

Letter to Mother Explains How Son Met His Death

A small wound in a vulnerable spot, caused by the horn of a wild buffalo, resulted in death through internal bleeding, two companions of Lieut. Bill Reish of State College revealed in a letter to his mother last week.

Lieut. Reish, son of Mrs. R. A. Lepley, died in India, February 9, after almost a year's service with the Army Air Transport Command.

The letter from Lieut. Henry Schaub and Al Hicks follows:

We're not much good at writing letters, especially one of this kind. But we thought you would like to know about the accident. We were both with him when he died.

Bill, Al Hicks and I left here on the morning of the eighth to go up to our hunting camp. Arrived there late that afternoon so didn't go hunting until the next morning. Started out around six I should say to hunt for deer. We were only on the island right across from camp. It was decided that we should separate about 150 feet or so as to cover the island good.

I was on the left, Bill next, then came the bearer, and on the right was Hicks. We must have been walking along about thirty minutes when Hicks heard several shots and then heard Bill shout for help. It was thick underbrush at this spot, but Hicks reached Bill's side in about 45 seconds. He was lying on his back with his head up against a tree. Standing about 50 feet away was this big buffalo. The bearer came up and the buffalo charged him, but he got away. (The buffalo was later tracked down and killed). Hicks was afraid to shoot as he was worried about Bill. Finally, the buffalo wandered off and Hicks immediately examined Bill.

His head was bruised a little and there was about a three-quarter inch cut in his groin. That was the extent of the damage. Hicks carried Bill to the edge of the jungle where I joined them. I examined him again and could find no more cuts, etc. I had a first aid package on my belt so I sprinkled his wound and made his as comfortable as possible. Meanwhile Hicks had sent the bearer after the boat. Bill was conscious all this time but seemed to be in great pain. I believe it was the shock of the whole thing and not his wound. He complained of not being able to get his breath so I lifted his head on to my lap and bathed his face and lips with water. He died in my arms. I'm not ashamed to say that I cried. He was one of our best friends, Mrs. Lepley, a boy you should well be proud of.

We brought Bill back to the squadron where the doctor examined him. His main artery was cut and he bled to death internally. The doctors said had the cut been anywhere else on his body it would only have been a flesh wound.

I don't know if this will comfort you or not, but Bill's funeral was the largest one that has ever been held over here and we have lost quite a few men. It was a military funeral, the kind that I hope to get when my time comes.

Mrs. Lepley, please don't take it too hard. God wanted Bill and he took him. Maybe tomorrow it will be my turn, or Hicks'. If we let these things get us, our value as a pilot would be greatly affected.

Mrs. Lepley, if there's anything in the world we can do for you, please let us know.

Very sincerely,
HENRY SCHAUB,
AL HICKS.

HONOR ROLL

Ready for Sea Duty



Thomas Kustanbauer
Thomas Kustanbauer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kustanbauer, of East High street, Bellefonte, entered the Navy on October 20, 1943, and after completing boot training at Sampson, N. Y., was sent to a gunnery school in Norfolk, Va.

He has been assigned as a member of an armed guard aboard a merchant ship, and is now ready for sea duty.

Kustanbauer has two brothers in service. They are: Edgar, who is in England, and Charles W., who is in the North African area.

In Medical Corps



Pvt. James C. Huey
Pvt. Huey, who will be 22 on March 21, entered the service on November 27, 1943, and from New Cumberland was sent to Camp Barkley, Texas, where he is now stationed with the Medical Corps.

Pvt. Huey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Huey, of Madisonburg. He attended Rebersburg High School and before entering the service was employed on his father's farm.

Training in Alabama



Pvt. George H. Emel
Pvt. Emel, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emel, of Bellefonte, former employe of the Olde-Tyme Bakery, Bellefonte, enlisted in the army on November 14, 1943, and from the reception center at New Cumberland was transferred to Ft. McClellan, where he is now in training with the Infantry.

Pvt. Emel attended the Bellefonte schools before entering the employ of the local bakery.

