February 10, 1944.

ARMY NURSE TELLS OF HER EXPERIENCES IN WAR ZONE



Lt. Martha E. Walker

Lt. Walker, U. S. Army nurse, stationed in Sicily, writes most interestingly of her experiences in that ary 8 to her father Miss Walker war area, in letters to her parents, and Mrs. W. Scott Walker, of Milesburg.

Lt. Walker is billeted at an army base in Sicily, where nurses live in tents in an olive grove. During recent rains Lt. Walker and her roommate have been flooded out of their tent on several occasions.

A graduate of the Centre County Hospital school of nursing in Belle-fonte, Lt. Walker entered the service more than two years ago. She went overseas in April 1943. and served in Tunisia and Casablanca, North Africa, before accompanying the United Nations drive on Sicily, where she first worked in a large hospital before moving forward to an area where tents are the only shelter available.

Since her arrival in the North African area, Lt. Walker has sent home a large number of trinkets purchased in the countries she has visited. Pottery, lamps, hassocks, fleece lined boots and many other interesting items are now in the collection being kept for her by her par-

In the following letter Lt. Walker tells of Christmas in Sicily and of a visit to the Isle of Capri:

"Well, another Christmas gone but I'm sure I'll be home next year. "I must admit I had a very nice day. Ron (her tentmate) and I had a lot of fun getting ready for it. We were on the decorating committee for our mess hall. When we were finished with the old tent you would iever have recognized it. It had a ireplace, a lovely tree, greens and wreaths all around. The tables were beautiful. We had to use sheets for

our table cloths but they really looked nice. The tables had greens down the center and candles;

"Had our dinner at 6 p. m. and ate Texas, recently asked the Pennsylby candiclight. A wonderful dinner with turkey and all that. After din-her we had a party. One of the of-he could buy, he little dreamed he floers dressed as Santa and gave out would get such quick results. Here gffts to each of us. The nurses drew is what happened:

hands, "with permission." Started out and finally ended up on the Isle of Capri-the most beautiful place I have ever seen or over expect to

'We were treated like queensdancing, dinners, and breakfast in bed. It was all like a dream and I ure hated to wake up. "Oh. I almost forgot to tell you saw Jim Peters (Lt. James Peters,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters Bellefonte and husband of the of former Martha Hugg of Milesburg) while I was on the Isle of Capri. He was staying there for a night, he and about five of his friends. "Several days later, busy doing this and that.

January 1. Happy New Year. "I'm fine and getting along O. K. Don't worry if you don't hear from me for a while for you never know from one day to the next where we're going to be.

"Good night and again Happy New Year and a victorious 1944. "Love to both.

In another letter written Janu-

said You'd laugh if you could see us now. There are about seven officers and six nurses all seated around a hot, pot-bellied stove in the mess hall. We just finished the eating and all pulled our chairs around the stove. The ones that received mail are all reading it. Some are writing letters, one of the girls is sew-

some are just sitting. ing. After while some will say, "let's play cards." Then someone might

tents

say, "Walker, how about playing the Dale Cheesman, of East Curtin piano?"

time for we have no heat in our 1921, is a graduate of the Bellefonte Cumberland reception center he was same year he was sent to Camp

opera, tomorrow. nice things in them.

and my love. MARTHA.

Philipsburg Sailor Gets Wish Granted

the Navy now! When Francis H. work. Yonker, USN, a native of Philips burg, stationed at Corpus Christi,



SOLDIER IN ITALY WRITES Dear Editor. At Fort Knox In Army Air Corps HULL BROTHER; IN SERVICE writes

MARTHA."

2nd Lt. Robert Dale Cheesman Lt. Cheesman, son of Mrs. Luella

street, Bellefonte, is now at Fort I say O. K., if you aren't sick of Knox, Ky., where he is receiving

have gone dancing but it's too far orary military societies Pershing to go, about 40 miles, So decided to Rifles and Scabbard and Blade. He stay home tonight and go to the also was a member of the Phi Tau social fraternity.

