

## DETROIT FOLKS DESCRIBE LIFE OVERSEAS

Owen Crosslin, in Pacific, and 'Bud' Southard, in France, Write Humorous Letters; M. Sgt. Pearl Feldman Serving With WAC's in Paris

We have been deluged this month with dispatches from the Detroit Gang, who are distributed throughout the world, doing their bit for Uncle Sam and deriving considerable pleasure in the doing. Although some of

from overseas. As he approached New York harbor and saw the Statue of Liberty, he said, "Ole Lady, if youse ever see me again, youse is going to have to turn around backwards",

With all this interesting correspondence, both Owen and Bud have failed to reveal the date that they did arrive at the war fronts. But then it is probably more fun that way and will prove to be a bone of contention for years to come, necessitating several steak dinners over which they can argue about, who pays.



Lt. O. CROSSLIN

Pfc. C. SOUTHARD

them are literally separated by a world, they continue to carry on their old-time family-type of kidding with each other, and wager postwar dinners on such things as "I'll bet I'll beatcha to the battle front." All this is carried on in a standard A.D.T. manner - through the Detroit central office, with Mr. D. English, Operating Superintendent, marking up the signals.

### Steak Dinner at Stake

Lt. Owen Crosslin and Pfc. Clyde "Bud" Southard have such a bet of long standing. Both are now overseas; Owen in the Pacific and Bud in France. Owen wrote of his trip over, and his battle with "mal de mer". Bud writes very humorous letters saying, "Now that I'm somewhere in France I'm permitted to say most anything about England and nothing about 'Sunny France'. I've mastered the French language, in fact, I speak it fluently. The vocabulary that I boast of consists of about fifteen words but that's all I need to get by." Bud hates the Germans for making off with most of the good French Cognac. He is longing for a good old American steak smothered in mushrooms (who isn't?) and says when he returns he will have the sentiments of the negro lad who was coming back

### Pearl in Paris

'Detroit also boasts (as far as we know) the first W.A.C. to be stationed overseas. She is M/Sgt. Pearl Feldman, who also was the first A.D.T. girl to enlist. Pearl is in Paris, which she says is lovely - thinks we'd all enjoy having an office there. Miss Feldman is Sergeant-Major of her Battalion of WACS and is kept very busy. She says "of course that doesn't tell you much but to go into detail would take up a little space and time, of which I don't have too much (time I mean).

"We had very nice quarters in London, which is quite a city, with a lot to see but not too much to do. After I left there we did a little bit of 'roughing it' somewhere in France - rugged but nice. The spot we're in right now is lovely - beautiful I should say.

"The civilian population are tickled pink to have us around. At this moment we're somewhat of an oddity to them. I'm trying my darndest to learn the language, but your hands come in pretty handy."

Well, Pearl, we suggest that you try to contact "Bud" Southard over there and get that versatile fifteen-word vocabulary of his which may or may not be adaptable to a lady soldier.

Pearl sends her regards to all the Detroit gang, Operating, Commercial, Plant and Accounting, and signs herself "As ever, that ex-plugging little switchboard-operator-bookkeeper-and what have you, Pearl."

## Christmas Greetings

TO OUR FOLKS IN THE SERVICE

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and to all of your loved ones! That is the heartfelt wish of A.D.T. folks at home for A.D.T. men and women and their comrades away at war - and would that ardent wishing could make that wish come true!

We can only supplement our wishes with the great power of fervent prayers and the feeble force of our best personal endeavors, and we will so supplement them with all of our hearts and all of our might.

May the hallowed spirit of Christmas strengthen and gladden your stout hearts in thoughts of bright Christmases to come. May the New Year reward with glorious victory the great trials and sacrifices you suffer to end for all mankind the monstrous torment of war. And may the New Year soon return you, safely and sound, to your homes and your loved ones.

Our hearts are with you!

E. A. WARD

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

# FLASHES FROM OVERSEAS

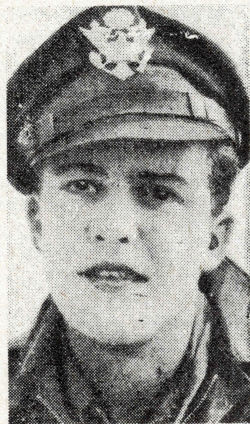
A souvenir collector is Cpl. ROBERT J. SWANSON of the Erie Operating Dept. who is still over in the China-Burma-India theatre as a member of the U.S. Signal Corps. Bob is the proud possessor of a bit of Japanese shrapnel and part of a Jap Zero, also a few notes of Japanese invasion currency which they used during their unsuccessful attempt to get a foothold in India.



Cpl. ROBERT J. SWANSON

"Nice souvenirs," says Robert, "but I don't want any more. I just wanta go home, but my Uncle sez, 'Take it easy, Bub. You'll get there'. So what's a guy gonna do?"

