

HERE'S A RATTLING GOOD STORY, BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Here is the tale of a rattlesnake that mastered the telegraph code, back when telegraphers and pouncing brass was a fine and noble profession.

"It was soon after I first went to work for the road with which I am still employed, the Illinois Central, than which there is no finer."

"I was sent to Way, Miss., as night operator. The name was about all there was to the station, except a water tank and day and night telegraph operator. Way is back in the Big Black River Bottoms, where the nights get the blackest, the bullfrogs croak the loudest and the owls hoot the loneliest of any spot in creation. It is only about 20 miles from Vaughn, where Casey Jones of song and fable pulled his last throttle some 40 years ago."

"My duties at Way consisted of reporting train promptly and staying awake, or vice versa, and sometimes I dozed, and as a consequence could not truthfully report that a string had gone by."

"When I failed to get enough rest during the day and was unusually sleepy when came to work, I would find out when the next train was due to pass and then go out and pour a handful of cinders on the rails. If the passing train did not awaken me, when I did come to I would go out and see if the cinders were swept off, and if so, I knew the train had gone. This system had its disadvantages in bad weather."

"I tried another one, that of tying one end of a string to the coal scuttle in the office, stretching it across the track and tying the other end to a stick. When the train came along, it hit the string and rattled the coal hod. This was not entirely satisfactory either, because a wandering mule or cow was liable to come before the train. But fortune brought a happy solution to my problem."

"One night as I sat reading a detective magazine and had just reached the point where the villain was about to push the heroine over the cliff, I happened to glance toward the door and was amazed to see a good-sized rattlesnake crawling in the door. As it lay there on the floor, I noticed a marked resemblance to Porter Leander, who was long and slim, tall, well set up, paralyzed with fright, while the snake coiled, waved his head from side to side like the pendulum of a clock, his heady, unblinking eyes taking in everything in the office. I had used all my snake medicine the night before, so I was just where Moses was."

"All at once a complete calm came over me. I rose, strode boldly to where the snake was, and poured some milk out of my lunch kit into a fruit jar lid, and set it where the rattler could get it. He took the hint and lapped it greedily. After he had finished with the milk, we eyed each other for a moment, and seemed to reach a complete understanding."

"I had a practice telegraph set in the back of the office, and I went over and began tapping out slowly the alphabet in the Morse code. Leander, as I called my visitor, crawled onto the table and was all attention—finest and most apt student I ever had. Soon as I would make a letter, I'd pause, and he'd raise his tail and try to imitate the dots and dashes and spaces with his rattles."

"In an unusually short time he knew the alphabet. He had a little trouble with the letter 'P,' which consists of five dots. He seemed to lose control of his tail muscles on that one, and I thought he'd never quit making dots. But he finally mastered the 'P' and his Morse was a joy to listen to. We spent many otherwise lonely hours, I with brass key and sander, to bacco can and all, and Leander with his natural sander. He told me he was one of 20 children, but that his brothers and sisters had been drowned in a flood."

"Leander was a happy creature around the office; he could grab up a broken in his tail, bump his back, put his nose to the floor and do as good a sweeping job as you ever saw. "But the biggest lift he gave was in helping me report trains. As you know, a snake's tongue when extended from his mouth is sort of like a radio antenna. Leander would crawl on the telegraph table in the depot's bay window, stick his head out, poke his tongue out some more and get the vibration of a train 35 miles away. Then he would come over to the table where I was sleeping, touch my face tenderly with that sensitive tongue of his, and I knew it was time to rouse up and exchange signals with the train crew and report their passing."

"All good things come to an end. I got word that I was to be transferred; so one evening, as Leander and I were having our little chat in Morse, I broke the news to him, gently as I knew how. I told him and he seemed to enjoy knowing him and how much he had done to keep me from being lonely, in his cordial reptilian way, and I invited him to go on with me to my next station."

"But Leander, after thinking it over for a while, tapped out 'no,' and he slipped out, he passed, looking him and how much he had done to keep me from being lonely, in his cordial reptilian way, and I invited him to go on with me to my next station."

"I felt no shame as I stood there alone, with the shades of night falling, as he slipped out, he passed, looking him and how much he had done to keep me from being lonely, in his cordial reptilian way, and I invited him to go on with me to my next station."

CHURCHES

St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Rev. C. Nevin Stamm. Church school, 9:30 a. m. Ralph Owens and Glenn Aumiller, supts. Worship service and sermon, 10:45 a. m. Holy Communion, Vesper service, 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion.

