on week ends. I guess the reversal of this opinion comes later in life... I am glad to hear of so many of the fellows getting back to the village. Personally I have three years to do in the service before calling it quits on a retirement basis. Due to the condition of my tires, I doubt if Glenville will be on my list of calling places this fall. I am deeply appreciative of the HM through the past months. Best of luck and here's hoping that it will continue to bring the home town news to those less fortunate than I; those who are so far away and lonesome for the green hills."

## HEARD ON THE RIALTO

With the release from rationing of gasoline, canned foods, stoves, rubber boots, and kerosene, both the ration board and the general public find themselves free of at least part of the annoyances that have plagued them during the past three years. The tire and price

panels of the board still wrestle with problems of shortages and evasions, but even they can now begin to look forward to the day when the last regulation may be scrapped. At the board office, we've been clearing the files of obsolete records, and doing various other chores of liquidation, while up on the cornice of our building a red-headed woodpecker is doing his strenuous best to destroy the whole works. We haven't figured out just why he is so mad at us, since he was never bothered with ration books or gasoline coupons, or even applications for canning suger... We apologize to Lt. Lynwood D. Zinn for calling him a j.g., when he has had his promotion to full lieutenant for months past... Sgt. Richard Smith is home on 45 days leave. After putting in some time and effort toward finishing the war in Germany, he stayed to help some with the tidying up over there... Lt. and Mrs. Allen B. Sanders (Maple Myers, a former teacher in Troy high school) announce the birth of a son, Earl Allen, September 6, in Philadelphia... Capt. Robert T. Haumann was killed in a B-29 bomber crash on Sept. 7, near Maxwell Field, Ala., while on a routine training flight. The members of the crew were buried in a national cemetery at Wilmington, N. C. ... William Erwin, of the Ordnance Department, has been promoted to Technical Sergeant... The mayor and council of the town at a recent meeting went on record as urging our congressmen to start a flood control project for this valley as soon as possible. That week the Little Kanawha put out flood threats three different times, by way of adding point to the recommendation... Pvt. Ira Reed, Board of Education member on leave of absence while in the service, landed at Yokohama on Sept. 3, with a Recovered Personnel Detachment. The unit is engaged in the liberation and rehabilitation of prisoners of war... Mary K. Smith and Nell Reed have returned to WVU for the year... T/Sgt. Harley D. Wells, Jr., is in the 119th Armored Engineers Battalion which was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by direction of the President... We see a number of the town's former citizens ambling along the Main Stem now that they have returned from the various war plants where they have been employed.

Some factories have closed down and others have laid off a large percentage of their workers. Tom Gainer has already got himself a local job in Ruddell Reed's grocery... James Luzader, brother of Pud and Clyde, died at a Charleston hospital Sept. 16, and was buried near Jane Lew. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church here by Rev. Jake Musser, former pastor of the church... Ensign Ted Fultineer has left the states, having been assigned to active duty in the Pacific. ... Nelson Craddock is on his way home after a too long tour in the ETO. His son is going on two now, and Nelson hasn't even had a look at him yet. Junior Craddock, of the Marines, has reached California and expects to be home in a few days. He was through the Okinawa campaign from the beginning... Pfc. Theodore Bush has landed in Japan with the 1st Cavalry. His unit was chosen as General MacArthur's personal bodyguard... Lt. A. Kyle Bush, USNR, is spending a leave with his wife and small son after 23 months in the Pacific area. He is a medical officer... Cadet Nurse Madolene Bailey is home on leave from the Charleston General Hospital... The Rev. Gilbert B. Moore has resigned as pastor of the Glenville Baptist Church and will soon take a church in Parkersburg... S/Sgt. Boxcar Hamilton visiting friends in town after returning from the Pacific area. Says his cousin screwdriver is stationed in California now and has got himself married, but Boxcar couldn't remember the gal's name. Didn't think we'd know her, anyway... A truck stopped suddenly and a car behind crashed into it. The car owner haled the truck driver into court over the accident. "Why didn't you put out your hand?" asked the judge. "If he couldn't see the back end of the truck," retorted the trucker, "how in hell could he see my hand?" ... S 2/c Jimmy Harper, projectionist emeritus at Pictureland, is home on nine days leave from Sampson, N. Y. ... The college enrollment is now 131, an increase of 50% over last year. Saturday and night classes have been organized... The Red Terrors are getting a good start on their fall schedule. To date: Weston 13, Glenville 0; Grantsville 0, Glenville 6; Sutton 0, Glenville 26 ... Fred Whiting is selling his dairy herd and stops delivering milk on Sept. 30. Since we have never learned to really like milk that has had tin wrapped around it, we shall probably have to purchase us a small cow. We aim to contact Ernest Stalnaker about

pasturing her on the court house lawn... Jack Walters' wrecking operations has forced Squire Julia Kee to abandon her offices in the Whiting House, and move to the building back of the Kanawha Union Bank, where she will continue to dispense high, low and middle justice, as well as manage the town's express agency... A/S Robert L. Decker was badly injured August 12 when the motorcycle he and another Bucknell student were riding was hit by a city bus. He had some small bones in his neck broken and a fractured skull, but is getting better now... Lt. Ruddell Reed, Jr., home on leave from a B-29 base in the Pacific Area... Capt. Marvin C. Meyer, home on 45 day leave to visit his wife, the former Mary Leone West. He has been in New Guinea and the Philippines for 20 months... Sue Berry visiting in town. Arlan is at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas... Several schools of the county are collecting rations and hiring cooks in preparation for hot lunch programs. The Board of Education offices are all cluttered up with bags of potatoes and onions... F 1/c Stanley R. West writes from San Francisco that in a USO guest book he found signatures of Damon West, Robert Flesher, and Everett Ellison who had signed on February 24, 1945... Pfc. Thomas Hendrick's outfit was practising amphibious landings in the Philippines when the Japanese surrendered. They took a little time out for celebrating and then went right on with their landings... Skeeb Lorentz is the new manager of Thompson's Drug Store. Harry Stevens, who has been filling in since Garland Brannon went to Clarksburg, is returning to Grantsville. ... The State Board of Education has approved 105 3/4 teachers for the county's schools. Yep, that's what we said, 105 3/4, but don't ask us how they expect to acquire that fractional educator... Lt. Homer Paul West, of the army's engineers, has left Mobile, Ala., for duty in Chile, South America ... Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Porter (Betty Lee Sawyer) of Mannington, have a son, John Edward, Jr., born Sept. 24... C. L. Underwood and R. E. Freed have returned to the College and began work at the beginning of this semester. Lt. Col. Underwood had been in the army more than three years and Mr. Freed was a field director for the Red Cross, his last post of duty having been in the Philippines... A baby is an elementary canal with a loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Receipts

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| Balance as reported Jan. 9, 1945 | \$2.09       |
| Contributions                    | <u>59.50</u> |
| Total                            | \$61.59      |

#### Disbursements

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| Stamps and envelopes | \$57.90     |
| Stencils             | <u>3.60</u> |
| Total                | \$61.50     |

The balance of 9¢ will be evenly divided between the editors.