Well, Bob, we all want you and all the rest of our boys to come home too, but there isn't much any of us can do but be patient and keep plugging. Here's hoping it won't be much longer.



First Lieutenant ROBERT E. FLEMING, of the Baltimore Plant Department is a bomber pilot with a B-24 Liberator squadron in Italy. He has flown fifty missions over enemy and enemy-occupied territory.



The young man standing on the one way street pictured above is S/Sgt. ROBERT L. WENTZEL, former service supervisor of Dallas, Texas. Roy has been on a "one way street" in this war for four years now. He volunteered in November 1940, and after a year and a half of training was sent to North Africa, where he saw action. He was in the Sicilian and Salerno invasions and went into Rome, where this picture was taken. He is with the Seventh Army in France and has seen continuous combat service for over a year.

Sgt. Wentzel is in charge of motor convoys and is mighty busy keeping the big trucks in running condition and repair. The only real narrow escape Bob had, he says, was at Cassino.



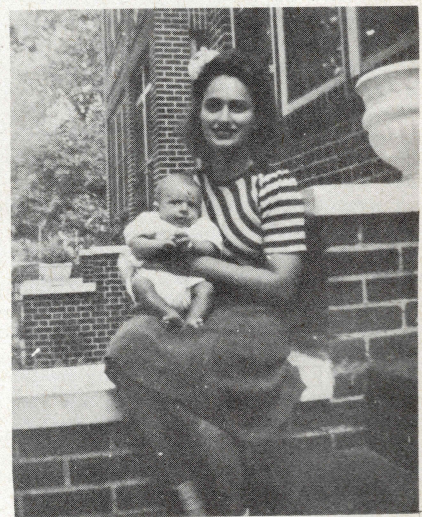
STEVE HERMAN who has seen considerable action in the war is evidently back in the thick of it again. Steve was in England for awhile after having put in a long tedious turn on the Anzio beach head. In his most recent letter, however, he says that he cant' tell us where he is or what he is doing. Steve sent us a picture of himself and a buddy, (Steve is on the right) and apologized for not having time to dress up for the occasion. He says he is gaining back weight and feeling pretty frisky.

From India, the land of sheets and sandals comes this snapshot of Lt. AL WARREN (N.Y. Supply), taken with another American Lieutenant and a native boy. Al is the officer on the right. He does not care for India in general and says things (such as good food) are terribly expensive. At his last writing Al was expecting to be moved to some other area, and was happily looking forward to a change of scenery.



Lt. AL WARREN & Friend

Sgt. CHARLES MCKAY of the San Antonio Plant Department is somewhere in India. Charles says he has seen sights enough to furnish material for a very interesting book, but all he can mention in his letters for the present is that India is very hot, has plenty of high mountains, and there are many strange animals roaming about.



Two wonderful reasons for LOU TUCCIO S.2/C (N.Y.Mfg.) to want to get this war over quick and hurry home, are Mrs. Tuccio and his baby son pictured above. Lou is somewhere in France, right now.

## George C. Westervelt



On October 4, 1944 we were notified that Marine Cpl. GEORGE CALVIN WESTERVELT, guard-operator of the Paterson, N. J. office was killed in action in the invasion of Palau Island.

George enlisted in the Marines in August 1943, and received training at Parris Island, S.C., Camp Lejune, New River, N.C., where he attended radio school and graduated as a corporal, and Camp Pendleton, Ocean-side, Cal.

In June 1944 Cpl. Westervelt went overseas, stopping at Pearl Harbor, New Guinea and Australia. He took part in the invasion of Saipan, in which action he was wounded in the arm. He recuperated quickly and was sent to New Caledonia for a while.

In George's last letter to his folks, written on September 11, he said that he had just received their letters dating back to June. Three days later he was killed in the invasion of Palau Island.

George leaves a sister and his mother, Mrs. M. Westervelt, his father having died when George was two years old.

All of George's friends and co-workers in the Paterson office and those of the other Metropolitan offices are deeply grieved at his passing.

## Horace T. Olson

More sad news received this month was that of the death of Sgt. HORACE OLSON of the Chicago-West Operating Department. Sgt. Olson came to the Company in January 1941, and was enrolled in the army in June 1941. He went overseas in September 1943 and was stationed in England. He was killed in action in France, on August 16, 1944, following the invasion of that country.

We extend our sincere condolence to the family of Sgt. Horace Olson.

