

AS TIME
GOES
PASSING BY

- July - 44 - Aug - 44

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THE END

This book found IN

- MUNCHEN -

DEC - 23 - 1944

AND

IN - IT

Most ANYTHING MAYBE

- found -

Such As NAMES
Addresses
of fellow

MEMBERS
of THE

- P.O.W -
Club

"My Bridge"
PLAYMATES

Melvin Ferguson
1501 Johnson St.
Keokuk Iowa

Robert Griffin
Tiptonville Tenn



Wayne Foster
512 Central Ave
Rochester N.Y.

Anthony Haldis St.
3324 Shelburne St.
Phila. Penna.

Robert Pearson
801 John St
East-Liverpool
Ohio

A. Swell - Pastime.

REC MY FIRST
- AT - RED
"Chartres English PK's"
ONE BETWEEN
TWO MEN CROSS
PARCEL

CHALONS
- REC -
TWO PK's
SAME SET
- UP -
~ THEN AT ~
BUT AT
OUR OWN PARCELS
3 - PK's
ONE PER
MAN -

AND LAST
- AT -
MOOSBURG
IT HAS BEEN
A LITTLE OF EVERY
THING - EVEN DOWN
TO SIX MEN ON
A PARCEL -

MORE
fun

PLACES - OR - CAMPS

STARVATION
HILL
2-DAYS

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5-DAYS

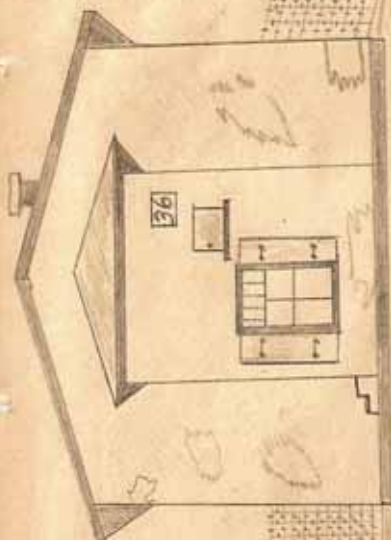
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7-DAYS

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du MARNE
10-DAYS

Limburg
STA LAB. 12-A
18-DAYS

MOOSBURG
STA LAB. 7-A
AND TIME
MARCHES
- ON -

NEXT
STOP
?



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Staff

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Sgt-Major J. H. GOETZE
RMS S.A. Lt ACK-ACK-TRDT
20 CHAMBERLAIN-STREET
WOODSTOCK - CAPE PROVINCE
SOUTH - AFRICA

BOR - ERNEST MEYER
NATAL FIELD-ARTILLERY
12 - POLO - AVENUE
PIETERMARITZBURG - NATAL
- SOUTH - AFRICA -

Sgt - ART - OLIVER
ROYAL - ARTILLERY
6 - LOCO - QUARTERS
- MHOW - INDIA -

L/Sgt - C - JAMES
ROYAL - ARTILLERY
FERNWOOD - HOUSE
OOTACAMUND
NIBIRIS
INDIA

SPENT SIX WEEK ON A
FARM Oct 4 to Nov 14
PICKED PLENTY OF Spuds
(oh my poor aching back)
to say nothing of CABBAGE (Nuts)
onions - lettuce - Cow-berts & etc

IT WAS A PLACE WHERE
EARLY TO BED & EARLY TO RISE
WAS THE WISE THING TO DO
IN FACT WHEN EVENING CAME ONE
WAS ALWAYS READY FOR BED & WHEN
MORNING CAME ONE WAS MORE
THAN WILLING TO STAY IN BED YEAR

ON THE FARM WE FOUR GI JOES
HAD LOTS OF COMPANY - EIGHT SERBS
ONE POLISH WOMAN - TWO RUSSIAN GIRLS
AND TO ADD TO THE FUN - NO ONE
COULD UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?

HAD THE FIRST SNOW-FALL
Nov 4.

RECEIVED MY FIRST
MAIL FROM HOME

DEC - 7 - 44 - AND IT SURE
WAS GOOD TO HEAR FROM
EVERYONE ONCE AGAIN

CARDS FROM - BARB - ELSIE -
MOTHER & DAD - ELEANOR
DOT - AUNT MARY - E. WELLS
D. ALSHOUSE. ANN - SCOTTY MCKINNON

LETTERS FROM BARB - ELEANOR -
MAE - BETTY & JOE - E. WELLS -
LEAH FALKENSTEIN - AMANDA HARVEY
ALSHOUSE - B. SANDMEYER

SPENT XMAS DAY AS
FOLLOWS

FIRST WENT TO CHURCH
THEN HAD MY USUAL
BREW - "TEA"

- LUNCH -
M. POTS - BEEF - GRAVY
BREAD - BUTTER - JAM
- AND A SPOT OF -
"TEA"

- SUPPER -
- STEW - BREAD - & ETC -
PLUS - COFFEE

A SNACK
CAKE AND COFFEE

"OVER"

TEA FROM ENGLISH TRG —

LUNCH - JERRY
- ISSUE -

- SUPPER -

POTS - G.I. STEW - A PKG - AND
PUT TOGETHER - COOKED - A LITTLE
AND - THERE YOU HAVE A REAL
MEAL.

And to top the DAY
COMES THE SNACK

FRUITCAKE - No foolin' - RAISINS
PRUNES, CRUSHED CRACKERS, - Eggs,
POWDER, - P. MILK, - BUTTER - THEN
BAKED - HALF - A - DAY - A BELIEVER
IT - OR - NOT - ITS GOOD - ALMOST
FORGOT - THE - ICING - IT WAS AS -
FOLLOWS - D. BAR - GRATED - SUGAR -
P. MILK - BUTTER - A SPREAD - OVER - THE
VICTIM - THEN CUT - AND EATEN IN
THE USUAL - MANNER

BUT EVEN THOUGH THE DAY ²⁵
WAS A BUSY ONE MY THOUGHTS
WERE OF YOU ALL - WONDERING
HOW YOU ALL ENJOVED THE DAY
AND WHAT I AND A LOT OF OTHER
G.I. SOES - WOULDN'T OF GIVEN TO HAVE
BEEN WHERE OUR THOUGHTS WERE

DID - THE MILLERS GET HOME
AND WHAT DID SANTA BRING - THE
CHILDREN - MOM & DAD - SISTERS -
BARB - AND ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE
OF THE OLD HOMETOWN.

WAS THE DAY A WHITE
ONE - OR MAYBE - LIKE IT WAS
HERE - GOLD - BUT OLD SOL WAS
OUT - IN FULL - BLOOM.

WE ALSO HAD - A TREE - PLUS
A FEW TRIMMINGS - BUT NO ONE
HEAVY ENOUGH TO JOY - SANTA

- NEW YEARS - EVE - ²⁷

WELL FIRST OF THE DAY IN
A NICE QUITE MANNER. HAD MY
USUAL SPOT OF TEA IN THE MORN
ING - SKIPPED SOUP AT NOON TIME
THEN FOR AN EVENING MEAL - HAD
MASHED POTS - TURKEY - PLUM PUDDING
C. BREAD - TEA. COOKED ON OUR
LITTLE BLOWER.

THEN TO TOP THE DAY OFF IN
A GREAT FASHION MY LITTLE BRIDGE
PLAYMATES AND I - SAT DOWN TO A
NICE QUITE GAME OF CARDS AND
THUS SORT OF PLAYING OUT THE OLD
AND PLAYING IN THE NEW.

BUT ONCE AGAIN OUR
THOUGHTS - WERE FAR - FAR AWAY
AND NO ONE NEEDED GUESS WHO
WE WERE THINKING OF. YEP YOU
ARE RIGHT. ALL WERE THINKING OF
THE DEAR ONES AT HOME AND WANTING
YOU ALL TO BE HAPPY. IN THE COMING
YEAR & BEST

Wishes
to
You All

- JAN - "45" - FEB - 29

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CONTENTS OF VARIOUS ³³

- RED-CROSS-PKGS -

"ENGLISH"

CAN-MEAT-VEG.	CAN-CHEESE-S
"-STEW	"-P.EGGS-S
"-FISH	"-PEAS
"-CRACKERS	"-JAM-S
"-BACON	"-OLEO-S
"-C-MILK	"-COCO-S
"-B.BEEF	"-OATMEAL
BAR-SOAP	CANDY-BAR

- 50-SMOKES -

"CANADIAN"

CAN-B-BEEF	CAN-JAM-L-
"-CAM	"-BUTTER-L-
"-SALMON	"-CHEESE
"-SARDINES	PKG-COFFEE
"-P-MILK-L-	"-OR-TEA
PKG-RAISINS	"-CRACKERS
"-PRUNES	"-SUGAR
BAR-SOAP	BAR-CANDY

- PKG-SALT -

50-SMOKES



— OUR OWN —

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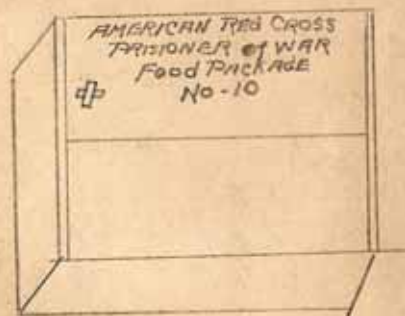
CAN - B. BEEF	CAN - BUTTER
" - SPAM	" - JAM
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" - SALMON	" - P. MILK
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2 - CANDY BARS	2 - BARS - SOAP
PKG - RAISINS	PKG - PRUNES
BOX - SUGAR	

— 100 - SMOKEs —

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CAN - IRISH STEW	P. EGGS
" - MEAT + BEANS	P. SOUP
" - B - BEEF	BUTTER
PKG - CRACKERS	JAM -
" - FRUIT	MILK -
" - TEA	SOAP
CHEESE	

— 50 - SMOKEs —



OUR OWN

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CHRISTMAS PARCEL

CAN - TURKEY	CAN - P. BUTTER
" - P. PUDDING	" - CHEESE
" - U.D. HAM	" - P. SAM
" - V. SAUSAGE	" - CHERRIES
PKG - B. CUBES	" - HONEY
" - DATES	" - M. NUTS
" - 4 GUM	" - CANDY
" - TEA	2 - FRUIT BARS
CRIBBAGE GAME	WASH - RAG

PIPE
 PKG - P. A. TOBACCO
 AND
 THREE PKGS - SMOKES

A. TRAIL
 PKG.
 TO - RECEIVE

- NEW YEARS DAY - 39

WELL - WELL HERE ARE THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR, AND WHAT YOU KNOW SLEPT UNTIL 9:30 - LATE - HUH - BUT ONE COULD EXPECT IT AFTER SUCH A MIDNITE OF BRIDGE, YES SIR - DIDN'T GET TO BED UNTIL AFTER 10 - P.M.