Did write you all about our On April 29, 1943 he was inducted Christmas, also about my trip to into the enlisted reserve corps and the Isle of Capri. Have also sent was called to active duty on June you several boxes which I surely 28, reporting at the reception cenhope you receive for there are some ter in New Cumberland. July 11 he was assigned to the Armored Com-All for now. We're going to play mand at Fort Knox. Ky., where he some cards. Good night to you both attended Officers' Candidate School for 17 weeks. November 6, upon

completion of the course, he received a commission as Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the Armored School at Ft. Knox. After four weeks of battle training he

spent ten days at his home here after which he returned to Pt. Knox There should be no wrinkles in December 14, to continue with his

Serving in India



I say O. K., if you aren't size of play and special training with an armored unit. Everyone sings. We really have fun. No doubt we'll stay here until bed-No doubt we'll stay here until bed-N

time for we have no near in our list, is a graduate of the beneform Cumberland reception center ne was safe year he was safe freeze, unless we spend our time estry school in 1943. During his there he went to Keesler Field, Miss., Jue of the same year he left for College, who is serving in the Adhere or in one of the other kid's college career. Lt. Cheesman com- then to Utah. He left Utah in Aug- overseas duty and is now some- jutant General's Department, has tents. It's Saturday night. We could ing and was a member of the hon-have gone dancing but it's too far orary military societies Pershing terms about to miles So decided to Bitles and Scabbard and Blade He

BREON BROTHERS SERVING UNCLE SAM



Mrs. O. L. Hull, of Flemington, Clin- close by; in fact I thought it was the man behind the gun. right beside me. I must have fallen

Immediately, from what I recall, I January 15, 1944. imagined sounds whistling through I am receiving the Centre Demo- the air, and I know for sure my crat regularly now, and I sure do tent had collapsed upon me and

OF 'FOX HOLE RELIGION'

into a momentary subconsciousnes

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enjoy it. I read everything from my buddy. I was being sprayed with the Office Cat to the want section, something or other. I lay for secand after I read it I pass it on to onds on my back-it seemed like nother boy from that vicinity who hours. Getting my wits about me and exis also here in Italy.

Sincerely, J. RAY MILTON.

Somewhere in Italy,

amining myself closely. I was great-The above V-mail greeting was precised from Col Milton last week received from Cpl. Milton last week. followed by another letter in which buddy was all right too. It being a had taken place, I learned that my followed by another letter in other the writer gives us an idea of his experiences in fox holes. Entitled "Fox Hole Religion," Cpl. Milton about him. The burst I had heard about him. The burst I had heard

writes: Many an American solflier who has gone to the front to fight the fors of freedom has heard the cry of his commanding officer: 'Dig in shell fragments which sprayed the of freedom has heard the tropy in shell fragments which sprayed bout shell fragments which sprayed bout deep, we are here to stay but a short time. It's always best to be prepar-time. It's always best to be prepared, just in case we have to take a mother earth! little, the stubborn way." This incident was the closest I've That I did! Day after day, week

after week, it was a case of give had thus far "to cashing in my and take, for everything was for chips keeps I've seen plenty of sights. This life out here has brought me and there are plenty of memorable closer to God, and you can sinceredays I'll never forget.

But one night I will never forget, great generals: "There are no ath-It was one of those nights when our artillery was giving the enemy a continuous pasting. Of course we were always told "never underesti- cause of its military importance, inate your enemy." Well, to con-tinue, my buddy and I had just back home that we are doing our finished saying The Lord's Prayer part in spite of the circumstances in our pup tent, and were about to put out our cigarettes and call it a day.