## ADDED TO THE HONOR ROLL

ROBERT B. SHIFLET	FORT WORTH OPERATING	ARMY
JAMES A. MILLIGAN	ATLANTA PLANT	ARMY
WILBUR L. CEREECH	MIAMI PLANT	NAVY
MARTIN E. CARROLL	OTTUMWA OPERATING	ARMY
WALTER SWETT JR.	BOSTON PLANT	NAVY
CLIFFORD FROMM	NEW YORK ACCOUNTING	ARMY
JEROME CASSIDY	NEW YORK MANUFACTURING	NAVY
LOUIS DIAZ	NEW YORK MANUFACTURING	NAVY
STANLEY STELZL	NEW YORK MANUFACTURING	NAVY
WILMA LIGON	SAN FRANCISCO COMML.	W.A.C.
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A.D.T. FOLKS ENROLLED IN ARMED FORCES TO DATE - 957

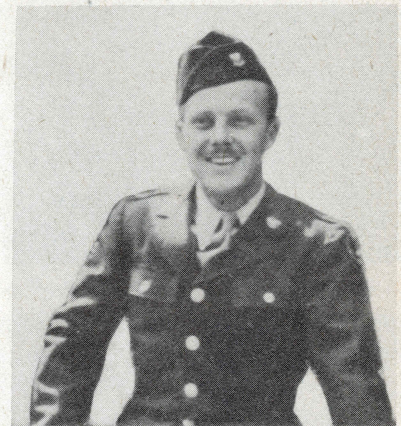
## Harold E. Kendall

With great sorrow we have just learned from the wife of Private HAROLD E. KENDALL that he was killed in action in France on August 30, 1944.

Harold was an operator in the Boston office and had been with the company since April, 1942. He entered the army in February, 1944 and was one of the last men to be inducted from the Boston district.

Just before his induction, Harold was married to one of our former Boston girl operators, Miss Kathryn Guthroe, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Harold was very well liked by all his co-workers, and in his last letter to them he expressed his appreciation for all they had done. "I really enjoyed myself working for the Company", said Pvt. Kendall, "and was very sorry to leave, but duty to my country comes first. I only hope that I will be able to

## Ball Turret Gunner

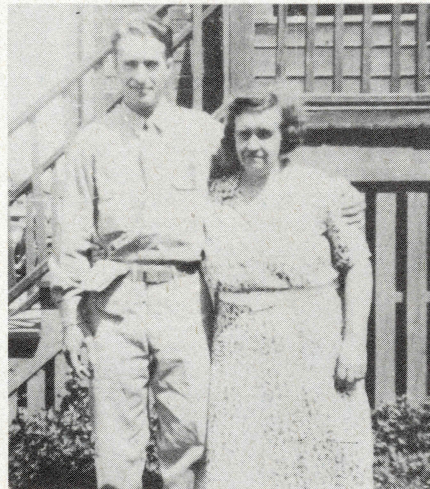


S/Sgt. H. RALPH OLIVER a former member of the Richmond, Va. Operating Department is a ball turret gunner on a B-17 in the European theatre.

Ralph has made twenty missions over Germany without a mishap, and would have more to his credit were it not for the recent bad weather which has hampered the air operations in that area. Sgt. Oliver says that after his most recent raid on Munich, Germany, a rest camp would look mighty good. "I myself saw four bombers explode in mid-air so I imagine there were more that I didn't see," says Ralph. "They missed us but not by much as we returned with numerous flak holes in the plane.

"Those flak suits you've heard about are really nice things to have. Our pilot is still with us, thanks to his flak suit. It really stopped a big chunk of flak all right. The flak penetrated the airplane, leaving a hole about four inches long and an inch wide, but did not go through the flak suit.

"As usual no fighters were encountered. I guess they must have seen our escort and refused to take off after us. We always have P38 and P51 cover, to and from the target which is a lot better than the boys had who came over before us. They rarely had any escort at all."

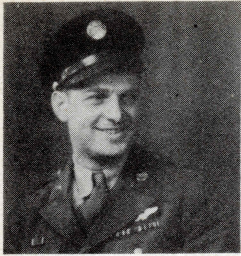


Pvt. KENDALL & Mother

be back some day and show my appreciation to a grand bunch of workers and officers."

We all join with the Boston Operating Department in their sorrow for the loss of a grand associate.

# VISITORS INCLUDE OVERSEAS VETERANS



T/Sgt. ROBERT HAGAN



RAYMOND J. BOZ S.C. 2/C

First on our visitors' list this month is T/Sgt. ROBERT G. HAGAN (Jersey City Oper.) who has just returned from thirty-three missions over Europe. He is the proud possessor of the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a considerable number of Oak Leaf Clusters.

Another returned hero is RAYMOND J. BOZ S.C. 2/C who has put in four years in the Atlantic and European theatres. Ray has been to more places and has had more exciting experiences than he can enumerate.



ROBERT COY A.R.M. 2/C



1st Lt. J.H. HAYWOOD

ROBERT H. COY A.R.M. 2/C dropped in for a visit after enjoying a nice rest in Florida. Bob has already spent twenty months flying a Navy dive bomber in the Pacific, but is anxious to get back into action.