BUT AS USUAL IT WASN'T LONG AFTER I WAS UP THAT THE USUAL PROCEDURE OF CUTTING UP A FEW PIECES OF WOOD AND GRABBING THE BLOWER - BREW POT - AND OFF TO THE BREW AREA, TO WHIP UP A SPOT OF TEA, WHICH OF COURSE HIT THE SPOT - ON THIS FINE COLD MORNIN'.

AND EVEN THOUGH ONE KEPT ONESELF BUSY - YEP - YOU ARE RIGHT AT LEAST I KNOW MY THOUGHTS KEPT WANDERING ACROSS THOSE MANY MILES OF LAND & SEA, TO THOSE WHO ARE DEAR TO ME - AND HOPING & PRAYING THAT THEY ALL WERE WELL & HAPPY AND JUST WHAT THEY WERE DOING, THIS FINA

DAY AND WHAT THEY GONE TO
PASS THE OLD YEAR OUT AND
BRING THE NEW YEAR IN. YES
AGAIN I SAY THAT EVEN
THOUGH ONE MAY BE BUSY WITH
COOKING UP A BREW OR STEW
OR EVEN PLAYING CARDS
IT NEVER FAILS BUT WHAT
SOMEONE DOESN'T BRING UP
THE FAVORITE SUBJECT OF
HOME, THE OLD GANG, AND WHAT
A HAPPY DAY IT WILL BE WHEN
WE ALL CAN RETURN TO THOSE
WE LOVE.

SINCE COMING BACK FROM ~~THE~~
THE FARM THE TIME HAS BEEN
SPENT GOING IN AND OUT OF
MUNICHEN ON WORK DETAILS
YES WE HAVE A PRIVATE
TRAIN, SOME WHERE IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF 30 CARS - BOX CARS
AND EVERY CAR HOLDS 50 MAN
& 46 BARDS - SOME STAND - OTHERS
SIT, WHILE A FEW LAY DOWN

AND I MIGHT ADD THAT
THE CITY ITSELF AT ONE TIME
WAS - CERTAINLY BEAUTIFUL, BUT
OF COURSE TODAY IT LIES A VERY
WELL BATTERED CITY

BUT TO GET BACK TO THE
WORKING PART, WHICH HAS BEEN
A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING, SUCH AS
WORKING ON THE R.R. (I BELIEVE
NOW I HAVE COMPLETED MY COURSE
IN R.R. WORK EVEN DOWN TO WORK
ING ON THE TRACK BAND) OTHER
TIME, WORKED IN TOWN CLEANING
OUT BUILDINGS.

THE USUAL WORKING DAY
BEGINS WITH THE 5:15 M. DARTING
US UP ABOUT 4:30 AM. THEN WE
HAVE - 6 I TEA, AND A SHORT TIME

LATER. fall out. THEN WE
STAND AND FREEZE FOR A
HALF HOUR - THEN MOVE OUT
TO THE TRAIN - THERE WE AGAIN
WAIT & FREEZE UNTIL THE LOCO
THEN WE FINALLY TAKE OFF
FOR TOWN - ARRIVING ANY WHERE
FROM 8 AM TO 11 AM - DO A
LITTLE WORK - HAVE SOUP - BREAD
THEN SPEND A COUPLE MINUTES
IN A A.R. SHELTER, THEN BACK
TO WORK AND ALONG ABOUT 4
OFF WE GO TO OUR PRIVATE CAR
THERE WE AGAIN WAIT FOR THE
LOCO - AND FINALLY IF WE ARE
LUCKY WE GET BACK TO CAMP
ABOUT 8 PM - BUT GENERALLY
WE AREN'T LUCKY AND DON'T GET
IN UNTIL 10 OR 11 PM BUT OF COURSE
ONE JUST HITS THE HAY - TO
REST UP FOR THE FOLLOWING
MORNING

AND BELIEVE YOU ME
ONE SURE LOOKS FORWARD
TO SUNDAY WHEN HE CAN
REST.

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POEMS
FROM
CAMP PAPERS
Books
- AND -
Etc
→

A
POEM
REMEMBER

45
If when you're fighting overseas
You should feel lonely and blue
Just think of the fun we used to
have and
REMEMBER I'm waiting for you

If some lonely moonlight night
you wonder if I'm still true
Stop wondering, for I'll be out with
the girls
REMEMBER, I care for just you

If you yourself should meet a girl
A certain somebody new
Please think twice before brushing
me off, for
REMEMBER I'm faithful to you.

If you're across a long long time
Even a decade or two
I'll still feel the same until you
return
REMEMBER I'll always love you.

As from someone who cares.

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DISTANT VIEWS

Two sayings that I've been inclined
In puzzlement of times to ponder
Are "Out of sight is out of mind"
And "Absence makes the heart
grow fonder."

They're opposite as day and night.
The very height of contradiction.
No more alike than Black and White
or large and small, or fact and
fiction.

To reconcile them, though, I've quit;
It's not a thing I'm growing gray from
For I have found at last that it
depends on whom you are away
from

Richard Armour

To My Daddy

49

DEAR DAD:

I'M WRITING WITH MY OWN LITTLE HAND
IT MAKES ME SORT A KINDA SHIVER YOU UNDER-
STAND
IT HAS BEEN MANY DAYS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
AWAY.
AND WHERE YOU LIVE YOU NEVER SAY.
AND THE TEARS THAT TRICKLE DOWN AND
BATHE MY FACE.
ARE TEARS OF PRIDE THAT LEAVE NO TRACE
PLEASE BELIEVE ME I VISION YOU WITH
MY EYES DISCLOSED
YOUR LITTLE SON CLASPED AT YOUR CHEST
VERY COMPOSED.
I TO HAVE MY COMBATS AND LITTLE WARS
WITH FAITH -
I'M PRAYING YOU'LL BE HOME FOR MY
BIRTHDAY THE EIGHTH.
I FEED THE BIRDS EVERY MORNING BEFORE
I LEAVE FOR SCHOOL.
AND IN THE EVENINGS I USUALLY GO TO THE
SWIMMING POOL.
I TRY SORT A KINDA TO BE A SOLDIER TOO -
BUT DAD, WITH YOU SO FAR AWAY - IT'S HARD
TO DO
AN EVERY TIME I PLAY SOLDIER, DADDY,
IT MAKES MOMMIE CRY
(OVER)

Oh! yes! I MEANT to ask you, why
Daddy? why?
I try to comfort her the best
I can
But gee! Daddy: I'm just a
Little man
Every night I pray to God to keep
vigilant over you
And then I say a special prayer
for Mommie too.

Your Son

John KostECKI

P.O.W.

LAWRENCE BRADINO
11 - WALLACE ST
SOLIHET ILL.

- The Light -

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Look, God, I HAVE NEVER spoken to you
But now I want to say, How do you do
You see God they told me you did NOT exist,
And I, like a fool, believed all this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky
I figured right then, they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see things you made
I'd have known they were not calling a spade
A spade.

I wonder God if you'd shake my hand
Somehow I feel that you will understand
Funny I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face,
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say
But I'm sure God that I met you today
I guess the zero hour will soon be here
But I'm not afraid since I know you are near
The signal - well God, I'll have to do -

I like you lots, this I want you to know
Look now, this will be a horrible fight
Who knows, I may come to you to night
Though I wasn't friendly, to you before
I wonder God, if you'd wait at your door?
Look, I'm crying, me shedding tears
I wish I had known you these many years
Well, I have to go now, God Good bye
Strange, since I met you I'm not
Afraid to Die.

THE HERO

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What did you do in the war, Daddy
How did you win the war?
Where did you get your uniform
that hangs from the closet door?
Mother, she says you served your time,
that's certainly no disgrace;
But when ever I ask her what you did,
she sniggers and makes a face

"A trivial job was I
In the Services of Supply
I filled out form 350 in my most
medicalous way;

I filled it out and filled it out and filled
it out all day;
And when I'd finished filling it out I
filled 350's - Now Beat it!"

"Is that the best you did, daddy? Didn't
you see the scrap?"

Charlie's father, he sank a sub, and
Dorothy's killed a Jap;
Eli's mother, she joined the SPARS,
and Tommie's, she was a wave;

What did you do yourself, daddy, so
wonderful and brave?
I was an Army Clerk
I typed out all the
work

With a slip of the pen
Last fifty men

Who NEVER thereafter were seen again
I sharpened pencils, and dusted desks;
I mopped and scrubbed the floor;
And you've got the nerve to ask me,
What did I do in the war!

SCRAM!

"How did you win that ribbon, then,
And the chevrons on your coat?
Did you get to Africa, daddy, dear,
Or weren't you on the boat?"

"Each stripe I wear
As a Legionnaire

I earned by my efforts forty square
While other fellows were driving tanks
And sinking enemy ships,
I saved the day in my own sweet
Way with Quartermaster slips,
I got the Colonel - believe it or not -
Eight gross of paper clips!
Wanna make something of it?"