Serving in Africa



Pvt. John W. Saxton, Jr.
Pvt. Saxton who is with the armed forces in the North African area, entered the army on October 15, 1942, and from New Cumberland was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. Later he was sent to Shreveport, La., and in the spring of 1943 was transferred to Yuma, Arizona, where he underwent desert training. In October of that year he was sent to Ft. Dix, N. J.

Pvt. Saxton, son of John W. Saxton and Maude Hugg Saxton, of near Unionville, spent a brief furlough at his home early in December before going overseas.

Now in England



Pfc. Robert M. Williams
Private First Class Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams of Port Matilda, has received his silver wings upon graduating from B-24 Flexible Gunnery School, Harlingen, Texas.

Pfc. Williams, born June 3, 1917, is a graduate of the Port Matilda High School, class of 1935. In 1937 he enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps and served in the capacity of staff sergeant for a three-year period. Prior to his induction he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Washington, D. C. He was inducted into the Army Air Forces on Sept. 21, 1943 at Fort Meyer, Va., and was sent to Miami, Florida, for three months. At the end of that period he was sent to Harlingen, Texas.

His wife, formerly Marguerite Kerin, and son reside at Port Matilda.

Gets Silver Wings



Sgt. Walter E. Lucas
Sergeant Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Lucas, of Unionville, and a graduate of Bellefonte High School, class of 1942, was inducted into the Army Air Corps at New Cumberland, February 15, 1943.

After finishing his basic training at Ft. Petersburg, Pa., he was transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, where he was assigned to the Military Police. Subsequently he underwent training at Ft. Dix, N. J., and Ft. Slocum, N. Y., and in July 1943 was sent to India where he has been stationed ever since.

Serving Overseas



Pvt. Kinley R. Mayes
Pvt. Mayes, 22, son of Edward Mayes, residing between Runville and Yarnell, entered the service in October 1942, and at the reception center at New Cumberland was assigned to the Infantry and was sent to Ft. McClellan, Alabama, for preliminary training. From there he was transferred to Ft. Custer, Mich., where he was assigned to the Military Police. Subsequently he underwent training at Ft. Dix, N. J., and Ft. Slocum, N. Y., and in July 1943 was sent to India where he has been stationed ever since.

With M. P. in India



Pvt. Leroy C. Mills
Pvt. Mills, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mills, of West Decatur, has notified his parents that he has landed safely at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. He writes that it is an ideal place and that the weather there is as hot as our hottest day in summer. He has been in the service one year.

Spends Furlough at Home

Warren H. Lutz, seaman first class of the U. S. Coast Guard, who has been stationed at New River, N. C., on the Amphibious force, spent three days with his mother, Mrs. Fred Lutz of Pleasant Gap. Seaman Lutz reported to New York on Sunday for convoy duty. He recently returned from a trip to Sicily. Seaman Lutz has been in the service 15 months.

Will Train in Aviation

Pvt. Robert R. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Holmes, of Salona, has reported to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Army Air Forces Training Command, for examination to qualify as a pre-aviation cadet. On completing this phase he will be sent either to school for further study or directly to a pre-flight center for aviation training.

Lock Haven Girls Join Up

Misses Lois Barner and Justine McCafferty, of Lock Haven, were sworn in as WAVES at Williamsport recently and are awaiting orders to report to Hunter College, New York, for training. Miss Barner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barner of Lamar, and a graduate of the Lock Haven High School. Miss McCafferty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McCafferty, is a graduate of the Mill Hill High School and the Immaculate Conception High School. Both girls are employed at Piper plant.

Philipsburg Soldier No Longer Missing

A cablegram received Tuesday night of last week by Mrs. Ernestine Hassinger of Philipsburg, from her son, Staff Sergeant Brayson Hassinger, announced that he was well. Not to worry. He will write later.

Brayson, an assistant engineer and gunner on a B-24 bomber serving with Major General Claire J. Chenuault's Fourteenth United States Air Force in China, was reported missing in action from a mission on Jap-held Thailand on February 5. Word that he was missing in action was received in Philipsburg on February 13 and no further word was received from then until Tuesday night.

Through a telephone call from the wife of a lieutenant who was also aboard the same bomber, the family learned that the men are not Japanese prisoners and are in American hands. The speedy handling of the "good news" telegram was credited to the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Hassinger was overjoyed to learn that her son is living and well. She has been sick since receiving the word of him being missing.

