

'WASP' EARNS HER WINGS

Girl Pilot Graduates After Six Months' Flight Training

LILLIAN EPSBERG, our girl flier, has finally made it! She graduated on September 11 from flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service. Lillian was thrill-



Lillian chats with her boss, Neil Slavin

ed with the ceremony and tells us that Jacqueline Cochran, well known aviatrix, presented each girl with her silver wings. In addition, each graduate received a diploma from the Army Air Corps.

Two celebrities received their wings with Lillian--Helen Detweiler, famous golfer and Helen Richie, an English flier who served with the British women's auxiliary service.

Enjoying a few day's leave prior to reporting to the New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Lillian stopped by the Executive Offices to see the gang. She told us that the women ferry pilots operate under the command of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots - W.A.S.P. - and after a required term ferrying planes these girls will be eligible for additional flight service for the Army.

Lillian made another exciting announcement to her friends. She became engaged to H. Jerome Paul, a boy from her home town (Staten Island) and a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. No wedding bells until after the war, however, Lillian assures us!

SAILOR "ISLAND-HOPPING" IN THE PACIFIC

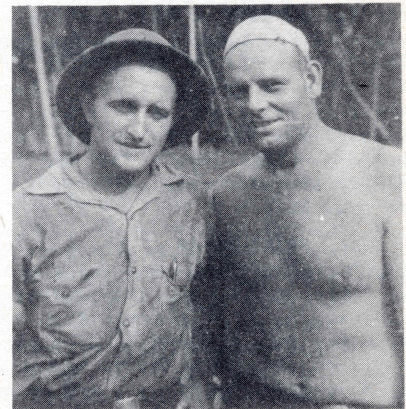
Dayton Plant Man Visits Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, Coral Sea, News Continues to Come in From Our Boys all Over the Globe

The man on the right is a former employee of the Dayton Plant, and not a native South Sea islander. His friends might not recognize E.M.2/C BILL BISCOE, in his present unadorned state, but we have it in writing from him that the temperature in the Coral Sea area hovers around one hundred and thirty five degrees. He has lost nearly forty pounds, and his letter states, "two to five inches of waist" as well.

"This is a grand place to visit, but not to stay," Bill tells us. "We have been here three months. On the way over we stopped at the Fiji Islands for a month and spent a few days at New Caledonia. I'm on special detached duty with a swell outfit that has lots of riding horses which I'm permitted to ride on my days off. The chow is good, but corned beef and Spam appear on the menu too regularly. Free cigarettes are in abundance and we see late movies every night."

Letter from Los Angeles Man

Pfc W.R. NELSON of the Los Angeles Plant has found his "home in the Army" in North Ireland where he has been stationed for the past year as a member of a Signal Service Battalion. Already he has begun to talk like an Irishman for he remarked in his last letter, "No petrol or food rationing here, so we boys get



E.M.2/C BILL BISCOE (right)

the tires and petrol that is rationed from you people." Maybe he means "gas"?

Robert reports that the country is beautiful and there are plenty of parks to lounge around in, "but bring a raincoat along because it usually rains sometime during the day."

The boys find plenty to do: they attend greyhound dog races; dance at the Red Cross Club in Belfast; go to theaters, and occasionally visit one of the typical Irish resort towns along the coast.

Navy Doings

CARY L. BURNLEY, who left the Houston Plant shortly after Pearl Harbor to enlist in the Navy as a fire controlman has recently earned an ensign's commission, we're happy to learn. He regrets his inability to tell all the things he has seen and the places he has traveled to, but we must be satisfied with one little phrase he did write, "We are not unknown to the enemy and have very forceful means of introducing ourselves and employ them at every opportunity."