Your Weekly Letter

55

A thought of love, a word of cheer
Your weekly message to someone dear,
A line of words from your heart comes
To let her know just how you are
feeling
You write about weather, and say that
you're well

But there's so many things that you can-
not tell
You talk about old times and how much you
miss her

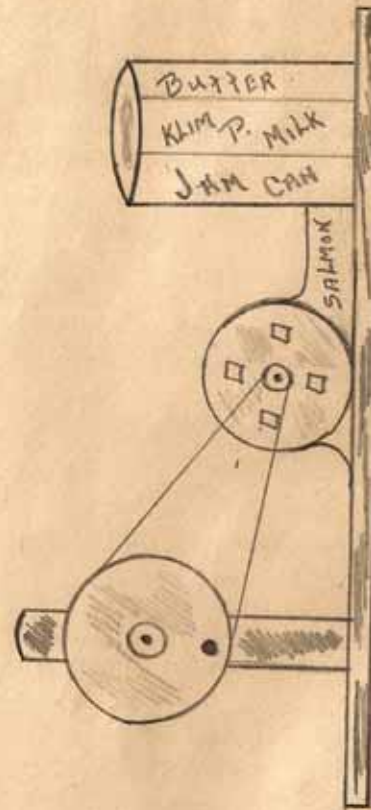
And hope to come back once more to kiss her
She doesn't know what you're going through
It would be mighty hard if she only knew
The long hard days just sitting there
Alone with your thoughts, and your heart
full of fear
That you may never return to your home
again

All hope is gone - you live in vain
Yet as each week comes, you rewrite once
more

The same old lines as the week before
And pray, when she receives them, she'll
know better
What you couldn't write in your weekly
letter

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Anything from a Brew to a Stew



P.O.W.'s
Kitchen

A.P.O.Ws

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PRIZED POSSESSIONS

SOUP BOWL



G.I. ISSUE

SPOON



G.I. ISSUE

KNIFE



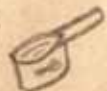
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TRYING PAN



PICKED UP
PIE PAN

TEA STRAINER



CHEESE CAN

GRATER



PLUM
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BUTTER
CAN

(OVER)

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ANOTHER
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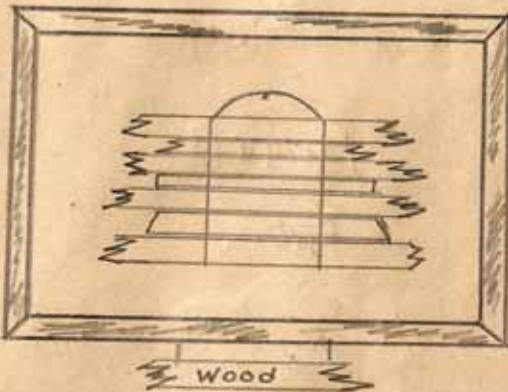
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Ditto

WHAT EVERY WELL TO DO
P.O.W.

• KEEPS A SUPPLY OF



BETTER
THAN
MONEY IN THE
BANK

WORKING DAYS

WELL ITS LIKE THIS, AS YOU
KNOW THE WEATHER CHANGES FROM
DAY TO DAY, SO GOES OUR WORKING
SCHEDULE, OR PERHAPS I HAD BETTER
EXPLAIN A LITTLE EH. OKAY HERE
GOES FIRST WE HAVE A SET UP
THAT WORK A DAY OFF A DAY - BUT
THAT DIDNT LAST SO SOMEONE
HAD A BULL SESSION WITH SOMEONE
ELSE, AND THE OUTCOME WAS SPLIT
THE WORK BETWEEN THE THREE
COMPOUNDS, BUT THAT DIDNT WORK
OUT SO NOW THE SET UP IS WORK ONE
AND OFF TWO OR ON THE AVERAGE
OF TWO DAYS A WEEK, AND IN THIS
WEATHER ITS JUST TWO DAYS A
WEEK TOO MANY, BUT IF THEY LEAVE
IT AS IT IS IT WONT BE TOO BAD
BUT YOU CAN TAKE MY WORD FOR
IT. WORKING THESE DAYS IS SURE
GOLD ON THE FART & HANDS AND FOR
MY PART ILL TAKE SOME OF THAT
PITTS. DIRT AND SMOKE.

POST SCRIPTS
of
HUMOR
FROM
S-E-P

- THE MAIDS LAMENT - 1943 67

I LOVE COFFEE

I LOVE TEA

I LOVE THE BOYS

AND THE BOYS LOVE ME

THAT I SANG, THAT, A LACK
WITH MY PIGTAILS DOWN MY BACK

VANISHED ARE MY CHILDHOOD JOYS;
NO MORE COFFEE, TEA OR BOYS

JUNE KAPP

"SONG OF A CANTEN HOSTESS"

OUR FIGHTING LADS

ARE HANDSOME BOYS.

SO BRAVE, SO STRONG,

SUCH CHARM, SUCH POISE.

A HOMELY ONE

YOU NEVER SEE -

EXCEPT THE ONES

WHO GO FOR ME.

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"WHAT PRICE MARRIAGE" ⁶⁹

What two CAN LIVE AS CHEAPLY AS ONE
Isn't half enough to HAVE ANY FUN ON.
CARROLL JOHNSON

- SUNDAY MORNING -

SING A SONG OF SOBBY TOAST.

COFFEE GETTING SOUPY.

ORANGE JUICE LUKAWARM, ALMOST

ZINNIAS LOOKING DROOPY ---

THE KING IS IN HIS SHOWER,

HAS BEEN THERE FOR AN HOUR.

ALICE HAMILTON.

"NONFEMINIST"

ALTHOUGH WITH VIGOR THEY PROFESS

AVEN FOR SCIENCE, BUSINESS, FAME,

OLD HUMAN NATURE, NONE THE LESS,

REMAINS THE SAME;

FOR MANY A FEMALE PH.D.,

MASTER OR BACHELOR OF ARTS

WOULD VERY MUCH PREFER TO BE

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS.

LET CRITICS POINT TO WHAT THEY WILL,

OF MATRIMONIAL DISASTERS,

THE FAVORITE DEGREE IS STILL

A LORD AND MASTERS!

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- Bedlam on the Potomac - 26

SEAT of our GOVERNMENT, - Washington,
THE CITY where sitting's

- Expertly Done. -

Filled with workers from far and near
Come to MANAGE the Nation's WAR.

HOME of the bureaus to help us win it,
SCARCE is the home with a bureau in it,

This is the capital AND, dedone it,

Plenty ARE capitalizing on it

- Richard Armour -

- To A BOUNCING BABE -

BABE, ENJOY your INFANCY;

REVEL in your life of EASE;

YEARS that lie ahead will be

Not at all as nice as these,

Life, you'll find, is quite appalling

CREASING brows, AND BENDING backs;

So, for HEAVEN'S SAKE, Quit bawling,

Shut your TRAP and Just RELAX.

- Albert Miller -

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- MORAL Support -

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A habit that I think is silly -
Is PROVING EVERYTHING by WILLY
You know the way SOME WOMEN SAY,
"I CAN'T DRINK COFFEE, CAN I TRY?"
OR, "YES I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED TO SEW
I MAKE MY OWN CLOTHES, DON'T I JOB?"
THEY SEEM TO HAVE NO MINDS AT ALL.
I NEVER DO IT, DO I PAUL?"

- MARY T. RAUTH -

- GRIP - GRIPE -

Clasp my hand in fervent GRIP,
SHAKE IT AS YOU WOULD A WHIP,
Pump it up and down with ZEST,
Make your friendship, MANIFEST,
But I ask, don't MAKE ME STAND
Minuter long with captive hand.
SHAKE IT ONCE MORE, high and low,
THEN, I beg you, PLEASE let it GO.

- RICHARD ARMOUR -

- The Worm Will Take Turns -

I always KNEW he -
Wasn't the only fish in the sea --
It occurs too late
That neither am I the only bait

- ALICE HAMILTON -

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"Voluntary Advice" 75

Milady, be wary of cupid
Add list to the lines of this verse:
To let a fool kiss you is stupid;
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

- A. GILES -

- DEFINITION -

A bad girl is a good girl
Who's had some nasty breaks,
A good girl is a bad girl
Without the looks it takes.

- EVELYN L. COOPER -

"SCHOOLING"

WE LEARN of vice and virtue.
From very different points;
The good we learn at Mother's knee,
The bad at other saints.

- NORMAN JOHNSON -

- COCKTAIL HOUR -

Well, just one
But if I do,
SEE I DON'T
HAVE MORE THAN TWO.

- N. SHAW -

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avec mon meilleur souvenir
de fin de captivité dans
ce que fut "la grande alliance"
et l'espoir bien vil d'avoir
de temps à autre quelques
nots de mon camarade
Charles -

René Gressier
de l'orchestre du
Stalag VII F.

- BAR FLY BEWARE - ??
THE GLANCE THAT, OVER COCKTAILS,
SEEMS SO SWEET,
MAYBE LESS CHARMING OVER -
SHRAPPED WHEAT.
- VIRGINIA BRASIER -

"NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS"
NO MORE DRINKING THIS TIME I'M THROUGH
(AFTER SIM'S BIRTHDAY NEXT FRIDAY NITE)
NO MORE STALLING - WHEN BILLS COME DUE,
(AS SOON AS THAT RAISE COMES INTO SIGHT)
NO MORE FALLING FOR PRETTY FACES,
(NOT UNLESS THEY ARE EXTRA-THRILLING)
NO MORE POKER AND NO MORE RACES,
(AFTER I'VE MADE THAT FINAL KILLING)
- Phil Stack -

Jacques Thuillot
56 - Rue d'Auran-
Bouges -
CHER

En souvenir des derniers jours
de captivité passés ensemble.

J. Thuillot

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To My SWEETHEART
ACROSS THE MILES

THERE'LL BE A TIME COMING DEAR,
WHEN PEACE IS HERE ONCE MORE
AND ^{WE} CAN BE TOGETHER THEN
THEY WAY WE WERE BEFORE

THERE'LL BE A TIME COMING DEAR
WHEN WISHES WILL COME TRUE,
AND WE CAN HAVE THE KIND OF
WORLD
I'D LIKE TO SHARE -- WITH YOU.

To the WIFE
I LEFT
BEHIND

XMAS
CARDS

FROM

LETTERS

FROM

— CARDS —

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Aunt May	Oct-19	" DEC-21
Dot & HARVEY	Nov 15	" DEC-12
ANN & SCOTTY	DEC-5	" JAN-19
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/ C.P.s and P.P.s /

3-C. of Camels. Nov-6 REC MAR 28

— LETTERS —

BARBARA.
ELEANOR
THE MILLERS
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BETTY & JOE
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HOT SPRINGS, ARK

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ONCE AGAIN the dawn of
A NEW MONTH is upon us but
still my thoughts ARE of those I
left behind. WONDERING how they
ARE AND hoping AND PRAYING
that it won't be much longer
before I CAN ONCE AGAIN be with
them for always.