First Lieutenant J. HARRY HAYWOOD (Cleveland Comm #1) is a member of the 5th Service Command. His job has to do with plant protection for the Army in West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

Cpl. JOHN FISH of the New York Plant Department was well bedecked with stars, bars and stripes won in thirty-two months of anti-aircraft work in the southwest Pacific. All were delighted to see him again.



Cpl. JOHN FISH

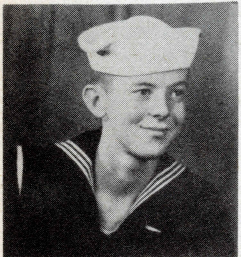


JOHN W. ORR F. 1/C

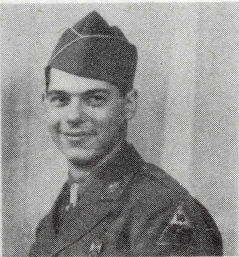
JOHN W. ORR F. 1/C was one lad who had a very enjoyable visit, ringing bells and making things buzz in our demonstration studio. And why not, for he was our City Foreman at Akron before entering the Navy.

"Every inch a sailor" was PAT KEARNEY S. 2/C after six months in the Navy. Pat had a nine-day furlough and was mighty glad to see all the N.Y. Manufacturing Division fellows again.

Pvt. PHIL ZBOROVER (N.Y. Plant) is a teletype mechanic with the 16th Armored Division. He has spent eighteen months in the service and has been stationed at Ft. Dix, Camp Chaffee, and now at Washington, D.C.



PAT KEARNEY S. 2/C



Pvt. PHIL ZBOROVER

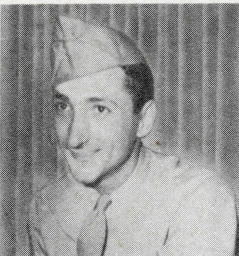
Pvt. E.R. "BUD" PLATIG stopped by on his way to Galveston. The ribbon Bud is sporting, he dubs a "vacation ribbon" for having been stationed with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada for six months.

Another boy who has gone overseas since he was in to call is Pvt. SALVATORE CHIRCO of the New York Manufacturing Division. Sal is a member of the Signal Corps and has been in service seven months.

The lucky fellow with his arm around our own pretty Peg Long of the New York Engineering Department, is JOHN McNAMARA E.M. 2/C, who has just returned after taking part in the D-Day Invasion. John, who was with the N.Y. Supply Department, has seen plenty of action in this war. Last year at this time, he was a prisoner of the Germans. This year he was on the invasion lead ship, the Tuscalusa. Nice revenge, what?



Pvt. E. R. PLATIG



Pvt. SALVATORE CHIRCO

Meet our Canadian cousins, WRENS MARJORIE MASON and MARIE DANDUS. Miss Mason was for eleven years an employee of the British Columbia District Telegraph and Delivery Company of Vancouver, B.C.

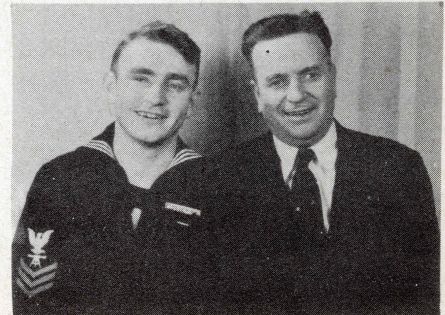
Here is a real "A.D.T. Kid", JOHN T. MCGRATH F.C. 1/C who has just returned from twenty-two months in the Pacific. With him is his proud dad, Mr. Robert W. McGrath. Both, as well as John's uncle, Mr. Thomas R. McGrath, are members of the New York Plant Department. John holds (we think) A.D.T.'s record for bronze battle stars. He has collected fifteen of them to date.



Peggy Long & JOHN McNAMARA E.M. 2/C



WRENS MARJORIE MASON & MARIE DANDUS



JOHN T. MCGRATH & Mr. R. W. MCGRATH

## CHICAGO BRIEFS

From the trend of letters from the Chicago boys, it has been obvious for a long time that by and large they are very sports-minded. However, they now have an overseas sports reporter in Sgt. IVAN C. SMITH (Main-Oper.) who is in Australia and sends a very interesting and complete report on Australian cricket, horse racing, football and surf-boarding.

"I wonder if it was real, or only a dream!" says Pvt. CHESTER BULAT of the Chicago Operating Department, speaking of his participation in the European invasion. Chester arrived in England a few days before D-Day, and went into France a few days after. One week later he was taken ill and within two days was back in the United States. He was flown all the way from France to Galesburg, Ill.

When we last heard from Chester, he said he had completed his series of treatments at the Mayo General Hospital, and was starting on a two-week furlough. In fact, Chester felt so good that he was thinking of getting married! He neglected to say, though, who the lucky girl was to be - or perhaps he hadn't picked her out as yet?

S/Sgt. ROBERT H. SIEBELS (Chicago Plant) tells us that he is seeing a little action in France where he is serving with an observation battalion. He says "the Germans in some parts are still putting up a stiff fight with what little equipment they might have."