Suddenly from out of nowhere a to go on, for we know out here that

Cpl. RAYMOND MILTON.

ly believe the words of one of our

BOMBS WITH ONIONS SHIPPED FROM SPAIN

At least a dozen "brick bombs" were reported to have been found in crates of Spanish onions that arrived recently in England from

The crates were taken from stores and warehouses and deposited in parks and open fields to await the inspection of Army bomb disposal

The onions were ready for issue to Allied troops, including Ameri-

found by an official The onions were transported from Spain in the same ship in which The company street had turned into explosions occurred among crates of oranges at sea.

A very good remedy for a sore

throat is to dampen a piece of

woolen cloth in turpentine, just a

Wrinkles

Sore Throat

In search of a chimney, St. Nick looked around. But a tent's center pole was the

So, his pack on his back, down the small quantity, and wrap around

Along with the pipe from the tent's

Together they started, together they To make a remedy for wrinkles landed.

pipe disbanded

. Almost all stains on knives can be quickly removed by rubbing them

GI ST. NICK. Twas the night before Christmas and outside the tent Not a soul was stirring save one whiskered gent, His eyes were alight, his complex- can units, when the first bomb was ion was ruddy. His coat drenched with rain and

his boots were all muddy: a moat

Poets'

Corner

So he traded his sleigh for a crashlanding boat.

nearest he found tent pole he dove,

GI stove

took stock

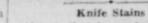
could go through.

Of the goodies he'd cram into each GI sock: Alas for poor Santa, how little he

There were holes in the toes a jeep

melt and mix one ounce of white In a shower of soot as the stove wax, two ounces of strained honey. and two ounces of juice of hily bulbs. Still, nothing undaunted, old Santa Apply once or twice a day.

the throat.



with a piece of raw pctato.

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ed to sea duty.

Aerial Gunner

of three children. Before entering early November, he was again sent forces.

Pvt, Edward V. Hull

S. NAVY

Scaman 2/c Ibra Breon

Waring's Orchestra

Honors Nurse Corps

Missing Flier Heard From

Mifflinburg Man Killed

street, Bellefonte

Pvt. Clarence O. Hull

Private Hull is the son of Mr. and burst was heard, which I knew was you at home are the people behind

vice-Reading of Penelec's Appliance so each of us had to buy a dollar gift and wrap it for the person Trading Post in newspapers which. his family sent lihn from home, shose name we drew. We also had Yonker wrote to the company's of-Q write a poem and some of them fice in his home town, and asked them to advertise his need in their were very good. There were a lot of ughs. free classified ad column. Penelec's

"I've been quite busy since I came officials appealed the lad's case in off night duty so I never did tell newspapers throughout their terriyou about the trip Ron and I took | tory not the one to Africa but another | Within twenty-four hours. Mrs.

one. We had some time on our M. D. Southworth, at Eric, house-



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wife, read of the "Navy's problem." Having a nephew in Bougainville and a son who is "almost old enough to go," Mrs. Southworth lost no time. Obtaining Yonker's address she told Penelec that she not only had such an iron, but would like to send it to the Navy man as a gift, and a traveler's electric iron was on its way to Yonker in no time.

Philipsburg Pilot Buried In England

Sgt. Mahlon C. Spicer Clarence O. Spicer, of the Altoona

The death of Second Lieut. John W. Crago, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wal-ter P. Crago, of Philipsburg, last week was announced by the Eighth AAF Command in England. The 23-

AAF Command in England. The 23-Field, Oklahoma City, for three Philipsburg received signal honors rear-old P-38 pilot was killed when months. At the end of that period Wednesday night of last week when his airplane crashed near a farm as he was transferred to Hunter Field. Fred Waring dedicated his 7 to 7:15 he was taking off on a combat mis- Savannah. Georgia. for 'further broadcast to the nursing staff of the

training, and at the graduation Philipsburg State Hospital. Witnessing pilots said Lieutenant ceremony at Waycross, Ga., Army Among the numbers chosen by the