Didn't do as well last month
on mail call as I did in DEC. AND I
hope that this month that it will
be better cause I sure look forward
to RECEIVING LETTERS from home

Believe it or not but the
weather here for the past few days
has been like spring (and boy howl
my thoughts wander across those
many miles of land and sea you
guess) But like EVERY thing else
it will probably turn to snow and
ice and remain that way for the
rest of the month as it did during
Jan.

And aside of that I haven't
done much of ANY thing in the way
of news. Just the same old routine
of WORK today and off a day

- Feb. 1 - 45 -

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FEB-5- And what's COOKIN
YOUR GUESS - IS AS GOOD AS MINE -
EVERYONE IS ON THE MOVE - WHERE
TO - OR WHY OR WHEN - MOST ANY
DAY NOW, FIRST THE RUMOR IS - SOUTH
LATHER OR MAYBE TO A NEW CAMP
AS OTHERS ARE COMING HERE FROM
DIFFERENT CAMPS? - AND THAT LEAVES
US BACKS - IN A STEW AND ALL WE
CAN DO IS HAVE OUR THING PACKED
AND READY TO MOVE, IF WE MOVE,
AND YOU WOULD BE AMAZED AT THE
AMOUNT OF JUNK WE TROV'S PICK
UP IN OUR TRAVELS - SUCH AS WOOD
FOR COOKING - CANS TO COOK IN, AND
THE RESULT IS - SHOULD WE PACK
IT ALL UP OR LEAVE IT BEHIND, MAY-
BE WE WILL NEED IT AND MAYBE NOT
BOY DO WE HAVE A TIME - OH YEAH!

FLASH NEWS OF THE DAY IS -
12 MEN TO A PARCEL AND A PARCEL
EVERY DAY NOW I ASK YOU - YOU FIGURE
IT OUT, MORE FUN DIVIDING IT, BUT EVERY
ONE GETS - A BITE TO EAT AND A SMOKE
AND IF RUMORS WERE TRUE, I'D
BE ON MY WAY HOME TO YOU ALL
AND BOY WOULDN'T THAT BE WOULD BE
FALL - YOU BET IT WOULD

FEB-5- AND WHAT'S COOKIN
 YOUR GUESS - IS AS GOOD AS MINE -
 EVERYONE IS ON THE MOVE - WHERE
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 US BACKS - IN A STEW AND ALL WE
 CAN DO IS HAVE OUR THING PACKED
 AND READY TO MOVE, IF WE MOVE,
 AND YOU WOULD BE AMAZED AT THE
 AMOUNT OF JUNK WE P.O.'S PICK
 UP IN OUR TRAVELS - SUCH AS WOOD
 FOR COOKING - CANS TO COOK IN, AND
 THE RESULT IS - SHOULD WE PACK
 IT ALL UP OR LEAVE IT BEHIND, MAY-
 BE WE WILL NEED IT AND MAYBE NOT
 BOY DO WE HAVE A TIME - OH YEAH!

FLASH NEWS OF THE DAY IS -
 12 MEN TO A PARCEL AND A PARCEL
 EVERY DAY NOW I ASK YOU - YOU FIGURE
 IT OUT, MORE FUN DIVIDING IT, BUT EVERY
 ONE GETS - A BIT TO EAT AND A SMOKE!

AND IF RUMORS WERE TRUE I'D
 BE ON MY WAY HOME TO YOU ALL
 AND BOY WOULDN'T THAT BE WOULD A
 FULL - YOU BET IT WOULD.

GERMAN COINS



Fifty Pfennig



TEN Pfennig



FIVE Pfennig



ONE Pfennig

ANY THING ABOVE FIFTY PFENNIG
 COMES IN MARKS, THE SAME AS OUR
 PAPER CURRENCY

FEB-6-45

WELL WE MOVED AND WHAT A MASS
 ONLY HAD FOUR BOXES - BED ROLL - POTS
 AND PANS - NOT TO FORGET - THE
 BUNDLE OF WOOD - ALL AT ONE TIME
 MAYBE YOU THINK I WASN'T LOADED
 DOWN - AND DARN WE DIDN'T HAVE TO
 MOVE VERY FAR, ONLY ACROSS THE
 STREET TO THE OPIE COMPOUND (IN
 OTHER WORDS A LITTLE MORE SPACE
 TO WALK AROUND IN AND LESS BARK
 WILL TO LOOK AT - AND HOW LONG WE
 WILL BE HERE YOU GUESS.

ALSO WENT UP FOR NEW SHOES
 AND IN CAME THE OFFICERS ALL ARE
 FROM THE AIR CORP. SO REMAIN -
 WHAT MIGHT BE IN THE WIND FOR
 US. THE BEST I HOPE.

BOY IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT
 HALF OF THE STUFF THAT WE DO
 AROUND HERE YOU ALL IS A WHIZ.
 AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED JUST
 TAKE IT AS IT COMES, BUT LIKE EVERY
 ONE SAYS THERE WILL COME A DAY
 WHEN WE ALL WILL MAKE THE ONE
 GREAT MOVE, AND THAT IS LOOKS OUT
 M'KERSPORT HERE I COME, AND THE
 SOONER THE BETTER.

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ANOTHER WEEK HAS GONE BY ⁹⁴
AND STILL WAITING FOR A LETTER FROM
YOU ALL DIDN'T DO AT ALL A GOOD AS I
EXPECTED ON MAIL CALL. I WONDER WHY?
BUT STILL IN ALL AS TIME GOES BY, IT
MEANS THE COMING OF OUR TIME FOR
BEING TOGETHER IS GETTING NEARER AND
NEARER AND AFTER ALL HOW THAT IS JUST
WHAT WE WANT ISN'T IT. BUT STILL I
CAN'T HELP WISHING THAT WE WERE
TOGETHER NOW, AS WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO
TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIME WE HAVE BEEN
SEPARATED - A NEW HOME TO BE STARTED
ON AND ALL - IT SURE WILL BE FUN TO DO ALL
THE THINGS WE HAVE PLANNED. AND TO START
REPAYING THE GOOD PEOPLE FOR WHAT THEY
HAVE DONE FOR US.

- FLASH - THE MAIL MAN JUST CAME
BY WITH TWO LETTERS ONE FROM THE
FOLKS AND YOURS OF THE 22ND OF NOV.
WAS GOOD TO HEAR THAT ALL IS WELL ON
THE HOME FRONT AS THAT IS WHAT I
LIKE TO HEAR. ALSO THAT YOU ALL ARE IN
GOOD HEALTH. AND RIGHT NOW NOTHING
WOULD PLEASE ME BETTER THAN TO
KNOW THAT I WOULD SOON BE ON MY
WAY HOME TO YOU ALL, WHO KNOWS
IT MAY BE SOON FOR MY PART I AM
READY TO START NOW.

FEB-10-40

FEB-15-1945-1 ⁹³
RECEIVED OUR FIRST COMFORT PKG -
AND HERE IS THE ITEMS IN IT.

1-PA. PALMAMS	2-BATH TOWELS
6-CAKES-T-SOAP	2-CAKES-L-SOAP
1-CAKE-S-SOAP	1-CAN T-POWDER
1-Q-CIGARETTES	1-B. CASCARA TABLETS
1-BOX Q-GUM	1-SHOE BRUSH
1-ROLL T-PAPER	1-BOX A-COMPRESSES
1-PLASTIC RAZOR	1-SEWING-KIT
4-HANDKERCHIEFS	1-PKG-VITAMIN TABLETS
1-PKG-PIPE-CLEANSERS	1-TOOTH BRUSH
1-PA CASE-TOOTHBRUSH	1-PIPE
2-PKGS S-TABACCO	1-HAIR-BRUSH
1-PA-SLIPPERS	2-PA-S-LACES
1-SWEATER	1-P-Comb
3-PA SOCKS	1-SET UNDERWEAR

6-PKGS RAZOR
BLADES

REALLY A PKG TO GET ISN'T IT AND
WE GOT IT ONE PKG BETWEEN EIGHT MEN
HAD QUITE A TIME DIVIDING IT.

MY SHARE AT THE DRAWING
WAS - PA-SOCKS - 3-HANKIES - PA-SHOE
STRINGS - CAKE OF SOAP - PKG RAZOR-BLADES
CAN-SHOE POLISH - 2-PKGS-GUM - 25-SMOKES
MORE FUN - HUH!

BUT JUST WAIT UNTIL MY PKG
FROM HOME START COMING THROUGH.
THEN I WILL SMOKE UP A STORM. AND
I HOPE IT WON'T BE SO VERY LONG UNTIL
I DO RECEIVE THEM. - BETTER STILL -
I'D RATHER DIE WITH YOU ALL

AGAIN ANOTHER NEW MONTH ⁹⁵
IS UPON US. AND WHAT MIGHT IT
HOLD IN STORE FOR US ALL.

ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN
SOMETHING HAS GOT TO TURN
UP SOON AS TOMORROW IS THE
LAST OF THE PKG-ISSUE - P

THE DAILY FOOD RATIONS
THAT WE GET FROM TERRY HAVE
SURE BEEN CUT AWAY DOWN

SOMEONE IT SEEMS THAT
COULD BE A CHANCE OF GETTING
PKGS IN BY TRUCK FROM SWITZ
AND THE RUMOR IS THAT THERE
HAS BEEN AN OFFER OF TRUCKS
FROM SOME KIND PERSONAL - ANY
WAY I SURE HOPE THAT IT IS
TRUE

DID FAIRLY WELL WITH
MAIL THE PAST MONTH BUT THE
MOST LOOKED FOR PKGS AS YET
HAVEN'T ARRIVED, AND BOY THEY
WOULD SURE COME IN DAMN
HANDY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

AND MOST OF ALL WILL THIS
NO. BRING TO A CLOSE, WHAT ALL WE
POWS HAVE BEEN PRAYING - I HOPE

CONTENTS OF A POW CAKE. 91

12-K-2 CRACKERS GRATED
4 TABLE SPOONS POWDERED MILK
1- " " MARGARINE
6- " " SUGAR

RASIONS - PRUNES (DICED)
Add WATER till doughy AND MIX

Put IN PAN LINED WITH WAX PAPER
AND PLACE IN HOT OVEN till DONE
10 to 30 MINUTES

- NOW FOR THE FROSTING -

D-BAR GRATED
2- TABLESPOONS MILK POWDER
2- " " MARGARINE
2- " " SUGAR

Add WATER AND boil - WHEN FINISHED
SPREAD OVER CAKE.