TED J. NIELSEN S.2/C of the Chicago Operating Department is in Port Hueneme, California. Ted is very busy with advance training in jungle warfare. The training started in Rhode Island and is finishing up in California. Quite extensive! Ted is very anxious to get into some real fighting and is hoping it won't be long before he leaves the states. He's seen them all by now, anyway.

EDGAR H. PORTER S.1/C a Chicago Main Operating man of sixteen years standing, writes us from the Fleet Fire Control School of the U.S.N. Repair Base in San Diego, Calif., that he is learning many things about electrical equipment and electronics in the Navy which he feels will be of great benefit to him when he returns to his old job with A.D.T.

JACK CONRAD (Chicago Plant) writes that everything is now on the "up and up". Jack says "I was taken off my ship because I broke my little finger. I was in the hospital for a couple of weeks, but now I'm on another ship and out at sea again." (We wonder if Jack fractured his digit beckoning to the Japanese fleet?)

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## Pickings from the Mailbag



CLARENCE BRADDOCK of the Los Angeles Plant Department says they are keeping mighty busy at the U.S. Naval Training Station out in Farragut, Idaho. However, Clarence wants to remind the gang at 804 Mateo that he can manage time to read any mail that comes his way and also has time to answer it.



This, dear reader, is not a double exposure. These sailors happen to be twins. The boy on the left is LUDWIG DeKOK A.F.M. 1/C and the lad on the right is CORNELIUS DeKOK E.M. 2/C.

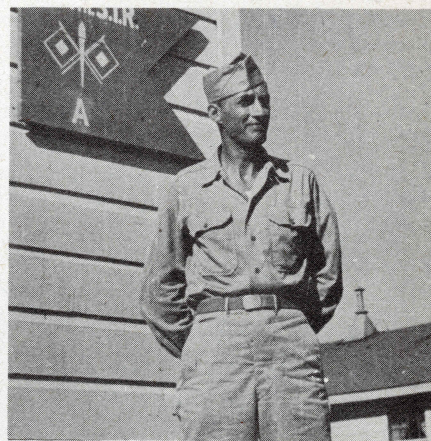
Both brothers worked in the Sioux City Plant Department before entering the Navy.



Ensign ED WOLF of the New York Engineering Department is attending school at Fort Schuyler where he says life is a bit rugged. Ed has joined the choir and will sing the Navy Hymn at graduation. The boys cavort daily at "Silver Beach", a large misnamed sand lot where the boys have sports. Their "Happy Hour" says Ed is the ten minutes each evening when the Schuyler boys march from the grounds of the school.

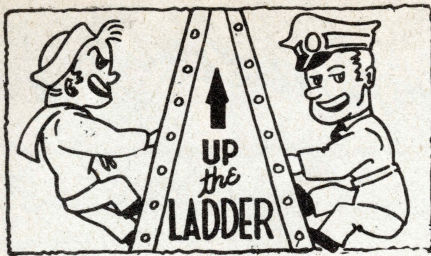


Here's a capable looking M. P. who is getting fine training and experience which no doubt will be helpful to him when he returns to his civilian job as guard-operator at the St. Louis office. He is Pfc. HOWARD J. HOGE, now stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.



At Camp Crowder, Pvt. AL LUNZMAN of the N.Y. Mfg. Div. says he is getting a workout that is no picnic. Al's C.O. is a fellow who has seen action in all the major campaigns in the Pacific, and knows what the boys have to go through in actual warfare, so he is putting them through a tough regime that will doubtless stand them in very good stead later on.

Al has charge of the central office equipment and installation during maneuvering and is trying very hard to get his T/3 rating.



### Gold & Silver Bars

Capt. T.F. BLAKEMORE (San Francisco Oper.)  
 Capt. FORD W. HUTCHINSON (San Francisco Oper.)  
 Lt. THOMAS J. MOORE (New York Engineering).  
 W.O. (J.G.) VICTOR L. BURT (Los Angeles Plant).

### Mostly Sergeants

First Sgt. CHARLES J. PROCTOR (Bridgeport Oper.)  
 T/Sgt. ROBERT E. KELLER (Cleveland Plant)  
 T/Sgt. JOHN W. MATTERN (Cleveland Plant).  
 T/Sgt. EDWIN R. SEEBER (Chicago Plant).  
 T/Sgt. J. TIMOTHY THOMPSON (Chicago Oper.)  
 S/Sgt. ERNEST K. COMPTON (Dallas Plant).  
 S/Sgt. LOUIS F. FALK (Scranton Oper.)  
 S/Sgt. LYLE E. JOHNSON (Los Angeles Plant) APO 322 % Postmaster, San Francisco.  
 S/Sgt. H. PALPH OLIVER (Richmond Oper.)  
 S/Sgt. WALLACE W. PRIEMANN (Chicago Oper.)  
 S/Sgt. BORIS REVENKO (New York Engineering Dept.)  
 Sgt. DONALD M. DETWILER (Saginaw Oper.)  
 Sgt. ROGER E. FARIS (Dayton Oper.)  
 Sgt. LOUIS J. KING (Flint Oper.)  
 Sgt. WILLIAM L. ROSENBERGER (Pittsburgh Oper.)  
 Sgt. FRANK R. TORNABENE (New York Plant).