Nativity Valley Lutheran Rev. David E. Straesser, pastor. St. Paul's—Church school, 9:30 a. m.; morning worship, 10:30. Zion—Church school, 9:30 a. m.; evening worship, 7:30 p. m. St. Mark's—Church school, 9:30 a. m.

Methodist—Howard Charge Roy A. Goe, minister. Howard—Church school, 9:30 a. m.; worship, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Sunshine class meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Curtis—Church school, 9:30 a. m. Kennedy—Church school, 9:30 a. m. Hunter Run—Worship service, 9:30 a. m.; Church school, 10:30 a. m. Beech Creek—Church school, 10 a. m.; worship, 11 a. m.; Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.

Methodist, Bellefonte Rev. H. C. Stetzer, Jr., minister. Church school 9:30 a. m., Harold A. Wion, Supt. Morning worship 10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "John Wesley and His Parish." Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Miss Alice Barnes, president. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. "The Shrine of St. Phineas." The mid-week prayer meeting is on Wednesday evening at 7:45. The Children's League meets on Wednesday evening at 6:30. Mrs. S. G. Tressler, supt.

First Evangelical, Bellefonte H. Halbert Jacobs, pastor. The unified service, 9:30 to 10:15, the service of worship. Sermon by the pastor; 10:20 to 11, the church conference. Rev. J. Teaman, supt. in charge; 6:30, the Crusaders. Program in charge of Barbara Young and Joyce Sampsell. 7:30 p. m., evangelistic service. Sermon, "What Does It Mean to be Saved?" Prayer meeting and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Administrative Council will meet following the prayer service. You are cordially invited to attend this inspiring, dedicatory service.

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HONOR ROLL

Philipsburg Soldier Killed In England

Word has been received in Philipsburg that Corporal Fred Cieslar, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cieslar, Jr., of Twigg Settlement, was killed in an accident in England. The boy's parents, who had not heard from him since December 27, did not know that he was overseas. He entered the army a year ago last September. Previous to that time, following his graduation from the Philipsburg High School, he worked at Wilkinson's saw mill. No details of the accident were learned. The telegram received by the parents from the War Department just stated that he was killed in an accident and that a letter would follow.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister and brother, Irene and Edward, both at home.

Baby Born In Men's Hospital

The Camp Shanks Hospital at Orangeburg, N. Y., set up to care for the ill of fighting men, found itself Friday operating a maternity section. Mrs. Irene Gatskie, of Ernest, Pa., went to the camp Wednesday to see her husband, convalescing in the hospital. She departed but returned at 2 a. m. Thursday and said: "I'm going to have a baby. A six-pound, 10 ounce boy. Immediately was dubbed 'Johnny Shanks' by soldiers and members of the WAC, was delivered at 2:12 a. m. in the emergency room. Mother, father and son are doing well in the hospital and the camp personnel has launched a drive to make Johnny the beneficiary of part of its war bond purchases.

Training For Mechanic

Taking a new step in his army career, Pvt. Mahlon Frances Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, last week entered the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keeler Field, Biloxi, Miss. For approximately 17 weeks, Pvt. Bowen will be taught the intricate details that go into the huge B-24. Upon completion of his course, the soldier-mechanic will be assigned to active line duty or sent to a gunnery or factory school.

Training at Fort Bragg

According to information received last week, Pvt. Walter E. Burd, of Mill Hall, R. D. 1, has arrived at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, N. C., for basic military training. He has been assigned to Battery C, 4th Battalion, F. A. Troop Regiment. After his initial training he will be transferred to a field organization.

Missing In Asia

Staff Sergeant Raymond L. Pavlina, brother of Mrs. Margaret Neahr, of Wilcox, Ek county, is missing in action in the Asiatic area of war, according to notice released by the War Department.

Is Made Colonel

Donald Edward Angus, of State College, serving with the infantry, has been promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel, the War Department has announced.

Is Made Captain

John Harvey Moore Linebaugh, of Lock Haven, serving with the Air Corps, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain.

Ordered to Duty

Rembrandt Harvey Dunsmore, of Philipsburg, has been ordered to active duty in the Medical Corps, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Berwick Man Missing

Pvt. Robert L. Bloom, of Berwick, is missing in action in the Mediterranean war area, the War Department has notified his mother, Mrs. Mabel Bloom.

HOLTS HOLLOW

We were very sorry to hear of the death of our friend and neighbor, Mr. Kelley. The friends have our sincere sympathy.