RESULTS ARE THE CAKE IS HEAVY
ENOUGH TO HOLD ONE DOWN IN A HIGH
WIND BUT ONE WOULD BE AMAZED
AT HOW GOOD IT TASTES - NO FOOLIN.
AND FOR ANY ILL EFFECTS STOP
AT NEAREST M-I ROOM FOR A FEW
BROWN BOMBERS.

FRENCH FAMILY CAKE 92

1# WHITE FLOUR - 1-QT MILK
6- EGGS - 1/4# BUTTER - MIX WELL
BAKING POWDER -

1# RICE - 1-Pt. MILK - 1/2# SUGAR
THEN COOK WELL AND ADD TO FIRST
MIXTURE THEN ADD

1/2 CAN CONDENSED MILK
1/2# RASIONS OR APRICOTS
MIX WELL AND BAKE.

- FRENCH BREAD 2 LB LOAF -

SALT & YEAST - SAME AS IN OUR BREAD
1 1/2# WHITE FLOUR - 1/4# RICE FLOUR
ADD WATER AND MIX WELL AND
WHEN ABOUT DONE - GREASE TOP
WITH BUTTER -

- SWEET POTATOES BALLS -

COOKED SWEET POTATOES - MASHED
AND MIXED WITH MARSH MELLOWS
CREAM AND BUTTER - ROLL INTO BALLS
COAT WITH BUTTER AND ROLL IN
CORN FLAKES AND BAKE.

MAR 15 - 101

WELL ITS A BIG DAY CAUSE ONE OF
THE FELLOWS THAT WAS CAPTURED WITH
ME REC HIS FIRST FOOD PKG FROM HOME
THE FIRST SINCE HE WAS TAKEN AS A
POW. AND HE TELLS ME THAT THERE
ARE A LOT OF THEM ON HAND, SO IT SHOULDN'T
BE SO LONG BEFORE I GET A SLIP TO GET
MINE. THE ONLY DRAW BACK IS THAT OF
ALL THE P.P. IN CAMP, JERRY ONLY
ISSUES ON THE AVERAGE OF 14 PAGES
SO OUT OF ALL THE THOUSANDS HERE
IN CAMP WAITING FOR PKGS YOU CAN
IMAGINE WHAT MY CHANCES ARE.
BUT MY DAY WILL COME, AND THE SOONER
THE BETTER AS I COULD SURE DO WITH
THE FOOD.

- MAR 16 -

AGAIN THE OLD SUN CAME IN ON THE
BEAM AGAIN - THE FIRST ALL MONTH AND
ONE LIKE MYSELF NOT ONLY GOT A TOUCH
OF SPRING FEVER, AND AS IT WAS OUR
DAY FOR DEAR OLD RR. WORK IN MUNCHEN
MY THOUGHTS JUST WOULDN'T STAY ON
MY WORK, BUT WOULD WONDER ACROSS
THOSE MANY MILES OF LAND AND SEA TO
YOU ALL AND WISHING THAT THIS MESS
WAS OVER SO THAT I COULD BE WHERE
I WANT TO BE ALWAYS. YEP RIGHT YOU
ARE, BACK IN THE OLD HOME TOWN WITH
THE ONE I LOVE AND HOLD DEAR TO ME
AND AGAIN I HOPE THAT IT WON'T BE
SO LONG UNTIL I AM HOME.

MAR-21-

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Oh YES the first day of SPRING AND a beautiful day it WAS. What I SEEN of it, first of all our day for MUNCHEN detail. Left CAMP with the sun SHINING ARRIVED IN MUNCHEN IN TIME for a little SPRING SHOWER. PROCEEDED to PLACE of WORK AND THERE PUT IN ABOUT TWO HRS WORK. THE GAME ALARM. SO SPENT ABOUT FOUR HRS IN SHELTER. MORE fun. Oh yeah AFTER THAT had chow such AS it WAS AND BACK TO CAMP WE CAME. NEWS of the day WAS that NOW WE ARE BACK ON the old P.K.L. schedule of ONE full P.K.L. PERMAN PER WEEK in the form of SIX MEN to a P.K.L. SIX DAYS A WEEK. REASON IS the food situation HERE IS T.S. AND the latest IS that AFTER the first of APRIL the RED CROSS IS to TAKE OVER the FEEDING of US POWS. WHICH if it COMES TRUE it WILL BE A DARN GOOD thing for US.

- MAR-22 -

SIGNED UP ONCE AGAIN for farm WORK AND although it MEANS a little MORE WORK BUT ONE MUST THINK of ONES stomach. SO I don't KNOW WHEN WE WILL LEAVE BUT I'll BE READY ANY TIME NOW AS LONG AS the WEATHER STAYS AS IS. BUT what I WANT to KNOW what HAS happened to all the MAIL AND PKL FROM you ALL. HAVEN'T HEARD FROM you ALL for quite a spell. still HAVE MY FINGERS CROSSED in hopes for your PKLs you HAVE SENT MAY BE MY LUCK WILL CHANGE soon I hope.

- MAR-27-28 -

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Well what you KNOW my GOOD PEOPLE it HAPPENED YEP. LAST EVENING AFTER ARRIVING BACK IN CAMP FROM our daily WORKING party (YEP JERRY decided NOW that us POW will WORK SIX DAYS A WEEK INSTEAD of THREE DAYS A WEEK) SO MUCH FOR THAT. NOW for the BIG NEWS. flash - CONWAY RECEIVES his first slip for a C.T. AND WAS BE EVER A HAPPY fellow. you BET THAT MEANT I didn't HAVE to GO out to WORK THIS MORNING.

SO INSTEAD I UPS. LETS WASHED AND READY to LEAVE for MY P.K.L. AND SURE ENOUGH I REC the THREE CARTONS of CAMELS. I BELIEVE in ONE of your first LETTERS you MENTIONED CAMELS AND the NY. date WAS Nov 6. AND it SURE MADE ME FEEL GOOD WHEN HE HANDLED them TO ME AND NOW I KNOW it WON'T BE TO LONG UNTIL I GET your first food PARCEL THATS the ONE I'm SURE looking FORWARD to, WITH all the choc you MENTIONED.

ONE thing I'd SURE like to KNOW is what the devil happened to the MAIL AS ITS BEEN BETTER than a MONTH SINCE I HAVE HEARD FROM BARB AND THREE WEEKS SINCE I HAVE HEARD FROM you ALL AND the LAST LETTER of yours dated DEC-26. WHICH MUST OF GONE THROUGH a LITTLE AIR RAID. ALL BURN'T AROUND the EDGES, BUT it FINALLY GOT THROUGH in SPITE of EVERY thing AND I KNOW you ALL HAVE WRITTEN SINCE SO NOW I TO REALLY TOP THE day off WOULD BE TO HAVE the MAIL MAN COME AROUND WITH that LITTLE yellow slip of PAPER for that P.K.L. AND AN ARM full of your LETTERS.

EASTER SUNDAY - APR-1- 1947

YES AND it'S A beautiful day AND I HOPE it'S AS NICE for you ALL OVER THERE AS it IS HERE. Boy what I WOULDNT GIVE to HAVE BEEN WITH you ALL to SEE the SIGHTS AND NEW FASHIONS for the COMING SEASON. NOT to FORGET the CHILDREN I bet that they WERE ALL decked out AND strutting there stuff AND I bet you ALL HAVE A TIME KEEPING THEM FROM OVER EATING SO MUCH SWEET STUFF (NOT THAT WE ALL DIDNT DO the SAME thing WHEN WE WERE THEIR AGE.)

ONE thing I had ME MY ELLS this MORNING. YEP SUNNY SIDE UP AND boy they WERE SURE good AND fresh GOT them FROM a GUARD FOR 9-SMOKES AND WELL WORTH it. THATS WERE your SMOKES you SENT DOES YEP for food ALSO MADE MYSELF a LITTLE cake WHICH WILL NOT LAST LONG AROUND ABOUT 5 APPROX TIME.

I'm AFRAID that ONCE the boys AROUND these CAMPS GET BACK HOME that the GALS will FIND that they WILL CONTINUE to BE the BREAD WINNERS IN a GOOD many FAMILIES AND the FELLOWS will TAKE OVER the DOMESTIC WORK. No foolin' you ALL WILL BE AMAZED at the NEW dishes that WILL BE PLACED BEFORE you ALL at MEAL TIMES.

ONCE AGAIN space is SHORT AND NOT MUCH to WRITE ABOUT BUT like a lot of other GOOD fellows MY thoughts ARE WITH you ALL AS ALWAYS AND Hoping that it WON'T BE LONG UNTIL WE ARE WITH you ALL for GOOD.

APR-6-45

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Oh yes its me again with a few MORE RUMORS FIRST of all LAST EVENING 3000 FRENCH WERE SET FREE AS CITIZENS AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN 5000 OFFICERS due to ARRIVE HERE. THEN THE CAMP Comd TELLS us THAT SPACE WILL BE SORT OF SCARCE HOW TRUE AS ANOTHER 100 MEN WERE MOVED INTO THE BARRACKS BUT IT WOULDN'T BE LONG TO LONG AS HE THINKS IT WILL ALL BE OVER BY THE 11th OF THE MONTH. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT WHAT HE SAYS IS TRUE.