### New Corporals

Cpl. MAURICE J. ADAMS (Long Island City Plant).  
 Cpl. NORBERT E. DANIAL (Scranton Oper.)  
 Cpl. HAROLD DUNN (New York Acctg.)

Cpl. ROBERT F. DONOHUE (New Haven Oper.)  
 Cpl. VINCENT FINA (New York Mfg.)  
 Cpl. JOHN A. LAPITSKY (Springfield, Mass. Plant).  
 Cpl. WILLIAM H. LA PRATH (Los Angeles Plant).  
 Cpl. STEPHEN A. LEE (St. Paul Oper.)  
 Cpl. JOE LEONE (New York Mfg.)  
 Cpl. ROBERT J. LINEN (Philadelphia Oper.)  
 Cpl. JOHN J. MALESPINA (N.Y. Mfg. Div.)  
 Cpl. CLIFTON D. NEWSOM (Winston Salem Oper.)  
 Cpl. EVERETT T. STONE (Flint Oper.)  
 Cpl. KENNETH L. WEST (Flint Oper.)  
 T/5 CHARLES J. MILLER (New York Plant)

### P. F. C. 's

Pfc. RAYMOND BOYLE (Long Island City Oper.)  
 Pfc. CLIFFORD S. HAWTHORNE (Indianapolis Oper.)  
 Pfc. WILLIAM C. HOLLOWAY (Los Angeles Plant)  
 Pfc. VERNON C. NOAK (Chicago Oper.)  
 Pfc. WALTER X. PETERSEN (Chicago Oper.)  
 Pfc. JOSEPH L. RUSSOTTI (New York Mfg.)  
 Pfc. ROBERT A. SCHONER (New York Engineering Dept.)

### U. S. Navy

Ensign DAVID M. CHAPMAN (Salt Lake City Plant).  
 C.E.M. HOWARD A. COWGER (Los Angeles Plant).  
 FREDERICK A. GREATORIX E.M.1/C (Boston Plant).  
 JOHN W. KLAUS E.M. 1/C (New York Plant)  
 GEORGE P. McDONALD Ph.M.1/C (Dallas Oper.)  
 ADAM DENNSTAEDT E.M. 2/C (Baltimore Plant)  
 GRACE TAGUE A.M.M.I. 3/C (New York Supply Dept.)  
 RALPH R. DINKEL A.M. 3/C (Terre Haute Oper.)

VAUGHN C. NELSON R.T. 3/C (Omaha Oper.)

HERBERT G. BOSTROM S.1/C (Minneapolis Plant)

RAYMOND C. HALE S.1/C (Jersey City Oper.)

MICHAEL KLIMCHAK S.1/C (New York Engineering).

CLARENCE B. BRADDOCK S.2/C (Los Angeles Plant).

KENNETH E. CROSS S.2/C (Indianapolis Oper.)

PATRICK W. KEARNEY S.2/C (New York Mfg.)

## ARMY COMMUNIQUES

Ahem! We trust you'll padhen us if we stick out our editorial chests just a little (instead of our necks) but this li'l ole paper of late has been receiving communiques direct from the War Department, my deah!

And the stuff we've been getting? Well, just look - enough to make us all proud!

At an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress Station in England, 2nd Lt. FREDERICK E. DEARING, navigator (former Los Angeles Operating man) has been awarded the Air Medal. Lt. Dearing entered the A.A.F. in August 1942, and was decorated for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on war industries in Germany and on military targets in France in support of Allied ground forces. His group is a unit of the 3rd Bombardment Division, cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft factories at Regensburg, Germany.

Headquarters of the Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit, commanded by Colonel Clyde C. Harris, Jr. in the European Theater of Operations, announces the promotion of JOHN W. MATTERN former Cleveland Plant man, from Technician Third Grade to T/Sgt.

Sgt. Mattern is Chief Radio Repairman at this base where bombers, fighters and transport planes are supplied, repaired and maintained for air blows at Nazi targets. He left for foreign service in the summer of 1943.