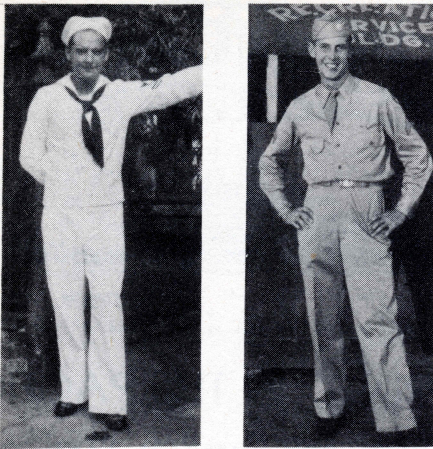
Cary says if anyone cares to exchange a few letters he'd be happy to cooperate. See "Up the Ladder" for his address.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

---and that means Readers' Digest subscriptions for A.D.T. servicemen will be up for renewal. Each subscription will be automatically renewed every year while you men are still in service. Boys, if you haven't been receiving your monthly copies please let us know. And don't forget, whenever you change your address, notify the company so all mail going your way will arrive safely.

Two Yanks Down South



M.M. 2/C CHARLES SCHELLER CPL FRANK WALSH

M.M. 2/C CHARLES SCHELLER posed for his picture down in New Orleans where he is stationed with the Navy. Charlie's wife is there with him, and when he finishes the present phase of his training both will return to New York on Charlie's contemplated furlough. The New York Supply Division expects to give him a royal welcome.

Cpl. FRANK WALSH of the New York Manufacturing Division wears his silver wings proudly for they represent many months of intensive training with the Army Air Forces. At present he is based with a bomber squadron at Barksdale Field, La., and we understand he holds the responsible job of crew chief. Flying is really in Frank's blood and he's convinced there's nothing like it.

Overseas News

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Another Los Angeles Plant man, on the other side of the globe is LELAND M. STUART, R.M.1/C, in the vast Pacific with a Naval Communications Unit. He's busy tearing down and testing gasoline motor generators as well as diving for dugouts when "Washing Machine Charlie" pays an overhead call. The name, says Leland, is considered quite appropriate since the Jap plane motors sound like washing machines.

"As soon as we get the snakes cleaned out over here," Leland comments, "I'll be back at the old stamping grounds once more."

S.2/C SIGMUND OLEWINSKI, Chicago-West Operating, seems to think he's a "b-a-a-d" boy for not writing sooner, but we all understand that when you're on a ship operating in the Mediterranean area things can happen to take up all your time. Naturally, Sig could say very little but wanted to send the folks at home his best wishes and to let them know he thinks about them often.

LEONARD E. WACHTEL's mother informs us that her son also is in the

Mediterranean district. Leonard has been advanced to engineer from fireman, 2/C.

'Way off in New Guinea E.M.2/C EARL SHELLENBERGER seems to have added a few more curls to his hair, judging from information received from the Detroit Operating Dep't who saw a snapshot Earl sent his wife. (Sorry we haven't the picture to reproduce here.) Earl explains it thus: "There are some things that will literally make your hair curl."

By the time this issue appears, S.2/C LOUIS NESSER of the New Orleans Plant will be somewhere on the high seas.

Overseas with the Army

Captain JACK E. BECKERT, Syracuse Plant, who has been overseas with the Army Signal Corps for some time, writes that his post was taken over by the Air Transport Command so he is temporarily attached to the Air Force. All he can tell us about his work is that it is very interesting and he's learning something new all the time.

We heard from Lt. JOHN P. McMAHON's father recently that his son had been in Anchorage, Alaska, with the U.S. Army and now has been shipped out to parts unknown. John was a Baltimore Plant man.

From Camp Wood, New Jersey to Crowder in Missouri and then to the Middle East war theater has been Cpl. BERTON FRANCOEUR's experience after one year in the Army Signal Corps. This New Haven Plant man writes that he was trained as a linesman but his duties are varied and versatile, including cooking, switchboard work and radio station duty. Never a dull moment. Recently he was promoted to the rank of corporal and received the Good Conduct Medal to mark one long year's meritorious service in Uncle Sam's Army.

Cpl. LOUIS FALK (Scranton Operating) can now divulge the fact that he is in Iceland with an Army Signal Air Warning Battalion.

