

How Pennsylvania Helps Exceptional Children

(This is the second of a series of articles by Dr. Eugene T. McDonald, Supervisor of Special Education for Centre and Clinton counties.)

Billy was eight years old and still in the first grade. His teacher thought he was dull because he couldn't talk plainly and because he couldn't learn to read.

The ear is a very important road to the brain. When this road is obstructed messages which travel by sound are so distorted when they reach the brain that they are often meaningless.

Practically all of a child's school learning comes through his eyes and his ears. If he cannot hear the instructions of his teacher or the recitations of his classmates he stands very little chance of learning anything in the conventional classroom.

As illustrated by Billy's case, parents are frequently unaware of their child's hearing deficiency. They explain his diffidencies by saying that he is "dull" or "stubborn."

Hearing losses range from complete loss of hearing to only a slight loss. It is possible for a person to be completely deaf in one ear and have perfect hearing in the other.

For testing the hearing of school children a special instrument has been devised. It is similar to a phonograph but instead of a loud speaker it provides forty head phones.

Plans have been worked out for testing all the Centre county school children over a three-year period and for the retesting of every child every third year.

All children who fail the third test will be referred to an ear specialist for a medical examination to determine whether or not the child's hearing could be improved through medical treatment.

The slightly hard-of-hearing child will be able to get along in our regular classroom if he is given an advantageous seat and is taught to read lips.

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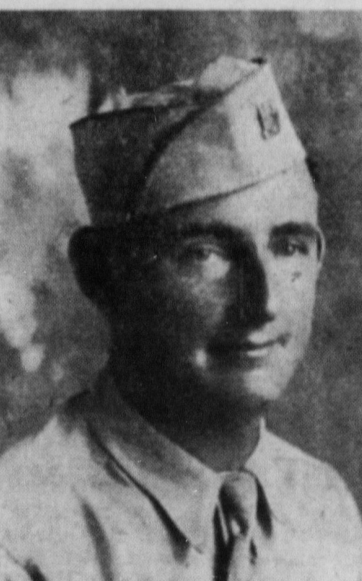
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At Camp Hood, Tex.



Pvt. Russell 'Rex' Gordon is the son of Mrs. Dardel Gordon, of North Allegheny street, Bellefonte. He was inducted into the service December 29, 1942, and is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, as a member of a mechanized cavalry unit.

EMINHIZER BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Privates Kenneth L. and Norman A. Eminhizer, sons of Mrs. Bertha Eminhizer of Milesburg, are serving in U. S. Army training camps.



Norman, aged 19, was inducted March 15, 1943, and is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. Before entering the service he was employed at Nashville, Tenn., where he is now located.

In Tennessee



Pfc. Haupt, 22, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Haupt, of Bush Addition, Bellefonte, and a former employee of the Sutton Engineering Corp. He was inducted into the Army July 11, 1942, and from the induction center was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., and after nearly a year's training there was transferred to Nashville, Tenn., where he is now located.

In Fleet Marines



Seaman Ort is the son of Mrs. Nancy Ort and a grandson of Charles Ginter, both of Milesburg. He enlisted with the Navy Caravan on November 12, 1942, and has been training at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C.

In Fighting Marines



Pvt. Witherite, U. S. Marine Corps, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Witherite, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. He was employed at a glass works in Corning, N. Y., for one year before joining the Marines last December.



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In North Africa



Sgt. Ciprich is the 22-year-old son of Paul Ciprich of Clarence and a former well known employee of the Clarence coal mines. He enlisted in the Army on March 14, 1942, and was sent to Mead, Md. From there he was transferred to Laming Field, Va., for three months training, and on July 1, 1942, was sent to New England. He is now with the American forces somewhere in North Africa.

Awaits Assignment

David Winzell Pease, second class seaman, USN, has recently completed his basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y.

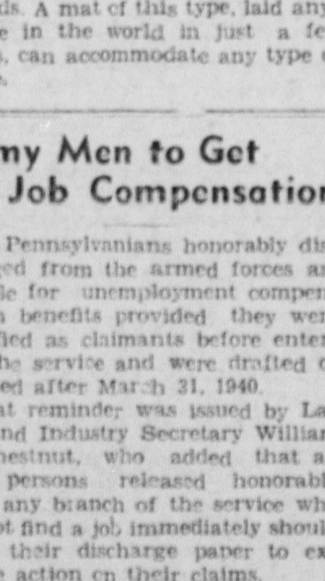
TWO BROTHERS IN NAVY, ONE IN THE ARMY



The three above named brothers are sons of Mrs. Mae R. Harter of Spring Mills. Two are in the Navy and the third is a member of Uncle Sam's land army.