Crago's plane was making a circle Air Field he was awarded the cov- local staff for the broadcast were of the flying field at approximately etcd wings of the hombardler. "Angels of Mercy," and "Say a Pray-500 to 600 feet when it suddenly Sergeant Spicer was then sent to er for the Boys Over There," also went into a spin. The ship made one victorville Army Air Base. Victor- a descriptive number. "Mamie." complete turn before crashing to ville, Cal., and sometime later was The hymn. "Now the Day Is Over," the ground. The fiver was killed in- sent abroad. He is now located closed the brief but artistically rendered program.

somewhere in India. Lieut, Crago, a graduate of Phil-Sergeant Spicer relates an inter- Mr. Waring dedicated the broadipsburg High School and former res- esting experience he had after mak- casted program to the Philipsburg taurant and grill manager in his ing a flight to China. He had re- nursing staff in appreciation for the home town, entered training as an ceived a box of chocolates from kindly service given his mother duraviation cadet in August, 1942, and home and, meeting some American ing her several weeks as a patient received his wings in April of the boys, he offered to share them. He at the institution. following year. had no sooner uttered the invita-

The fighter pilot was given a mili- tion with "Fellows, come and get tary burial with Chaplain Arnold E. some good Pennsylvania chocolates." T/Sgt. Ardell Bollinger, son of Mr. soth of Cole Camp., Mo., con- when a big sergeant jumped up and and Mrs. Scott L. Bollinger, of Phil-Hein Drifting Soldiers Overseas According to word received the Spicer and the collinger home at come from the same town Altoona ducting the service.

Six Begin Basic Training

Six Clinton county men who are eginning their basic training at the

stantly

Killed in Plane Crash

tions unknown. Both were home late last year on furlough. A brother of Robert's, James Ollinger, also is in the service, but it is believed he is Sergeant Earl Charles Crump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Crump.

the service, but it is believed he is of Altoona, was killed in an airplane Pvt. Andrew M. Eisenhauer, 20, of riage, Beightol was a resident of according to a war denoting the service on Jan. 27. Mifflinburg, was killed in action in according to a war department tele- Italy on January 10. Grassflat, employed for some time

Missing in Action

Grassflat, employed for some time by the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company's store there. gave no details. Sgt. Crump had been in the service for over three years. follow, all details having been omit-

the sergeant.

Leather

U. S. Naval Training Station Great Lakes, Ill., are Harvey Great Lakes, III., are Harvey L. Young, Lock Haven: Richard H. Mann, Beech Creek: Varner R. Caldwell, Hammersley Fork, R. D.; Harold P. Whiting, Flemington: Walter G. Schetrompf, Lock Haven, and Richard C. Barner, Mill Hall. Harold C. Barner, Mill Hall.

The official

Seaman 1/c Mahlon E. Breon

Rufus A. Breon

To hold all the gifts the socks The three Breen brothers, two in Seaman Mahlon E. Breen enlist struce in September, 1942. He went the Navy and the third helping to ed October 15, 1943. in the U.S. into training at Camp Robinson. He picked out a spot on a packingkeep the boys well fed at a large Navy. He went through boot train- Ark, and was stationed there six army camp, are sons of Mr. and ing at Newport, R. L. and upon its weeks. He was then sent to Fort Put his hand in his pack to the

Mrs. Roy O. Breon, of West Logan completion was immediately assign- Lawton, Seattle, Wash, where he remained a week before being ship- And withdrew forty tubes of the Seaman Ibra Breon, 24, enlisted in He has made several trips to Eng. ped to Alaska. He was stationed wrong shaving cream. the U.S. Navy and left for Sampson, land. Africa, Algiers and several there fifteen months,

N. Y., training station November 12, other places, on convoy duty. He is school in Anchorage, Alaska. He is person knits. 1942. He is the husband of the for- serving in the Armed Guards. After now returned to Fort Bliss. Texas. And a full baker's dozen of neat

mer Adeline Garner, and the father spending several days at home in serving as a cook for Uncle Sam's sewing kits.