Instructs Aerial Gunners

Pfc FRED OAKES, JR. of the New York Engineering Division is spending most of his time "bringing up" a class of students at Lowry Field, Colo. In addition to instructing the boys in aerial gunnery, Fred finds himself in the fatherly role of disciplinarian and drill instructor as well, quartered right in the

BACK THE ATTACK. Don't begin to slack now that victory seems closer. Get into the fight with your earnings by buying a War Bond today . . . for sure.

same barracks with the students.

Fred went to school for twenty-four weeks to get his instructorship in power operated gun turrets which are used on heavy bombers - Flying Fortresses and Liberators - as well as the so-called medium bombers - B-25's and B-26's. We spent sixteen additional weeks absorbing facts on a central fire control system of aircraft armament to be used on new type ships.

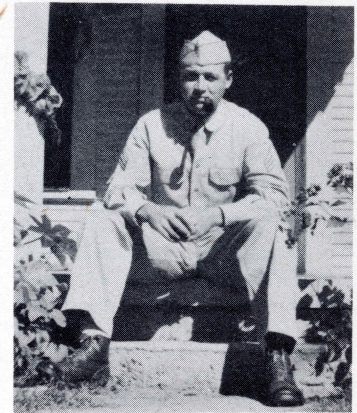
Exciting news lies in the fact that he has seen the new "super bomber" to which there have been veiled references in the newspapers and all Fred can say is that "It's a brute!" According to published reports, these death-dealing monsters of the skies make the Liberators and Flying Forts look like toy airplanes.

LATE BULLETINS

FROM THE NAVY: A slate gray working uniform has been adopted for Navy enlisted personnel serving at sea. Design and fabric will not change. The whites will still be worn for work aboard ship and ashore.

(ARMY): "More than 90,000 persons must contribute a pint of blood each week to supply the plasma needed by the armed forces," said Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army. "Published reports from combat theaters must not lead the public into believing that the need for plasma has been diminished."

Hopes For A Furlough



When Sgt. MAYNARD COMSTOCK of the Erie, Pa., Operating Dep't arrives home sometime this month on furlough from the San Angelo, Tex., Bomber Base, he'll have his first chance of walking the floor with his new baby daughter, born August 5.

Mrs. Comstock thoughtfully elected herself Maynard's private secretary and correspondent to bring us up-to-date on her husband who is crew chief on an advanced trainer bomber at the Texas Bombardier School.

Pickings from the Mailbag



August was a big month in the life of RALPH N. PADEN of the Oklahoma City Operating Dept. On the tenth of the month he was promoted to technical sergeant and on the twenty-eighth he was married in the Post Chapel at the Harlingen, Tex., Army Air Field! He and his wife have a cosy little apartment and Ralph is getting fat on Mrs. Paden's cooking, which he describes as 'way above the class of G.I. cooking. Ralph's job has been training turret gunners.

The mailbag brings another letter from an Oklahoma City man. This one is Cpl. CHARLES ZEECK stationed at the Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Ga., where the fall of the year arrives promptly at the end of August although it's still so hot the cotton is just getting ripe for picking and the mosquitoes have found their second wind. Such is Charles' fevered impression.

Surprise Visitors

The Los Angeles Plant reports that several visitors stopped in the shop in September. None other than DWIGHT "RED" PETERSON, seaman 2/C in the Navy, E.3/C BOB LORENZ and Chief Electrician's Mate BOB COWGER were the surprise visitors. Red is stationed at the Pleasonton, Calif. Naval Center on police duty and works for a cannery in his spare time.

Bob Lorenz had been attending Electrician's School in Boston but now is stationed back in San Francisco.

Bob Cowger was on his way East after being where sirens mean something more than police, fire and ambulance calls.

The Detroit Operating Department received a happy surprise when Pfc.

CLYDE SOUTHARD stopped in recently on his way to Kansas from Tennessee. Work in a Medical Battalion must agree with him for reports have it that he looked hale and hearty.

As Captain PHILIP DAVIS of the San Francisco office expresses it, he's the most unpopular fellow in the Army - a dentist. He became a captain the first of September and practices his painful trade at the Station Hospital, Camp Callan, Cal.