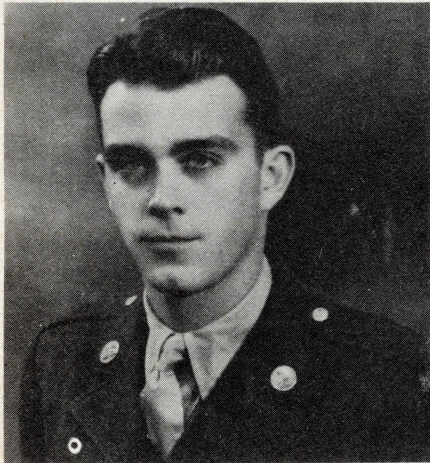
New Delhi, India: - ROBERT E. KELLER has been promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant from that of Staff Sergeant according to a recent announcement from the Headquarters of the Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces in the China-Burma-India Theatre.

Keller, working as a radio operator somewhere in India, was one of the first GI's to arrive in his locale, having been shipped more than 31 months ago.

He has been in the service for more than three years and is authorized to wear the Bronze Campaign Star on the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon.

(Sgt. Keller was a member of the Cleveland Plant Department.)

From an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England, comes word that Corporal HAROLD LEPELLETIER (New York Acctg.) has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal signifying com-



Cpl. HAL LEPELLETIER

pletion of one year's continuous service during which both his character and his manner of performance of duty have been excellent.

Corporal Lepelletier is serving with a Mustang Fighter Group headquarters squadron as a clerk-typist in the operations section.

Chicago Briefs

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RAY H. FIDDELKE F.2/C (Chicago Plant) will probably refer to "good old A.D.T." in the future as his Alma Mater, due to a recent experience he had in a Navy electrical school. Ray says "The chief asked if anyone knew how to trace out wire and circuits. There were some Electricians Mates there, but they didn't seem to understand what he wanted; so I spoke up and said I knew how. He gave me another guy, two head sets, and some tags and told me to trace out four bunches of wires. This we did in about fifteen minutes. He asked what school I went to, and when I told him I hadn't gone, he said I sure had some good experience behind me. For once I was at the head of the class!"

Pvt. ROBERT BRANDT of the Chicago Plant Department wrote recently to say that he is in the Marianas Islands, Saipan, in fact. Bob says the going was mighty tough over there at first but that conditions are improving steadily. They are managing to get rid of the flies and mosquitoes, but can't find anything to stop the continual downpour of rain. "Swimming" says Bob, "is one of the few nice things we have here, and it's ideal."

ALPHABETICALLY SPEAKING

Our hearts are filled with deepest pity  
For JAMES MALTESE of Jersey City  
On an LST he rides the foam  
And waits three months for mail from home.  
When the end of the war does come, he fears  
The news won't reach him for years and years.

Now Rochester's Corporal, EDWARD J. MEYER  
New Guinea has left, for parts higher and drier.  
"That 'two hundred inches per year of rainfall'  
Is too modest a claim for New Guinea, that's all-  
At least the World's record," Ed says "they should seek,  
'Cause I have seen that much come down in a week."

Our friend CLARENCE OLSON who hails from Green Bay,  
Out in the Pacific is counting each day  
Till he can come home, and hold in his arms  
A sweet little bundle of feminine charms--  
A dear little daughter whom he's never seen  
Born July fifth, and named Charlotte Jean.

A Bridgeport boy, First Sergeant CHARLES PROCTOR  
Is slapping down Japs beyond need of a doctor  
'Though the heat is oppressive - the going quite rough,  
And often the boys feel that they've had enough  
It's great consolation and plenty of fun  
To see how those "Sons of Heaven" can run!

"New York Manufacturing" is mighty proud  
Of a sailor who can sail a boat through a cloud  
He's Ensign TED REDFIELD who's able to fly  
The Navy's patrol plane, the big "P.B.Y."  
But o'er and above this the boy would aspire  
To a Martin Mariner that might take him higher.

LYLE B. STRAUS left old Frisco for life on the sea  
And except for one thing, it suits him to a "T"  
He's acquired quite a sun-tan, a soft golden sheen,  
But can't show it off in the Merchant Marine.

Why We Must Win The War - But Quick!



Boys, take a look at this picture and hurry home. This is a part of the reserve guard who will defend New York in case of an invasion. Ain't it awful? The boys are lined up for chow at Peekskill, N.Y., and we hope they have plenty of vitamins in the soup. The boys look like they could stand it. First in line is

TOM YOUNG of the Executive Plant Department who spends two weeks each year training with the Seventh Regiment New York Guard. You can't deny that the boys are brave, however, for Tom himself sent us this picture. You will notice the elaborate silver toureens from which the boys of the illustrious Seventh are being served.



Capt: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"

Pvt: "I didn't see you, sir".

Capt: "Good, I was afraid you were mad at me."

Matrimonial Agent: "The lady in question has a dowry of \$1,000,000. Why do you flinch?"

Client: "Isn't it natural to flinch when you feel Cupid's arrow going straight into your heart?"

Capt: "I'd like to talk to someone around here with a little authority."

Pvt: "I'm your man, sir. I've got as little authority as anyone."

"My, how on earth did you come to get so completely intoxicated?" asked the judge.