ON THE WAY FROM WORK YESTERDAY SAW TWO TRAIN LOADS OF POWS FROM OTHER CAMPS AND SURE ENOUGH THEY ARE HEADED FOR GOOD OLD VII B

AND THIS MORNING THE ANSWER TO IT ALL COMES OUT AND THAT IS BE READY TO MOVE AT ANY TIME THAT MEANS ONLY ONE THING, THE SET UP WILL BE THE SAME AS IN LIMBURG SINCE THE OFFICERS ARE NOW HERE WE WILL BE CRAMMED INTO A FEW BARRACKS UNTIL THEY CAN PUT UP A FEW BIG TENTS AT THE PRESENT THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE INDIANS AND ARE THEY HAVING FUN OH WELL I HOPE AND PRAY THAT IT WON'T LAST SO VERY MUCH LONGER AND HOW WHEN THE WEATHER STAYS LIKE THIS ALL I DO IS SET AND THINK OF YOU ALL AND WONDERS HOW YOU ARE, WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND MOST OF ALL WISHING THAT I WAS HOME WITH YOU ALL

STILL NO MAIL FROM YOU ALL SOME THING WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ABOUT IT NEH!

MAY-18

SAME PLACE, SAME TIME, BUT NOW WE ARE WAITING SHIPPING, ALL SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS - 18 IN ALL TO GO TO CAMPS ALL OVER THE STATES, AND ALL I CAN SAY IS BRING ON THOSE TRUCKS, TO TAKE US TO THE PORT, AND HAVE THAT BOAT READY TO TAKE OFF WHEN I GET ABOARD, WHO KNOWS THOUGH? IT MIGHT BE TODAY SOMETIME I HOPE.

- MAY-19 -

BRIGHT AND EARLY THE SATURDAY MORNING, HAD BREAKFAST AND NOW STARTS THE LONG DAY OF WAITING TO HEAR MY NAME CALLED FOR SHIPPING. HAD TWO ORDERS LATE YESTERDAY BUT NO CONWAY OH WELL MAYBE ILL HAVE BETTER LUCK TODAY I HOPE. YEP I DID IT AT LAST GOT MY NAME CALLED BEFORE NOON CHOW, NOW WHEN DO WE LEAVE AND THIS MOVE I HOPE TAKE US RIGHT ON A BOAT AND NOT ANOTHER CAMP AT LA HARVE? MORE ABOUT THAT LATER.

APR-26

NOW COMES A TIME WHEN "AS THE RUMOR GOES" AND THAT IS A G.I. COL. IS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CAMP MORE FUN, AND THAT GERRY CANT FEED US ANY MORE, THAT IS WHERE THE A.C. COMES IN WE HOPE. THINGS HAVE BEEN RATHER QUIET AROUND HERE COMPARED TO THE DOMBING THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS AND I DEMAND THAT DUTCHLAND IS VERY MUCH DOMBED OUT. EVERYONE IS SO CONFUSED THAT THEY DONT KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN OR GO INCLUDING THE GUARDS, AS IT STANDS A LOT OF THEM HAVE DISCARDED THEIR UNIFORM FOR CIVIES TO GET AWAY FROM FIGHTING AND I DONT ALARM THEM CAUSE THERE ISNT ANYTHING LEFT TO FIGHT FOR WITH THE ALLIES ALL ABOUT THE PLACE WHO KNOWS FOR ALL WE KNOW WE COULD BE CUT OFF AS REPORTS GO OUR BOYS ARE IN MUNCHEN AND LANDSHUT WHICH IF TRUE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL.

APR-27

SO TODAY WE ARE ONCE AGAIN IN THE ARMY - YEP THE BRASS HAS TAKEN OVER AND WHAT A MESS BUT NOTHING NEW SAME OLD STUFF AND OF COURSE WE OF THE INF HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS M.P.s. JUST MY LUCK (HA HA) BUT SO FAR OUR POSTS ARE STILL OCCUPIED BY GERRY THANK GOODNESS, AND WHEN THEY TAKE OFF WE WILL TAKE OVER FOR MY PART GERRY CAN STAY ON A GIVE UP WHEN THE BOYS GET HERE, BUT WHO KNOWS THE BRASS AROUND HERE CAN SURE MAKE A CLEAN GOOD MESS OF THING, AND I DONT MEAN MAYBE.

APR-28

Well REC. THE FIRST NOTE FROM
BARB SINCE JAN. AND IT WAS THE ONE
OF DEC-20. AND DARN HAPPY TO GET IT
MADE ME FEEL SWELL TO KNOW MY NOTE
WAS HEARD OVER THE AIR. AND ALSO TO
KNOW THAT ALL IS WELL ON THE OLD HOME
FRONT, BUT STILL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
HOW YOU ALL SPENT THE XMAS DAY.

NOW FOR THE NEWS, WELL YOUR GUESS
IS BETTER THAN MINE, THE RUMORS ARE
HOT! SOME SAY ITS ALL OVER AND ON THE
OTHER SIDE, WELL! MORE FUN BUT ME
I'LL STRIVE ALONG THINKING THE SAME AS
ALWAYS, AND HOPING & PRAYING THAT
SOON I'LL BE WITH THE ONES I LOVE,
AND IN THE MEAN TIME I'LL SAVE THE
LAST PAGE FOR THE FINAL SAY SO.

APR-29

Just NINE MONTHS - SIX DAYS AGO
I LAID DOWN MY GUN AND BECAME
A POW. WAS IT WAS ON A SUNDAY
MORNING, AND LITTLE DID I THINK
THAT ON THIS SUNDAY MORNING
ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME, OUR
OWN BOYS WERE AT THE GATES
AND AFTER A FEW HOURS OF
GUN WARFARE THE GARRY GAYIE
UP THE CAMP. IT WAS SURE IF
THAT TO SEE OLD GLORY AT THE
TOP OF THE FLAG POLE, AND
NOW WE HERE AWAIT ORDERS TO
MOVE OUT, EITHER BY TRUCK OR PLANE
TO FRANCE AND THEN HOME
TO YOU ALL.

MAY-7

STARTED ON THE FIRST LEG OF OUR
TRIP HOME, LOADED IN TRUCKS AND RODE
TO LANDSBUT AIRPORT (ONLY 5000 OF US)
SO NOT ENOUGH PLANE TODAY, MAYBE
BETTER LUCK TOMORROW. AT LEAST WE
GOT AWAY FROM 7-P. ALSO HEARD THAT
GARRY CAME IN TO U.S.

MAY 8

HERE WE ARE BACK AT THE FIELD
HOPING TO GET AWAY TODAY, WHO
KNOWS, ALSO HEAR THAT TODAY IS THE
BIG V.E. DAY. GOT AWAY RATHER EARLY
AND LANDED IN REXES, SPENT A DAY AND
HALF THERE, NOT BAD SHOWERS AND
CLEAN CLOTHES

MAY 10

LEFT REXES THIS MORNING BRIGHT
AND EARLY FLEW TO LE. HARVE, TOOK
A TRUCK TO HERE. (CAMP RAMP.) SO NOW
WE HAVE ANOTHER STAY. GET MORE
CLOTHES, SHOTS, AND HOSP. FOOD, PROCESSED
AND ETC WHICH FROM WHAT THEY TELL
US WILL TAKE FROM 3 DAYS TO 15 DAYS
AND MAYBE IN THE MEAN TIME GET A
USHA PASS TO PARIS, TIME STARTING IN PARIS
FOR MY PART I RATHER SPEND THAT TIME
ON THE TRIP HOME, BUT THE BEST PART
IS THAT 60 DAY FURLOUGH, THAT'S WHAT
I REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO, OH YES
HOW DID YOU SPEND MY BIRTHDAY, HAVING
FUN I HOPE.

- MAY 12 -
 Another day and another buck
 so they say but to us here n-think
 much new has happened except for
 a so called p. exam. strip to the
 waste, hold up your arms and walk
 past the doc, just another tough
 or ridged exam the funny way.

- MAY 14 -

Moved last evening, meaning
 one thing - just n-think closer to
 letting that dont here, we let
 a few more clothes and them
 moved to a processing area which
 is only a few tent rows down
 and that could take place shortly
 after we get clothing there we
 will let a parting pay so-bucks
 in french money. and then moved
 to another area, where one is
 placed in groups bound for central
 camps and then on to the boat.
 of course this all could take
 place in one days time pending on
 boats or maybe a week, but still
 get that pass to Paris, but still
 for my part, and me to that
 boat and you

- MAY 15 -

Another day, same place. Got
 what clothes needed and now just
 awaiting to move a few tent rows
 down to be processed, pay, and
 the wait to be moved to shipping
 area, who knows when we move.
 do you, if so let me in on it huh?

- MAY 16 -

like I said. Well that's the way
 it turned out about 9 PM - we
 moved and already this morning
 we have been processed - given one
 of those usual health exams and
 now just awaiting to go to camp
 then to get pay then - 300 yes
 I did find out that I got to Dix
 to get my funkish. Just my luck
 it couldnt be made.

- MAY 17 -

Well today we were supposed
 to get payed and moved to the
 shipping area - I hope, any way its
 still early in the day and my
 thing can happen, later, wish we
 got payed but no news tonight
 Rumor is. In the morning

MAY 18

Same place, same time, but now
 we are waiting shipping, all split up
 into groups. 18 in all, to go to camp
 all over the states, and n-think
 say is bring on those trucks, to
 take us to the boat, and have that
 boat ready to take off when I get
 aboard, who knows though? it might
 be today sometime I hope.

- MAY 19 -

Bright and early and don't
 morning, had breakfast and don't
 starts the long day of waiting to
 hear my name called for shipping
 had two orders lately yesterday
 but no company oh well maybe I'll
 have better luck today I hope.
 YEP I did it at least got my name
 called before noon chow, now when
 do we leave and this move I hope
 take us right on a boat and not
 another camp at Le Havre?
 more about that later.

- MAY 20 -

WELL HERE WE ARE AT LEHARRE
AND HOW LONG WE STAY HERE BEFORE
GOING ABOARD YOU GUESS.