City Slicker Turns Farmer

Pvt. ED WITTENBERGER of the Philadelphia Plant, wrote from Camp Campbell, Kentucky, where he's in Anti-Aircraft, that he spends his spare time down on a farm learning a few rural tricks like milking cows and feeding pigs. His heart is still with the city, though, and he's set on returning to work under his old boss.

Sgt. CHARLES MCKAY told us a short while ago that he has been transferred to the Engineers Corps at Camp Sutton, N.C., after spending many months at Camp Murphy. He is a San Antonio Plant employee.

We also heard from Pvt. JOSEPH F. LYNCH, Camden Operating, that he left Camp Croft recently for Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Wants Some Action

A soft post on the staff of the Navy Bomb Disposal School in Washington, D.C., didn't satisfy A.O.M. 2/C CHARLES HOFFMAN (Muncie Plant) so he volunteered to join the Navy Combat Demolition Unit in training at the Amphibious Base at Fort Pierce, Fla. He's anxious to try his skill in demolition by blowing up Jap harbors, and who knows, perhaps he'll get

that anticipated opportunity soon.

Pfc. OTTO A. SCHNEIDER of the Chicago Plant left Camp Crowder for Ft. Monmouth, N.J., the end of July, and was married there August '28 to Miss June Rudin, his fiancée from Chicago. The happy couple have set up house-keeping in Red Bank and Otto gets home evenings and weekends.

Cpl. HAROLD THAXTON (Covington, Ky., and Cincinnati Operating) thoughtfully dropped the New York Offices a note today how much he enjoys receiving all the publications and reading about his friends in service. He's at Camp A.P. Hill, Virginia, in a Field Artillery Battalion.

Getting Restless

Lt. MARVIN MURPHY of the Detroit Operating Dep't is getting restless for overseas' action since he's been up in Ft. Worden, Wash., in the Coast Artillery for quite some time now. He commands a firing battery of guns at present, and attained a first lieutenant's rating last March.

So far, so good, says A/S THOMAS J. MOORE who has successfully passed all examinations prior to cadet flight training at the Santa Ana, Calif., Army Air Base. He takes to the air like a duck to water and nothing makes him happier than to be cutting capers in the skies.

You Can't Beat the Navy

A postcard from Pfc THOMAS COSTA, (N.Y. Mfng) in Marine Aviation Detail, Jacksonville, Fla., tells of the acquirement of an additional stripe and conveys Tom's best regards to everybody, including the fellows who drop in on leave.

"There is nothing like the Navy and there never will be," says F.3/C BILL HAMBLIN in a letter to the St. Louis Operating Dep't. He has been taking special courses at the U.S. N.T.S. in St. Louis but graduation is looming up and with it comes the realization that he won't be hanging around his home town much longer.

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Marine Dodges Cupid's Darts

"When you look at the photo," says Sgt. JOHN FURNEISEN (N.Y. Accounting), "don't be frightened.... it's me."

The Marine Corps base at Jacksonville, Fla., seems a very dangerous place to stay, since Johnny says that out of the original bunch of boys there when he first arrived, he is the only one still single! So far, he has held tena-



ciously to his status of single bliss, however.

Doughboy Busy on Range

The drama of Pvt. KENNETH WEST's life might be called "Home on the Range" since he spends most of his waking time shooting a rifle on the Camp Croft, S.C. gunnery range.

This Flint, Michigan, Operating Department lad



goes on to say that he rises at 4:00 a.m. and marches three miles to the rifle range, then shoots at targets all day long. Back at barracks, he spends another two hours cleaning his gun. It's all in the life of an Infantry soldier!

Ken brings a bit of news about LOUIS KING, also an ex-Flint employee. The two boys correspond and Louis is attending the University of Kentucky at the Army's expense.

BUTTON UP YOUR LIPS -
AND SAVE OUR SHIPS.

CHICAGO-OPERATING NOTES



Here is the latest picture of Pvt. RAY EHRICH who is still training with the Infantry at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. In spite of rugged discomforts and a rigid curriculum, Ray says he's feeling better than ever. His outfit spends weeks at a time camping and training in an Alabama forest, where fifteen-ton tanks rumble over the boys crouched in fox holes and possess capture machine guns shooting live ammunition over their heads.