Hassinger has been overseas since August 17. Through the lambasting of Jap installations in the Orient and the ability of its combat crews to shoot down intercepting Zeros, his air group has earned the title, "Liberators of China."

Army Nurse Dies

1st Lt. Carrie T. Sheetz, American army nurse and former state Health Department employe, died in action in the front lines in Italy, Feb. 7, Lt. Sheetz was formerly assistant to Miss Edith O'Halloran, director of the Bureau of Nursing.

Grandmother of 8 a WAC

Pvt. Nellie A. Edwards, of Omak, Wash., is believed to be the holder of some kind of WAC record. Army recruiting district officers reported that Private Edwards was not only a grandmother, but eight times a grandmother. The grandchildren are the offspring of her two sons, two daughters and a step-son.

MARTHA

Blair 'Role' Pink is spending a short furlough in the community with his wife and brother. 'Role' is gaining lots of good experience and is doing fine.

Samuel Stiver made a trip to Philadelphia last week on business for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Sam reports good results of his mission.

Mrs. Marion Stiver, Mrs. Helene Spackman, and Mrs. Delam Andrews journeyed to Philipsburg last week to visit the home of Boyd Hummel and to visit Mrs. Stiver's sister, Mrs. John Dillon, who is a patient in the State Hospital. They returned with good reports as to Mrs. Dillon's condition.

Delam Andrews has just returned from visiting with his father, Colonel Andrews, who has been quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Straw, Turtle Creek. Colonel Andrews' many friends sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to hear that Joe Williams has not been feeling well for some time. We hope to see him around soon.

Quite a number of the young men of the community enjoyed visiting with Ezra Auman Sunday afternoon. The visitors were motivated by wondering if Ezra was snowed in. They all found conditions satisfactory.

The Misses Jenny Woodring and Noney Freeman visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stiver on Saturday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spackman visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Spackman on Sunday afternoon.

At South Carolina Camp

Pvt. William Phillips, of Howard, formerly a guard at Rockview Penitentiary, is now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C. He is the son of Mrs. Anson Phillips of Flemington, and has another brother, Pfc. Raymond A. Phillips, who is serving with the AAF in the South Pacific.

Reports at Army Air Field

Aviation Cadet John F. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frank of Osceola Mills, has reported at Carlisle, New Mexico, Army Air Field, where he will receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead reckoning navigation.

Completes Basic Training

Pvt. Boyd C. Heetman, 19, son of Mrs. Mary Heetman, of Philipsburg, has completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., preparatory for combat duty with an armored unit. He was inducted into the army on October 12, 1943.

In Hawaiian Islands

Private James W. Little, son of Creighton Little, of West Decatur, has arrived safely overseas and is now based on one of the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific.

Sea Bees Write Parody On Gettysburg Address

The following parody on Lincoln's Gettysburg address was written by two Seabees, somewhere in the South Pacific:

"Twoscore and seven days ago our battalion brought forth upon the island a new project, conceived in a foxhole and dedicated to the proposition that all Japs are created evil.

"We are now ensnared in the heat, rain and mud of the island, testing whether this project of the Seabees will long endure.

"We are all together slipping and sliding as we do this, but in a larger sense we cannot cultivate, we cannot navigate, we cannot harrow this ground, for those great rains which make this mud here have made it impossible, far above the poor power of all but the 'cats' (tractors).

"It is for us, the Seabees, rather to be enslaved here by this menial labor which they who are in charge have thus so freely advanced. It is rather for us to be here sickened by the dish of hash set before us, that from these cans we took our nourishment; nor no devotion to those cooks, for our stomachs gave an everlasting measure of commotion.

"The world will little note nor long remember what we build here, but we shall never forget the hash and beans we ate here. Let us resolve that we shall not have sweat in vain; that this battalion shall have thirty days of freedom in the United States by Easter; that this thought shall not perish from our hopes."