- MAY 21 -

ONCE AGAIN NEWS COMES DOWN
THAT WE BOARD BOAT SOMETIME THIS
AFTERNOON, AT LEAST THAT IS MOVING
A LITTLE TOWARD YOU. AND HOW LONG THIS
TRIP ACROSS. I HOPE IT IS LESS THAN THE
TIME COMING THIS WAY, OH YES ALL MUST
FORGET THIS MORNING WE GO FOR A
SHORT ARM INSPECTION. NOW ISN'T THAT
SOME THING FOR AN EX POW. I OFTEN
WONDER JUST WHAT THE HELL SOME OF
THESE ARMY BIRDS THINK WE ARE. LATER
SO NOW ITS EVENING AND HERE WE
ARE ABOARD SHIP. (YEP FINALLY MADE
IT. AND SOMETIME TOMORROW WE LEAVE
FOR S. HAMPTON TO PICK UP WOUNDED SO
IF ALL GOES WELL WE SHOULD PULL OUT
FROM THERE SOMETIME WED. AND THEN
OVER THE BOUNDING SEA TO YOU ALL
ARRIVING SOME PLACE ALONG THE
COAST SOMETIME AROUND JUNE THE
FIFTH. THATS MY GUESS. WHATS YOURS.

- MAY 23 -

LEFT LEHARRE LAST EVENING
AND LANDED HERE IN S. HAMPTON THIS
MORNING. WHAT A DIFFERENCE. PASSED THE
DAY WATCHING OTHER HAP STICK WARR
AND LAZY BOARD. INCLUDING SIX WARRS
BETTER WATCH OUT MEN. AND NOW JUST
A HOPE THAT WE WILL PULL OUT
TOWARD OR FLIGHT THING IN THE MORNING
THAT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS RIDE FOR
10 DAYS TO REACH PORT AND YOU.

OH YES AND WOULDN'T YOU GUESS
I WOULD GET STUCK FOR GUARD DUTY
FOR THE TRIP BUT I WONT KICK TOO
MUCH FOR MY PAST AND TIME IS FROM
12 NOW TO 5 PM. ONCE A DAY SOME
HARVE TO STAND 6 HRS OUT OF 24, SO
I GOT OFF EASY AT THAT.

- MAY 24 -

WELL WHAT YOU KNOW HERE
WE GO PULLING AWAY FROM THE DOCK
AND HEADED. (NOW WHERE DO YOU THINK.
RIGHT YOU ARE U.S.A. BOUND. NO FUKIN
IT GREAT TO KNOW AT LEAST MY DREAMS
ARE COMING TRUE. EVEN IF IT DOES TAKE
A COUPLE MORE WEEKS. I KNOW NOW THAT
IT WONT BE LONG BEFORE I'LL BE WITH
YOU ALL.

- MAY 25 -

SECOND DAY OUT, AND A LITTLE
CHILLY IT IS. BUT ASIDE FROM TAKING
TIME OUT TO EAT AND ETC. ALL I HAVE
DONE IS LAY IN MY BUNK AND THINK
OF YOU ALL.

- MAY 26 -

THIRD DAY OUT AND STILL
HEADED TO THAT WONDERFUL LAND
OF LOVE. LITTLE ROUGH BUT SO FAR
SO GOOD STILL SPENT MOST OF MY
TIME IN THE BUNK THINKING OF YOU
ALL AND HOW GOOD ITS GOING TO BE
TO GET BACK WITH THOSE I LOVE.

- MAY 27 -

FOURTH DAY OUT AND STILL
GOING STRONG MY HOW TIME FLIES.
WONT BELONG NOW. REG MY PX.
RATION ONLY COST ME 6.50 NOT BAD.
HUB ONLY BOUGHT 2 BOXES CANDY 2
CARTONS CAMELS 1-BOX 6 BARS. 2 SAMP
NAIL CLIP. 5 PKGS GUM. 4 PKGS CAKES.
MAYBE I'LL SAVE YOU A PIECE
THEM. PLAYED A FEW HANDS OF
CARDS AND WON SO FAR 21. YES
SHOULD I QUIT. YEAH. I THOUGHT SO.
ANYHOW IT WAS TIME TO GO ON GUARD.

~ MAY 28 ~

Fifth day out, getting closer to every day. Not much new, except that I picked up another five bucks in a little card game last evening, also saw an old time picture the hard way. That makes three pictures I have seen in the last three years. A new record huh?

~ MAY 29 ~

Just a month ago today that our boys took over, and little did I think then that I would be on the high seas headed for home within less than months time, even though the story goes that we would be on the way within 48 hrs. but aside from all of that it's a great feeling to know that all is well on our 6th day out. Also played a few hands of bridge, which nettled me the grand total of \$1.00. Can't get over it. Maybe my luck has changed for the better anyway I sure hope so.

~ MAY 30 ~

Yep 7 days out and still on our way to you all. Still having lovely weather, and today the sea is almost as smooth as glass. Sort of take after mom. Cause I sure enjoy the boat ride and it would be a lot nicer if it were a pleasure cruise.

~ MAY 31 ~

Well here we are once again this time on our eighth day and what a change in the sea. Oh my! if you could only see the difference, in the chow line alone, but believe it or not I'm still holding my own. Flash news of the day tells us that we won't get to see that torch singing mama, but instead we will land in Boston sometime Sunday morning, but just what camp from there. Well it's anyone's guess. Could be Dix or maybe Meade. I'll take whatever I get.

~ JUNE 1 ~

The dawn of a new month and the 9th day out, and the going is still rough. Everyone seasick. Even the KPs think's must be rough when the officers are serving chow, thank goodness I'm on M.P. Duty. Gets me out of KP any how.

~ JUNE 2 ~

Sheer it is the tenth day and a beautiful one at that, just like riding a boat over at the park, once again we had the usual shirt arm inspection. Yeah, I'll have it worn out, just showing it to those quacks. Well from what they tell us we should be in Boston in the morning, (at the present we are less than 50 miles from N.Y. but we must go to Boston). And then? could be a train ride to Dix or spend a day or so at Miles Standish. You guess. I'm tired, it will be my Irish luck to end up at Standish. And then go to Dix. but I still have hopes of being home with you all before another work rolls by. I hope and pray

~ JUNE 3 ~

AND SO ENDED THE BOAT TRIP
TOOK A LITTLE TRAIN RIDE TO CMS.
HERE THEY GAVE US A LITTLE WELCOME
LECTURE. HOW LONG WE WILL BE HERE
NOT TOO LONG I HOPE. AND THEN HAD
STEAK, BUT THE OLD STOMACH IS ON THE
BUM. JUST CAN'T STAND MUCH EXCITEMENT
I GUESS, SHOULD OF CALLED YOU ALL
BUT THE LINE WAS A MILE LONG &
PROMISE TO DO SO AT DIX, AND
FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS WE MIGHT
BE THERE TOMORROW NITE.

~ JUNE 4 ~

HERE I AM AGAIN HAD BREAKFAST
AND JUST A WAITING FOR THE 60 SIBL
WHICH SHOULD BE SOMETIME TODAY
YEP. MOVE IT IS LEAVING AT 8:30 THIS
MORNING AND SHOULD ARRIVE AT DIX AT
2 P.M. WILL CALL YOU ALL FROM THERE.
WRONG AGAIN DIDN'T GET IN UNTIL
4 P.M. HAD CHOW THEN SNACK OFF
TO KEEP MY PROMISE AND CALLED
YOU ALL. AND BOY WAS IT EVER
A TREAT TO HEAR YOUR VOICES
NOW I CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME
TO YOU ALL.

~ JUNE 5 ~

HERE I AM BRIGHT AND EARLY
YEP BEFORE RAIN COME. EXPECT TO
HAVE A BUSY DAY. FIRST A LITTLE
BREAKFAST, THEN START THE BATH
ROCKING. WITH GETTING CLOTHES, CHAIRS
UP AND BE READY TO PACK OUT OF
HERE SOME TIME TODAY. BACK OVER
ABOUT A FEW FORMS TO FILL OUT THEN
LUNCH. AT ONE LET CLOTHES THEN
PAY. COMES NEXT F. PAPERS, THEN
HOPE TO BE ON OUR WAY SOMETIME
AFTER 6 PM THIS EVENING. BY THATS
FOR ME. I SHALL HEAD FOR PHILA. THEN
GRAB FIRST TRAIN OUT OF THERE FOR
GOOD OLD PITT. AND YOU ALL.

Mass Arranged For Dead Soldier

A memorial mass will be held at 8 a. m. tomorrow in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church for Private First Class Hugh S. Wilson, of 1211 Park St., who was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 23. Private Wilson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson and husband of Mrs. Jane Muse Wilson. He was treasurer of the St. Vincent De Paul Conference at St. Peter's Church and was an active member of the Holy Name Society of the Knights of Columbus. The Rev. P. J. O'Connor will be in charge of the mass.

Knights to Honor Deceased Soldier

Class Will Be Dedicated To Hugh Wilson

Arrangements for a class initiation in honor of the organization's first member to be killed in action in World War II will be completed at a meeting tonight of the McKeesport Council No. 955, Knights of Columbus. The affair will honor Pfc. Hugh S. Wilson Jr., active K. of C. member and for ten years secretary of the Holy Name Society at St. Peter's Church, who was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 23. Stanley A. Sieracki is chairman of the committee planning for the initiation. Plans also will be outlined for the observance of the council's 40th anniversary next month. A special report will be given by the lodge building committee headed by William A. Joyce, Dr. William V. Vislar and State Representative William J. Yester. The meeting also will be featured by a debate on the subject, "Should the Voting Age in the United States Be Reduced to 18 or 19 Years?" by McKeesport High debaters.

Two in District War Casualties

East McKeesport Soldier Dies; City Man Missing

Two McKeesport district soldiers have been added to the War Department's casualty list, their families were informed yesterday.

Private First Class Hugh S. Wilson Jr., of 1211 Park St., has been missing in action since Nov. 23, his wife, Mrs. Jane Muse Wilson was notified in a telegram received yesterday.

Mrs. Marian Brennenman-Konvalinka of 1107 Melrose St., East McKeesport, received word yesterday that her husband, Private Albert Charles Konvalinka, 23, had been killed in action while serving with the Army in France.

Private First Class Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Wilson Sr., of Balke Ave., was inducted Aug. 30, 1943 and has been overseas since last May. He was participating in an engagement in Germany, the War Department's telegram read.