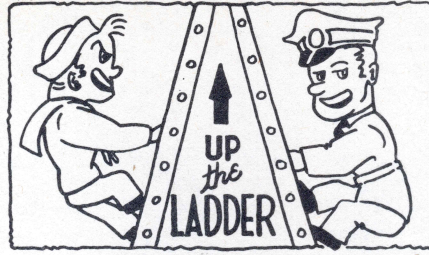
Pvt. THOMAS DOYLE transferred in July from Camp Callan to Camp Haan, Cal., then went to Camp Irwin, Cal., in the Mojave Desert, with an Armored Anti-aircraft Gun Battalion. He wrote from his desert post that he acquired a Sharpshooter medal while on maneuvers. In spite of hard work he isn't too tired to appreciate the beautiful starry nights on the desert. "You never see anything like that in Chicago," comments Tom.

Word has just reached us that BILL COWELL was commissioned a second lieutenant on July 23. At present he is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, in the Tank Destroyers. He has been appointed range officer, instructs in rifle firing and also supervises physical training and dismounted drill.

Bill tells us that his brother DONALD, who worked last summer at the West Office, has become a P.F.C. at Camp Butner, North Carolina, where he is attached to a Medical Battalion in the Infantry.

The only Navy news of Chicago Operating boys comes from S.2/C S.J. BORUFSKI, otherwise known as "ZIGGIE." He sends his very special regards to all the girls at A.D.T., and modestly says that he knows they must be lonely with all the good-looking A.D.T. men now in the Navy! Ziggie is still training at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

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Two Captains

Capt. J.E. BECKERT (Syracuse Plant) U.S. Army, APO 864, % Postmaster, New York City.

Capt. PHILIP R. DAVIS (San Francisco Office) Station Hospital, Camp Callan, San Diego, Cal.

Gold & Silver Bars

2nd Lt. JOSEPH E. COGHLAN (N.Y. Accounting) Army Infantry, Camp Croft, S.C.

2nd Lt. WILLIAM COWELL (Chicago W.-Operating) Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas.

Mostly Sergeants

T/Sgt. JOHN JONES, JR., (Newark Operating) A.P.Q. 490, % Postmaster, New York City.

Sgt. JACK MERRITT (Cleveland Plant) Air Corps Det., Delano, Cal.

Sgt. ROY J. NENNO (Kansas City Plant) Signal Corps - Overseas.

T/Sgt. RALPH N. PADEN (Oklahoma City Operating) 513th F.G.T.G., H.A.A.F., Harlingen, Texas.

Sgt. ARTHUR E. ROSSI (Boston Plant) 13th T.T.S., Scott Field, Illinois.

M/Sgt. FRANK RUSSO (Chicago-W.-Operating) 79th Q.M. Co., APO 79, % Postmaster, Los Angeles, Cal.

New Corporals

Cpl. BERTON L. FRANCOEUR (New Haven Plant) Co. A, 850th Sig. Svce. Bn., APO 678, % PM., N.Y.C.

Cpl. F.J. MALONE (Philadelphia Operating) Signal Corps, APO 758, % Postmaster, N.Y.C.

Cpl. HAROLD F. THAXTON (Covington & Cincinnati Operating) Hq. Btry., 364 F.A. Bn., A.P. Hill Military Reservation, Virginia.

Technicians

T/5 ED BICKEI (Chicago Plant) Co. D., 847 S.T.B., Camp Crowder, Missouri.

P. F. C.'s

Pfc. ARTHUR E. ANDERSON (Chicago M.-Oper.) Co. V, 801 Sig.Trng.Reg., Camp Murphy, Fla.

Pfc. JOE BLAZINSKI (N.Y. M'fng) Co. 1629, Naval Operating Base, Newport, R.I.

Pfc. THOMAS COSTA (N.Y. M'fng) Marine Aviation Det., N.A.T.T.C., Jacksonville, Fla.

Pfc. A.H. HENRIS (Philadelphia Office) U.S. Marine Corps, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Phila., Pa.