Marjorie Leathers, of Bellefonte, spent the weekend with home folks. Mrs. Roy Sheesley and three children of Howard, Mr. Eugene Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watson of Milesburg, Edith Bari, Mrs. Olive Rhoads and daughter of Pleasant, Mrs. Bert Kesling and son of Moose Run, and Junior Johnson spent Thursday evening at the Fred Watson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heston entertained relatives from Bellefonte on Sunday.

Marie Johnson of Pleasant Gap, spent the weekend at her home at this place.

Rev. Engle of Hummelstown, preached a very interesting sermon in our church on Sunday.

MOSHANNON

There were 34 present at Sunday school. Those who attended the rag sewing at the Lloyd Berger home on Thursday evening were Mrs. Margaret Lamer, Lucy Fye, Hazel Beates, Maxine Berger, Margaret Culver, Mary and Esther Berger.

Dinner guests at the Homer Quick residence Friday were Mrs. Margaret Lamer, Thillie Cartwright, Helen Cartwright and children, Joyce and Bobby, and Althea King and Elsie Quick of Bellefonte.

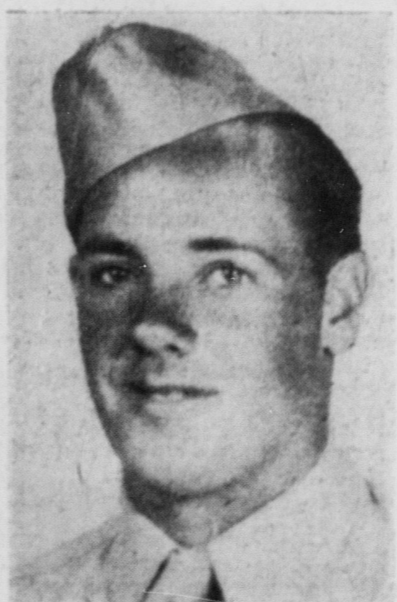
We are sorry to report Herbert Cartwright is not so good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt and daughters Marian and Elva, and Charles Viehdorfer spent the weekend with the Orvis Holt family in Williamsport.

Howard Family Has Daughter and Two Sons In U. S. Armed Forces



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Pfc. Paul B. Masden.

Second Lieut. Josephine Masden

Pictured above are two sons and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Masden, of Howard, R. D. 1, all of whom are engaged in the country's war service. Second Lieut. Josephine Masden, R. N., enlisted November 18, 1942, and is with the Army Nurse Corps. She graduated from Howard High School in the class of 1931 and entered Lock Haven Nurses' Training School, from which she graduated in 1934. She engaged in special nursing until February, 1935, when she came to the Centre County Hospital to become a member of the nursing staff.

Miss Masden spent five years at that institution, assisting in the operating room, and upon the death of the late R. L. Mallory, the hospital sent her to Philadelphia to complete her training in X-ray service. At the end of this period she returned to the hospital to take charge of X-ray work.

Upon entering the U. S. service she was commissioned second lieutenant of the Army Nurse Corps and sent to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. She was there four months and then sent to Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., where she spent seven months. From there she was returned to Fort George G. Meade. She is now with the 133rd Hospital Unit at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md.

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Awarded Soldier's Medal for Heroism

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Although the officers did not receive Private Stephens' courage and devotion to duty inspired his fellow soldiers.

Pfc. Stephens served with the U. S. Army in North Africa and Sicily and is now in England. Just before Christmas he spent a few weeks' furlough in Wales.

He is a graduate of Morrisdale High School and before going into the army was in the trucking business.

Because Lt. Col. Joseph C. McNay of Long Beach, Calif., got his wires crossed on a date with a Transcontinental and Western Airlines' hostess in New York recently he married her twin sister at Lebanon, Tenn., Thursday night, Colonel McNay, chief of staff for the Second Army Air Forces on maneuvers in Tennessee, met his wife, Stella Sperr, 26, of Westfield, Mass., when he missed connections on a date with her sister, Jennie, whom he met aboard a TWA airliner bound for New York. The newlyweds left on a honeymoon in Kansas City, Mo.

Col. Jones Gets New Post. Major General Homer M. Groninger, commanding general, New York port of embarkation, has announced the appointment of Colonel Benjamin C. Jones of Tyrone, former chief of staff, 28th division, as director of the intelligence and security division, New York port of embarkation. Colonel Jones succeeds Colonel Burton C. Andrus, who has been named to another important post elsewhere.

Soldier-Father Arrives Home. Staff Sergeant Philip Rodger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rodger, of Chester Hill, near Philipsburg, recently spent a 15-day furlough with his parents and wife. "Pike" arrived home the day after he became the proud father of a baby girl. The new arrival, who was born January 8, has been named Rebecca Joyce. Mrs. Rodger was the former Miss Marilyn Williams of Osceola Mills.