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Pfc. Dean W. Harter, 29, was inducted into Army service January 14, 1943. From New Cumberland in-

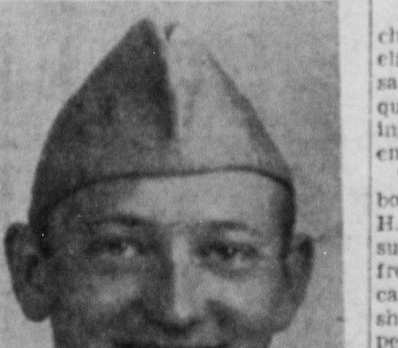
Completes Training

Gordon L. Comly, seaman, second class, has been granted leave following completion of his basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y.

Centre County Girl Inducted Into WAC

Private First Class Eileen M. Hagyard, of Phillipsburg, was inducted into the army of the United States last Thursday in an impressive ceremony at Midland Army Air Field, Texas.

In Airborne Service



Private Moseri, 22, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moseri of North Thomas street, Bellefonte. He enlisted August 15, 1942, and was inducted September 1, 1942.

Army Men to Get Job Compensation

All Pennsylvanians honorably discharged from the armed forces are eligible for unemployment compensation benefits provided they were qualified as claimants before entering the service and were drafted or enlisted after March 31, 1940.

Arrives in England

Mr. and Mrs. John Bickle, who live at the Haupt Place near Bellefonte, have received word that their son, Cpl. Kenneth Bickle, had arrived in England before entering the service.

Serves in Navy

Jerry Leathers, S-2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Leathers of Mt. Eagle, enlisted in the Navy on June 18, 1943, and has just completed his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois.

Home on Furlough

John B. Spicer, seaman second class, recently spent a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spicer, of Jersey Shore R. D., Camp Endicott, R. I.

Physician Graduates

1st Lt. William J. Campbell of 214 South Allen street, State College, was graduated Thursday from the Army Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks.

Sent to College

A C Donald Knisely of Bellefonte, who had been stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., since entering service several weeks ago, was recently transferred to Massachusetts State College at Amherst, Mass.

Goes to Fort Bragg

Alexander Lemmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lemmon of East Prospect avenue, State College, has been transferred from New Cumberland to Fort Bragg, N. C.

Technical Graduate

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Tortured by Germans

Corporal Richard J. Sprouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sprouse, Sr., of Gallitzin, captured by the Germans during the American drive in Tunisia, writes to his parents that because of his refusal to tell about the American troops his German captors tortured him by burning his lips.

Promoted to Captain

Word was received in Bellefonte recently that D. Hastings Hickok of Harrisburg, has been promoted to the rank of captain in North Africa, where he is now stationed.

Goes to California

Donald L. Love of Bellefonte, electrician's mate, third class, who had been stationed at Camp Ferry, Va., was recently transferred to Camp Pendleton, Cal.

Served in Oklahoma

Pfc. Richard F. Torsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Torsell of Bellefonte, who had been stationed at Ft. Logan, Cal., was recently transferred to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Subject to Call

Paul Wolff Grove, son of Mrs. Katherine W. Grove, of 123 East Nittany avenue, State College, was enlisted recently as an aviation cadet by the Harrisburg Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

Says State Has Twice As Many Men In Service Than In 1917

The State Historical Commission discloses that Pennsylvania has at least twice as many men in the armed forces now as in World War I. The state contributed 7.7 per cent of the military manpower in 1917-18. The percentage is running closer to 10 this year.

WAC's Pocketbook Was Well Equipped

It will take more than army discipline to change a woman's ideas about her pocketbook. An inquisitive and hopeful male picked up a 'utility' bag, the brown leather one a WAC slings from her shoulder, at the Fourth WAC Training Centre, Fort Devens, Mass., and looked at the contents.

Completes Air Course

Cpl. Blaine G. McKivison, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKivison of Spring Mills, has been graduated from an Army Air Forces Technical Training Command school in the Detroit Civilian Schools Area where he has successfully completed an intensive course of instruction as an aircraft technician.

Is With Air Corps

A-S Robert W. Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Burrell of State College, R. D., is now stationed at Moorhead, Minn. His complete address is A-S Robert W. Burrell, 345th C. T. D. (A), Flight 28, MSTC, Moorhead, Minn.

Rifle Expert

Pvt. James Callahan, husband of Mrs. Mary E. Callahan of State College, R. D., recently won an award as a rifle expert at the Ft. Knox, Ky., Army Armored Replacement Training Center.

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