Pfc. WALTER NACHTIGALL (Jersey City Plant) Marine Air Base, Cherry Point, N.C. (Temporarily)

U. S. Navy Promotions

Ensign CARY L. BURNLEY (Houston Plant) U.S.N.R., U.S.S. Cleveland,

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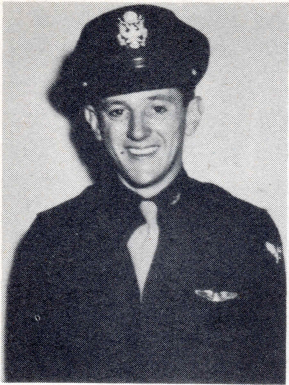
...Now we don't mean to imply that the bright light of Victory isn't shining just ahead, for military experts assure us that Victory is indeed in sight, but, they caution, we still have to wade through blood, sweat and tears to reach that goal. Military commanders, the government, the men in the front lines, KNOW that only by continuing to exert the greatest efforts can the Allies lick the pants off the Axis hordes. BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

"Optimism" is a good thing, but "over-optimism" can act to our detriment. Brought down to brass tacks it means this: a slackening of civilian interest in the progress of the war; a false sense of security; a turning away from the unpleasantness of blood and battles to the cozy pursuance of everyday pleasures or even to the minor worries of our daily lives.

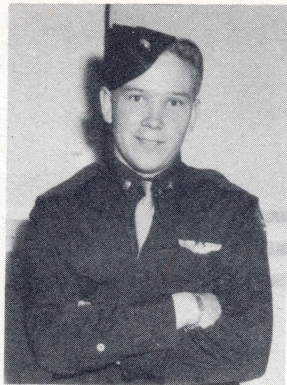
How can YOU make sure that war

materials and medical supplies reach our fighting men where they are needed most? By buying War Bonds to finance the attack; by increasing production if you're a war worker; by giving out with pints of blood for plasma; by keeping alert to the dangers that still beset us; by never relaxing your awareness that your country is still at war and that the future of each individual rests not only in the hands of the fighters and the government but directly on the shoulders of the men and women on the home front.

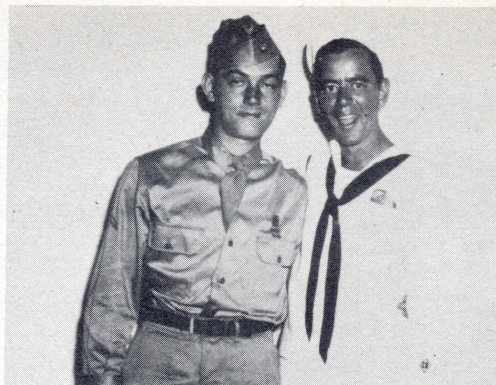
DON'T BE AN OVER-OPTIMISTIC OSTRICH! DON'T stick your head in the sands of complacency and neglect your duty to BACK THE ATTACK! Now that our armies have gained a foothold on the outer environs of Hitler's European domain and Hirohito's string of island bases our Army and Navy need more and better weapons to mow down these enemies.



LT JAMES BUSH



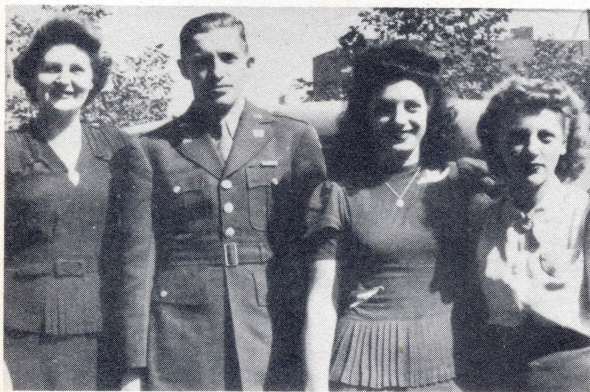
LT MARTIN IVERSON



PFC GERARD MALONEY & S.2/C LOU TUCCIO



PVT STEVE DiMARIA



W/O JERRY CLEARWATER in front of the A.D.T. building with Romaine Weil, Edith Martello, Lucille Spagnola