the service he was employed in an abroad and landed in North Africa Rufus attended State College High a giver I am alreraft factory at Niagara Falls, N. December 24, 1943. He is now serv- School and before being called was As he topped it all off with a cartoon

Y. He attended State College schools and before his call worked for a Before entering the service. Sea-He prepared to depart with chuckle and sigh,

short time at the Texas Lunch, He man Breon attended Bellefonte ing Co. in Allentown; the Bellefonte spent 5 days' leave at home recently schools and was employed at the Lunch and the New York Lunch. He "Til the boy's favorite "Pin-Up" and upon his return to Sampson Shaffer store on High street. Station expected to be sent to school Rufus M. Breon was born in State 1941, to the former Alice J. Bradley. A blonde G-string goddess past all Sergeant Spicer is a son of Officer in Louisiana in the Armed Guard. College in 1921. He was called into of Snow Shoe. realization. Who'd shock the most outspoken

Varga creation **Overseas Soldiers** He lingered, he loitered, he might have been yet, To Be Furloughed If the C. O., inspecting, and he

hadn't met. The Army's plan to bring soldiers The C. O. looked angry, his features home on furlough after lengthy sergrew hard,

vices overseas is now in effect but And he thundered a call to the serthe number returned is necessarily geant on guard.

limited by available shipping facil- "This man's out of uniform, didn't salute. ities, War Department officials an-And he hasn't a sign of a crease

nounced: The program's extension to the in his suit." Pacific theater, where troops were Alack and aday, even Santa is sent almost immediately after the human,

Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Har- He came to his downfall because of a woman. bor, was reported by Lieut. Gen. Mil-

lard F. Harmon, commander of the Army forces in the South Pacific. The above is from the December He told a press conference that 25 issue of the Stars and Stripes men from his command "are now Weekly, Mediterranean edition.

being rotated on a scale commensurate with the means available. Four Recruits Arrive.

The War Department said the plan New recruits at the U.S. Naval would also cover the North African Training Station, Great Lakes, Iltheater, where men with 18 months linois, are four Centre county men. or more of combat duty will begin They are: Bruce D. Gentzel, 18, son to be furloughed, and the Alaskan and Caribbean commands, where of Mrs. Cora Gentzel, Boalsburg; troops probably will get leave after Ivan D. Chapman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Chapman, Howard, R. D. 1; Purley E. DeHaas,

Training at Lowry Field.

He was 26 years of age and in join-ted. His wife, a young daughter, his ing the army he was assigned to the parents and several brothers and ing the army he was assigned to the Rodman Lee Hall, son of Mrs. Miss. Pfc. Wingfield, son of Mr. ces Technical Training Command a and Mrs. Roy S. B. Immel, of Mill Lowry Field, Colorado, Pvt. Hall in Hall, R. D. 1, formerly of Bellefonte, a graduate of Bellefonte High School

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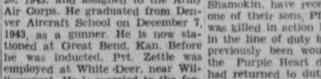
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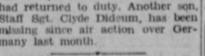
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previously been wounded, receiving

many last month.

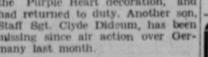


missing since air action over Ger-



two years' service.

According to word received the same day at the Ollinger home at Drifting, both William Beightol, husband of the former Gertrude Ollinger, and Robert Ollinger, brother of Mrs. Beightol, both have ther of Mrs. Beightol, both have the former a cadet on April 27, 1940. The former definition of the received word that the was indicated form Dentities and and would write them. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nichols, of Lock the former. He is now station the former definition of the for















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DRIFTING, PENNA.



mer Sara N. Solt, of Bellefonte.

Graduates as Mechanic The Army Air Forces Training Command has announced the grad-

he was inducted, Pvt. Zettle was the Purple Heart decoration, and liamsport. He is married to the for- Staff Sgt. Clyde Dideum, has been