Obtains His Wings. Second Lt. John E. Swansgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Swansgar, of Hawk Run, last week was a member of one of the largest classes of B-24 Liberator bomber pilots to graduate from the AAF Pilot School at Fort Worth Army Air Field, L4. Swansgar, 22, received his earlier flight training at Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas.

Qualifies as Marksman. Pfc. Angelo J. Quaranta, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Quaranta, of 124 East High street, Bellefonte, has qualified as a marksman with the carbine at the Troop Carrier Command base, Fort Bragg, N. C. The First Troop Carrier Command, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., is the branch of the air forces charged with transporting men, supplies and equipment in battle areas throughout the world. Flying twin-engined C-47 cargo planes, they carry paratroopers, tow gliders, and deliver vital materials to America's fighting men. Equipped with medical supplies and stretchers, and carrying flight nurses, they also fly wounded from the front back to base hospitals.

Promoted to Corporal. The promotion of Jay S. Knapp, husband of Catherine Knapp, 48 South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, from the grade of private first class to corporal was recently announced "somewhere in England." Corporal Knapp, who entered the service on September 21, 1942, is an administrative clerk at an AAF fighter station. He is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Knapp, 14 West Logan street, and prior to entering the service was employed as a turret lathe operator at the Titan plant.

Nurse Is Promoted. Victoria Christina Taucher, Kane R. D. 2, serving with the Army Nursing Corps, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

Completes Basic Training. Completing his AAF basic flying training at Malden Army Air Field, Missouri this week, Aviation Cadet William J. Fleck, son of Joseph D. Fleck, of Bellefonte, left for advanced flying school where he will receive further specialized training.

Arrives in North Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, recently received word that their son, Staff Sergeant Charles Johnston, had arrived safely in North Africa. Sgt. Johnston, 24, was inducted into the service May 16, 1942. He took his early training at Camp Shelby, Miss., spent two months in desert training in California, and then was transferred to Fort Dix, N. J., where he was stationed for two months before sailing.

Spends Furlough at Home. Apprentice Seaman Paul Balloch, of Philipsburg, recently spent a 13-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Clara Balloch and family. He expected to return to the Great Lakes Naval Training Base, following his leave.

Receive Letter From Son. Mr. and Mrs. Victor B. Dann, of Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, received a letter from their son, Sgt. Victor B. Dann, Jr., who has been stationed somewhere in India for the past fifteen months. He states that he has been promoted to staff sergeant, and that he has been ill with malaria, but is recovering.

Reports For Training. Private Marlin M. Fisher, son of Mrs. Sue Fisher, of Wingate, has reported for training as an airplane mechanic as the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command school at Guilford, Miss. The students specialize in cargo and transport type airplanes. Before entering military service, Private Fisher was employed by the Titan Metal Mfg. Co., as a mechanic's helper.

Awarded Good Conduct Medal. T4 Harold W. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Andrews, Bellefonte, has recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exceptionally efficient and capable performance of his duties. He is now stationed somewhere in the Aleutian area.

HOW JUNGLE FIGHTERS LIVE, WORK, FIGHT AND SLEEP

From the steaming jungles and hills of Bougainville Island in the northern Solomons come reports by enlisted men and officers of the 37th (Buckeye) Division, telling how a United States Army jungle fighter lives, what he thinks about and hopes for, and how, fortified by humor, he continues day in and day out in the fight to conquer a treacherous foe.

What with Japanese snipers and bombers, the discomforts of jungle life, and the need for constant work, his days and nights are fully occupied. Yet these are plenty of humorous incidents. For example, some of the troops were changing their positions, and foxholes were deepened and covered with logs and sandbags. One soldier made a particularly good job of his foxhole. He then announced that "even a bomb couldn't get into it." Unfortunately, neither could he. He had forgotten to leave a place for an entrance.

Soldiers Sleep in Hammocks. Sleeping arrangements are comparatively simple. A soldier looks around for two trees sturdy enough to support his weight, and strings his jungle hammock between them. About 7 p. m., if he has no particular duties, he crawls into his hammock and begins to wonder how the wife and youngster are getting along—if he has them—or his sweetheart, or the girl next door at home, or to dream about that last furlough he had.

Likely as not, it begins to rain and his wondering turns to his foxhole and how much water there is going to be in it. About this time, there is an ear-shattering wall from the warping rain. So the soldier opens the zipper of his mosquito netting, hunts for his shoes, and runs and slides into the foxhole, which by now is about half full of water.