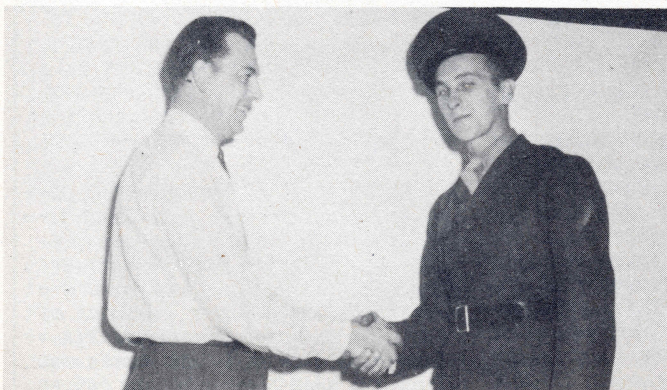


PFC GENE MURPHY, Nancy DiLella & Jim Nash

EXECUTIVE OFFICE WELCOMES MANY SEPTEMBER VISITORS

(Reading from left to right): Lt. JAMES BUSH, (N.Y. M'fng) came in with his father, sporting new shiny gold bars and recently acquired pilot's wings, on his way to Del Rio, Texas, Army Bomber Base...Lt. MARTIN IVERSON (N.Y. M'fng) earned his silver bombardier wings and was doubly walking on air because his best girl finally said "yes"...S.2/C LOU TUCCIO and Pfc GERARD MALONEY, pals from the New York Shop, greeted each other like long-lost brothers when they met unexpectedly on leave...Gerard was usher at Lou's wedding some months ago...Lou and his wife on their way to Rhode Island where Lou gets further Seabee training....Gerard headed for Fort Worden, Wash., in Coast Artillery...Pvt. STEPHEN DiMARIA (N.Y. M'fng) accompanies war prisoners to U.S. internment camps as an M.P...The New York Revenue Division gave Warrant Officer JERRY CLEARWATER a warm welcome when he stopped in en route to Camp Phillips, Kansas...Pfc GENE MURPHY visited his old headquarters at the 8th floor mail desk to say hello to his admiring successors, Nancy DiLella and Jim Nash of the N.Y. Revenue Division...Gene's an Army Air Forces Mechanic, now at the Salt Lake City Replacement Center awaiting orders...Pfc JOE BLAZINSKI, on his way to Rhode Island, startled the N.Y. Manufacturing

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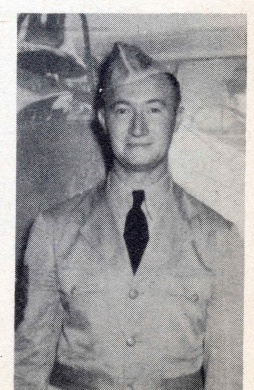
Bob Stephens gives PFC JOE BLAZINSKI a "welcome home" handclasp



PFC WALTER NACHTIGALL



A.M.M.3/C JOE CAPANO



C.B.M. GEORGE STEHLE



A religious and charitable old woman noticed a very down-and-out sort of man standing at the corner near her home. One morning she took compassion on him, pressed a dollar into his hand and whispered, "Never despair." Next time she saw him he stopped her and handed her nine dollars. "What does this mean?" she asked. "It means, ma'am," said the honest man, "Never Despair won by a nose. Paid eight to one."

"Did that bottle you bought the missus cure her cold?"

"Sure, it never had the chance. I caught one meself on the way home."

Sergeant Sidney Kingsley, the playwright, met a friend who informed him that he had just received notice of his being commissioned as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. "I'll be sworn in next week," he added, "And tomorrow I'm going to be married."

"Congratulations," the playwright shouted to the couple.

"Thanks," the new groom beamed. "It isn't every day that a man can be commissioned in the Marines."

Rookie: "Halt! Who's there?"

O.D.: "Officer of the Day."