THE POET'S CORNER

HITLER'S PRAYER
Oh God, who art in Heaven, raise Thy holy hand and hell; And stand at strict attention as der Fuehrer prays, awhile. You have listened to the others till my face is in a rut— Don't you know that Allied prayers are but stupid scuttling? Oh Lord, please curse the Russians for their most unholy sin. They won't accept our culture and they kill my supermen. Mein Gott! How can You sit there and witness such disgrace? Don't You realize that Germans constitute the Master race? Please curse the hated Yankees who have kicked my men around; Who made an ass of Rommel, making me look like a clown. Stop their steady, sure advancing; You could do it if you would. Stop their shipping and production; I would do it if I could. Why help the bloody English, who have aimed against you so; Who give the Jews protection, which I think is pretty low. Their sins are too enormous and too numerous to tell. The beer they make is sin enough to scorch the gates of Hell. The RAF is bombing every day and every night. They can't do that to Germans because it isn't right. So please destroy London, which I tried so hard to do. You could do it with an earthquake or a hurricane or two. Oh God, I've tried to help You; now it's time that you helped me. I have punished quick and justly, just as You would have it be. See what I did to Poland, who had sinned so hard and long. In wanting independence, which You know is very wrong. My justice at Lidice was like the very hand of God—I murdered every heathen and reduced the place to God. They killed my favorite hangman, and it must have made You sad; But I killed the whole damn village, and that must have made You glad. Now God, You must act quickly to correct Your big mistake. For I'm getting out of patience at the choice You seem to make. It is true You are the holy, but I also am the great. And for Your better interest You must now cooperate. Of These I ask but little—just to rule this little earth. And every man upon it from the moment of his birth. Let me have him every moment till there is no longer breath; I will boss him no while he's living. You can have him after death.

—J. P. OELLS

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(A Patriotic Song Poem)
Hello, there all you soldiers, We know your job is tough. But you have the U. S. spirit And you will do your stuff. When body and soul grow weary And things are getting rough, There is always that U. S. spirit, And we know that's no bluff. To boys in your country's service, On land, or air, or sea, There is always that same old spirit That will bring us victory. Some day there will be much brightness And the crowds will cheer again. For the good old U. S. spirit Will bring home our own dear men.

—Lillian Houser, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brothers Spend Furlough at Home

Cpl. William J. Mann, tower control operator at the Army Air Base, Pocatello, Idaho, and his brother, Seaman First Class Benjamin E. Mann, of New York City, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mann, spent a furlough together recently at their home in Winburne. It was the first time the boys had seen each other for 15 months. They were also joined in the reunion by their sister, Miss Dorothy Mann, of Wilmington, Delaware.

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Monday of Last Week
Admitted: Mrs. Nevin Rishel, of Spring Mills; Miss Doris Ebbs, Spring Mills; Mrs. Berton Gardner, State College.

Discharged: Mrs. Richard Larier and infant son, Clarence; Mrs. Guy T. Shunk and infant son, Spring Mills, R. D.; Mrs. C. C. Alexander, Bellefonte.

Admitted Monday and discharged Saturday: George Spicer, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

Birth: a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver, Spring Mills, R. D. 2.

Tuesday of Last Week
Admitted: Marie Hoover, Bellefonte; Miss Mary Smith, State College.

Discharged: Mrs. Guy Eason and infant son, Bellefonte; Mrs. Charles J. Graham and infant son, Boalsburg.

Admitted Tuesday and discharged Friday: Clifford Lambert, Bellefonte.

Admitted Tuesday and discharged Saturday: Ardell Eiters, Howard; Mrs. Ethel Benn, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

Wednesday of Last Week
Admitted: Israel Reitz, Boalsburg.

Discharged: Mrs. Edward Whitaker, Bellefonte; Mrs. Berton Gardner, State College; Phillip Gehret, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Admitted Wednesday and discharged Saturday: Mrs. John Tessier, State College.

Admitted Wednesday and discharged Sunday: William Kerstler, State College.

Thursday of Last Week
Admitted: Mrs. Elsie Noll, State College.

Discharged: Mrs. Theodore K. Seitz and infant son, Bellefonte; Mrs. Mildred B. Smith, Boalsburg; Mrs. Elwood Grubb and infant son, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

Birth: a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Hinds, Mingoville.

Friday
Admitted: Mrs. Isabel McCool, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Charles C. Hoge II, Washington, D. C.

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