"I got in bad company, Your Honor. You see, there were four of us. I had a bottle of whiskey and the other three didn't touch the stuff."

Major: "D--n it man, I've forgotten the password. You know me well enough."

Sentry: "But you must have the password, Sir."

Voice from the Guardhouse: "Don't stand there all night arguing, shoot him!"

"Does your papa play golf?"

"No. He learned to swear like that in the army."

Conductor: "Madam, are all these children yours or is it a picnic?"

Madam: "They're all mine and it ain't no picnic."

After going over the patient carefully, the doctor inquired:

"Do you drink?"

"No, doctor."

"Do you swear excitedly?"

"No, Doctor."

The doctor appeared puzzled. Finally he asked, "Do you feel a pain on each side of your head?"

"Yes, doctor, I do," the patient replied.

"My dear fellow, your only trouble is, your halo's too tight."

Auctioneer: "What am I offered for this beautiful bust of Robert Burns?"

Man in Crowd: "That ain't Burns. That's Shakespeare."

Auctioneer: "Well, folks, the joke's on me. That shows how little I know about the Bible."

"I know a girl who plays piano by ear."

"Nothing—I know an old man who fiddles with his whiskers."

### Alcohol "hic" Goat

An alcoholic nanny-goat, who loves S/Sgt. CARROLL J. DUNN, former guard-operator of Springfield, Mass., is the latest mascot acquired at an 8th A.A.F. fighter station in England.

The goat was purchased by Dunn and a buddy, both Mustang ground crew chiefs, one night at a "pub", where a farmer drew up with a trailer containing three goats. Since that night the goat has faithfully followed Sgt. Dunn home every evening.

Named "Twitch," the four-month-old goat has a penchant for "mild and bitter"—or stronger stuff, if it is available. Dunn and his pal declare: "We hope Twitch marries soon. We want some goat milk."

They probably will find it a very nutritious and stimulating drink.

Chaplain: "Son, are you following the Ten Commandments?"

Seaman: "I don't know, Sir. It's all I can do to keep up with the station notices and memos."

The control tower was trying to contact a flying officer who was preparing to land on the field. The voice coming from the tower said: "If you can hear me, wiggle your wings." The flying officer answered: "Okay, and if you can hear me, wiggle your tower."

"Do you suppose it's bad luck for a cat to follow you?"

"It all depends; are you a man or a mouse."

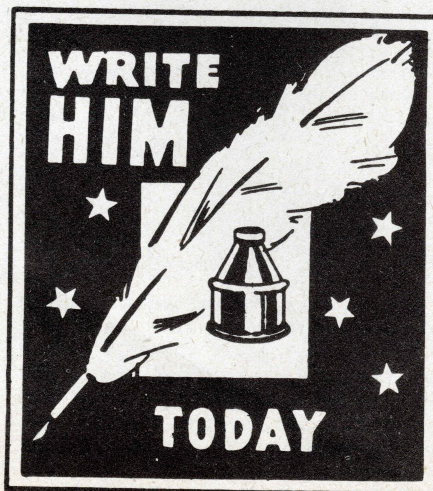
A Chicago gangster took it into his head to send his son to school.

They arrived in the principal's study.

"What ya gat?" said the father.

"Sir, we offer arithmetic, trigonometry, spelling, etc."

"Wall, give 'im triggernometry. He's de woist shot in de family."



### Gorgeous Gob



More glamour for the Navy, is A.D.T.'s latest contribution to the cause, in the beautiful person of Miss RITA J. McMAHON of the New York Manufacturing Division. Rita, who has been with us for two years, felt it was her patriotic duty to join up. She is shown here sitting upon her appropriately decorated desk among the many gifts from her fellow workers.

Miss McMahon started her basic training at Hunter College in New York on October 19.

### WELCOME HOME!

Colonel A. EARL SMITH who was recently released from active duty with the Army is back in the groove with the Executive Commercial Department in New York.

This week we learned that two New York Auditing Department boys have been released from Army duties, Cpl. HAROLD DUNN and Pfc. EDWARD CLAPP.

### Prisoner of War

T/Sgt. Wallace J. Meyer of the Rochester, N.Y. Plant Department is reported to be a German prisoner.

Wallace enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 10, 1941, a few days after Pearl Harbor and went overseas during the latter part of 1943. He was serving as top turret gunner on a Flying Fortress.

After being overseas but a short time, Sergeant Meyer was wounded on a mission over Europe and was hospitalized in England. He was commended for heroism by his commanding officer and was awarded the Air Medal.

A few months after his release from the hospital Wallace was reported to be missing in action since April 22 of this year. A subsequent report, however, disclosed that Sgt. Meyer is a German prisoner.

Wallace has two brothers, Staff Sgt. Robert Louis Meyer and Pvt. William James Meyer, Wally's twin, who also are serving in England.