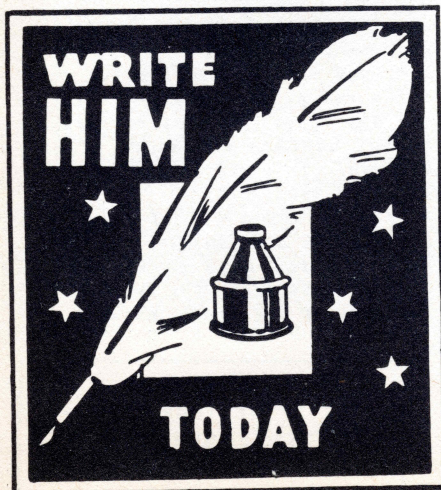
Rookie: "Well, whatinell are you doing out at night?"

A spinster in Queens was shocked at the language used by workmen repairing telephone wires near her home, so she wrote the Telephone Company. The manager immediately asked the foreman to make a report and this was the response:

"Me and Spike McWilliams were on this job. I was up the pole and accidentally let the hot lead fall on Spike. It went down his neck. Then Spike looked up at me and said: 'Really, Harry, you must be more careful'."

Skipper: "Squads right!"

Rear Rank: "After all these years he admits it!"



Meteorologist in Training

Pvt. E.R. PLATIG (New York Drafting Div) really started his Army career off on the right foot - instead of the left! After only a week at Atlantic City in the Army Air Forces he came down with bron-



PVT E.R. PLATIG

chial pneumonia, spent a month in the hospital, had two more weeks of Basic and then suffered an attack of appendicitis followed by an appendectomy and another month in a hospital bed.

Tough breaks, all right, but he is now fully recovered and studying meteorology, one of the severest academic courses that the Army offers to enlisted men, at Bowdoin College Maine. The picture reproduced here was taken just before Bud went on a hike.

Pickings

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Bill says that even if he shouldn't make a rating he knows the training will have made him a pretty fair electrician.

A.E.M.2/C LUDWIG C. DeKOK of the Sioux City office wrote a nice letter to the New York Office saying that he's at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk but is homesick for the regular hours and weekly pay-days he used to have at A.D.T.

On ship duty at the Treasure Island Pacific Armed Guard Center, S.1/C JACK CONRAD penned a recent note to his pals at the Chicago Plant. He gets liberty every second day and hotfoots it into San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond, where the Californians treat him royally.

S.1/C RALPH LESTER SMITH (Baltimore Plant) returned recently to the Naval Armed Guard Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., after spending seven months at sea.

Up the Ladder

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Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

A.M.M. 3/C JOSEPH CAPANO (N.Y.

M'fng) A. & R. Shop #326, N.A.S., Norfolk, Va.

S.1/C JOHN J. CONRAD (Chicago Plant) Armed Guard Center, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Cal.

Executive Office Visitors

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Division by appearing with a stripe after only two months as a Parris Island Marine...Pfc WALTER NACHTIGALL (Jersey City Plant) surprised everyone by showing up looking hale and hearty after two months in the hospital with a wound sustained in battle with the Marine Airborne Raiders...Chief Bos'n's Mate GEORGE F. STEHLE, Indianapolis Commercial Dep't, breezed in on his way from the New Orleans Coast Guard to Reserve Officers' Training School at the New London Academy where he'll emerge as an ensign...Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/C JOE CAPANO, known to his pals in the N.Y. Manufacturing as "Little Ace" is based at Norfolk, Va.

Other Executive Office visitors whose pictures do not appear included: Lt. JOE COGHLAN (N.Y. Accounting) of the Camp Croft, S.C., Infantry; Pfc ANNA RIEDERER, WAC, from the N.Y. Supply, who was home on a three-day leave.

Hitler & Hirohito, Beware!



CPL WAYNE THORN



PFC W.M. OWENS, JR.

We wouldn't care to be a Jap soldier on the business end of Wayne's rifle if this picture is an example of his ferocious appearance in battle! Cpl WAYNE THORN, formerly of the Baltimore Operating Department, is stationed with a Signal Air Warning company in Drew Field, Florida.

Although Pfc W.M. OWENS, JR., of the Marine Corps, has been stationed near Hollywood, his recent letters to the Atlanta Plant indicate that not even the glamorous Hollywood beauties can compare with the girls from his home town. That's what we call a pretty nice compliment.