Private Konvalinka, a former employee of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., had been in the Army less than a year, having been inducted Dec. 22, 1943. He had been overseas since June 30. A graduate of Turtle Creek High School, class of 1939, he is survived, besides his widow, by his father, Charles Konvalinka, three brothers, Glenn and James in the U. S. Navy and Ronald at home and by his grandfather, Alfred Pero.

City Soldier Dies in Action

Hugh S. Wilson Jr. Killed Fighting in Germany

Private First Class Hugh S. Wilson Jr., of 1211 Park St., was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 23. It was learned late yesterday through a War Department telegram to his wife, Mrs. Jane Muse Wilson.

The soldier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Wilson, 1702 Balke Ave., had been reported missing in action. Before joining the service in August, 1943, Private First Class Wilson had been associated with his father in the grocery business at 813 Fifth Ave. He was born in McKeesport and would have been 31 years of age this last Dec. 4.



Pfc. Wilson

He was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He was an active member of McKeesport Council 955, Knights of Columbus, and was treasurer of the St. Peter's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for 10 years. He served annually as a member of the Society's Christmas committee in the distribution of gifts to the needy. He was student manager of the McKeesport High School basketball team and was graduated from that school in 1931.

Private First Class Wilson took his basic training at Camp Parham, Tex., and was shipped to England last June. He served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany in an infantry unit. He was the holder of the Expert Infantry Badge and the Bronze Medal.

In August, 1939, he was married to Jane Muse, who survives, together with his parents, one brother, John B. Wilson, and three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Hallert and Mrs. Elizabeth Garity of McKeesport, and Mrs. Wilson at home.

Freed Officer Back in City

District Men Liberated From Prison Camps

Flight Officer William D. Reid Jr., a prisoner of war in Germany for nearly a year but who was liberated by al-



liberated by allied troops, was back in McKeesport today.

Son of William D. Reid Sr., of 513 Mulberry St., and a member of the Eighth Air Force, he was captured when his plane was shot down on May 29, 1944, in Germany and for 11 months, was held captive at Stalag Luft 3. He was released on April 29, 1945.

He has two brothers in the service, Pfc. Thomas Reid, a veteran of 18 months of service overseas and now stationed in North Carolina, and Pfc. Robert C. Reid, serving in the Pacific.

been liberated from a German prison camp and hopes to be home "very soon," according to a letter received by his parents, of 1623 Lee St.

Pvt. Conway had been a prisoner since July 23, 1944. He entered the army on Aug. 30, 1943, trained at Camp Fannin, Tex., and went overseas in April, 1944.

He has two brothers in the armed forces, James L., a corporal, is with the First Army Infantry in Germany and David B., a sergeant, is with the 11th Airborne Division in the Philippines.

Other district men listed as liberated from German prison camps follow:

Pfc. Fred L. Belmonte, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Belmonte, 13 Humbert St., Wilmerding.

Pvt. James E. Fuehrer, husband of Mrs. Eleanor Fuehrer, 450 Airbrake Ave., Wilmerding.

Pfc. Alex Given, husband of Mrs. Gertrude Given, 115 Dixon Ave., East Pittsburgh.

Sgt. Jack E. Hall, son of Mrs. Iva M. Hall, 417 Second St., Glassport.

Sgt. William R. Hopta, son of Mrs. J. Hopta, R. D. 3, Turtle Creek.

Corp. Michael Kalina, son of Mrs. Mary Kalina, 2525 Fifth Ave.

Sgt. Albert Harscarik, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Harscarik, 1113 Lynn Ave., Turtle Creek.

Pvt. Thomas J. Quinn, son of Mrs. Catherine Quinn, 403 O'hio Ave., Glassport.

Pfc. Wilfred W. Quinn, husband

of Betty J. Quinn, 2111 Colfax Ave.

S/Sgt. Elmer P. Lillootch, son of Alex Lillootch, 103 Beech St. East Pittsburgh.

Soldier Missing In French Area

Former City Resident Is Reported Killed

Private Charles E. Conway, 30, oldest of three brothers serving in overseas areas, has been missing in action in France since July 23 his parents were informed today.

Inducted into the Army last Aug. 30, Private Conway was overseas with invasion forces since July 23. A former employe of the McKeesport Connecting Railroad, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conway, of 1623 Lee St.

One brother, Corporal James Conway, 25, overseas for nearly two years, also is in France, with another brother, David Boyd Conway, 28, a private first class, recently left for an unannounced war theater.

He also has a sister, Miss Eleanor, at home.

Sergeant William A. Pinton, of New Philadelphia, O., formerly of this city, was killed on Aug. 10, 1944, and received by his parents in

Volume Two Reported As Prisoners

Missing Men Safe; Pair Listed as Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conway, of 1623 Lee St., today were notified that their son, Private Charles E. Conway, previously listed as missing in action, is being held a prisoner of war in Germany.

Private Conway had been listed as missing in France since July 23. Staff Sergeant Marvin Eisner, missing since July 7, also is safe and a prisoner in Germany, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Eisner, of 716 Wiley Ave.

Sergeant Eisner had been reported missing when his bombing plane had failed to return after a mission over Hungary.

Mrs. Mildred Meininger, of 10 Euclid Ave., Dravosburg, has received a Purple Heart awarded to her husband, Private Wilbert Meininger, for a wound suffered in action in France on Aug. 13. He is now in a hospital in England.



Pvt. Meininger Pfc. Zay

Private First Class Elmer A. Zay was seriously wounded Aug. 16 according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Frank Zay, of 2314 Crotona Ave., Bronx, New York. They are former residents of this city.

Zay, now in a hospital in

50,000 Yanks Liberated

WITH THE UNITED STATES
14TH ARMORED DIVISION,
May 1.—(AP.)—In high spirits

50,000 Americans, half of them
Air Force officers, almost mobbed
14th Armored Division tankmen
today in one of the wildest libera-

tions ever witnessed in Germany.
The Americans were among
130,000 Allied prisoners—including
37 high-ranking officers—
freed at Stalag 7A and in the
towers around Moosburg where
the Germans had the biggest
concentration of prisoners in
Germany.

In contrast to the starvation
conditions prevailing in the other
liberated camps, the prisoners in
the Moosburg area, for the most
part were in good physical con-
dition. This was due to the pres-
ence among the prisoners of a
number of Allied officers, includ-
ing many colonels.

Another factor contributing to
their well-being was the nearness
of Switzerland, from whence the
International Red Cross was able
to provide food parcels without
encountering too great transpor-
tation difficulties.

At Stalag 7A in Moosburg,
where 37,000 prisoners including
14,891 Americans were kept, there
were 175,000 Red Cross food
packages on hand when the camp
was liberated.

Yanks Stage Stalag Camp Celebrations

110,000 Allied Prisoners
Already Released by
U. S. Armies

By LARRY NEWMAN
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MOOSBURG PRISONER OF
WAR CAMP, May 1.—There has
been a cavalcade of the United
Nations and V-E Day celebrations
at Stalag 7-A going on for the last
48 hours at this gigantic prisoner
of war cage where 110,000 prison-
ers have been liberated.

Some 30,000 of them were freed
by the U. S. 14th Armored Divi-
sion and the remaining 80,000 rap-
idly overcame their masters and
were free after four years of serf-
dom.

U. S. Flag Raised
A walk down the main street of
this barbed wire city is the emo-
tional experience of a lifetime.
The Stars and Stripes flies over
the sector of the camp housing
14,891 American prisoners from
every campaign of the European
war.

In addition there are 8965 Brit-
ish, 1643 French, 2208 Russians,
including 27 high-ranking officers.
Nearly all of the United Nations
are represented either from their
own country or in the American
ranks.

The camp's proudest and small-
est group was of four Norwegians.
With the liberation of American
prisoners from Moosburg it is be-
lieved that the only sizeable group
of Yanks left in German hands
are those at Luckenwalde, Stalag
3-A, southeast of Berlin.

The entire area around Moos-
burg is one giant prisoner of war
camp and every village has at least
1000 prisoners working in shops
and farms feeding German men,
women and children to fight for
Hitler.

Nazis Refuse to Quit

When Maj. Gen. A. C. Smith's
14th Armored smashed into one
camp after S3 guards refused to
give up, the tankmen under Lieut.
Col. James W. Lamm of Amory,
Mass., took 6096 prisoners, includ-
ing at least 50 lame and ten-year-
old German boys, uniformed and
armed. They etc captured num-
erous women wearing the Nazi
uniforms and carrying regular
Wehrmacht arms.

The SS troops wanted the Am-
ericans to declare the camp a
"neutral zone" but the tankmen
knew this was only a ruse to allow
the Germans to evacuate the pris-
oners.

The first tanks to enter the
camp were commanded by Lieu-
tenant Sidney Hack of Brooklyn,
N. Y., and Lieutenant Perrie Wal-
ters of Carson City, Nev.

They raced to the administra-
tion building in the center of the
camp and ran up the American
flag on the pole where the Nazi
swastika had flown only a few
moments earlier.

David B. Conway, son of Mrs.
Ellen Conway, 1623 Lee St., was
recently promoted to sergeant.
Conway, a member of a field
artillery battalion, has been with
the Eleventh Airborne Division
since last February. In the service
since January, 1943, the 29-year-
old soldier is now stationed in the
Philippine Islands. He also was
stationed on New Guinea.

Also in the service are two
brothers, Corporal James L. Con-
way, an infantryman stationed in
the Eastern theater of operations
and Private E. Conway, now a pris-
oner of war in Germany.

Robert C. Reed, sergeant
in the Pacific.

Pvt. Charles E. Conway Jr. has

1943

been liberated from a German
prison camp and hopes to be home
"very soon", according to a letter
received by his parents, of 1633 O
Lee St.

Pvt. Conway had been a prisoner
since July 23, 1944. He entered
the army on Aug. 30, 1943, trained
at Camp Pannin, Tex., and went
overseas in April, 1944.

He has two brothers in the
armed forces. James L., a corpor-
al, is with the First Army in Ger-
many and David B., a
sergeant, is with the 11th Air-
borne Division in the Philippines.