. . .. April 6, 1944

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# **Doughboy's Everyday** Experience In Army

Pvt. John Kirkpatrick, son of Rev. all day; let's see you come down and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, of Coal-port, farmerly of Centre Hall, con-tyrant, but rather than be riditinues with his interesting narrative culed I started to descend the trunk of his experiences in military ser- as rapidly as possible. About five vice, which he entitles: "We Travel feet from the bottom my numb legs the Country Army Style." refused to drive the gaffs home any

selves into the ground and my G. I.

back side tried to entrench itself in

the Georgia sand-thank God it.

was sand! Needless to say it was a

most colorful graduation and I went

back to my old outfit a full-fledged

The next week found school over

and me back in my old group, now a communications man but still a

private. I had taken an examina-

tion to go to radio school but did

not know whether or not I would

splicing wire with the other com-

munications men and getting the

coming night problem. The day or

rather the night arrived for the big

problem. The men were loaded on

the trucks and guns made ready for

the "March Order!" The commu-

nications group was made up of

four other fellows besides myself

and we were sprawled over the

coiled wire that was piled almost to

the top of the truck. It was a lovely

guns could be placed and phone and

washboard roads we arived at what

communications maintained between

and have the outposts all located so Valley View.

night and we took in all of the cool formerly of Port Matilda. He en-

G. I. linesman.

Marjory began to get accustomed more and I found myself tearing to the old city of Savarinah and the earthward and the wood flew from forty-three mile bus trip she had to the tree as if a rip saw were cuttake each day to see me at Camp ting it, as my gaffs grazed along its Stewart. Of course it was only for side. My fatigue shirt and work a few hours each evening but she gloves picked up numerous splinters felt it was worth it and I sure was as I clung desperately to the trunk. It was no use I made a three-point glad to have her. landing as my gaffs drove them-

I was starting out as range setter. Of course I can't begin to explain my job due to military secrecy and the fact that I didn't know what I was doing half the time. The men would be waiting anxiously to blast away at the target floating majestically through the air in one direction while I was frantically trying reverse the range of the gun which I of course had traversing in the opposite direction. I was beginning to doubt the value of a college education or the depth of my gray matter when the Battery Com- get it. I spent most of the week mander, after two weeks of turmoil. relieved the nerves of the gun crew by relieving me from my duty on the equipment ready in general for the range setter and sending me to my first G. I. School, wire communication

School days in the army are swell. You go from 8:00 in the morning till five in the evening, then have a required study period of two hours each night. This rather long schedule was made up for in some small way by the fact that we got every weekend off and there were no K. P. or guard duty. There was, however, plenty of study. I plowed through the fundamentals of electricity and pondered over the phones used for communications since 1900 by our armed forces. I spliced wire and cut wire. I fixed phones and tamp- all guns and the B. C. After a ered with phones in mock espion- rough journey over forty miles of age. I tapped wires and hunted spies tapping mines. We took turns operating the switch board and, of course operating the switch board and, of course, every soldier at his outpost ed to be well haunted).

had to call the switchboard at least The communication Sgt. tied in once and ask for New York or some the first phone then, picking myself other impossible place. Of course and another fellow, he assigned us to we were to practice correct proce-dure but the usual procedure was to truck on foot and laying wire as call outpost 2 from outpost 4 (about they drove ahead letting the wire fifty feet apart), lie leisurely 'neath play out behind them.

a Georgia pine and croon or groan In a moment they were gone and the latest popular song to him while I stood in the dark with my buddy. the Captain in charge of the school We had a shovel, a flashlight, and fumed over his phone, and told us splicing equipment. For some in no uncertain G. I. swearing to get strange reason I found that I caron the ball. Of course no one ever ried the shovel and equipment while knew who was making the trouble he toted the flashlight. I don't but we had lots of fun and learned know why I always pull a "Gold as little as possible. Brick" for a helper but it never

I did pretty well, fantastic as it seems to fail. I had a very intermay seem, in my theory and wire esting trip trudging along with my splicing phones, and switch-board load in the dark while my helper operation, but not as well when it went merrily ahead (about a hundcame to risking my life with noth-ing more than a foot of sharp point- whole trip was seven miles and it

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**Bellefonte Brothers in Armed Forces** 

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# **Three Yanks in Solomons** Die By Jap Fake Surrender

A story from the Solomon Islands to come in. Suddenly all the Japs of Japanese faking surrender and dropped down in the pillbox and then killing an American captain, opened fire."

sergeant and private with machine gun and mortar fire was told by Second Lt. Richard L. Roy. 32, in the ensuing action.

Five Americans were killed in the Mountain Lake Park, Md. "We talked with the Japs for ten days fighting on March 22-which minutes," Roy said. "The captain began with three platoons led by asked them to throw up their hands Roy. Lt. Benton Hammond, Meadand surrender. He and I were ville, Pa., and Lt. Harry Wolinski, standing in the open on the cliffside Newark, N. J., attempting a flanking movement on entrenched Japanese below the pillbox. "Finally I motioned for them to holding an outpost on the end of

come out. A Jap motioned for us the 260 foot high cliff.

#### PORT MATILDA

Mrs. Abbie Young returned home Wilbur Rhule, who is a patient Saturday after spending the winter at the Philipsburg State Hospital, with her daughter Ruth. of New is somewhat improved at this writ-York City.

bridge, Md., for his boot training. after which he expects to be assigned to a Fleet Postoffice address.

Thursday, April 6. at the Sports- Baltimore, Md., during the weekend. man's club. After the meeting there They plan to remain a week with will be movies shown of wildlife. All Mrs. Beaty's parents, after which members are urged to attend. Mrs. Grace Williams expects to re- to Baltimore and all will return.

Mrs. Maude Bailey returned home Shope and Mrs. Jonn DeHaas.

cently spent a furlough with his illness of her daughter, Mrs. John Miss Tillie Gunsallus sent two of parents and sisters and brother. He Cann.

days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. Leitzell, who heard last week ert left on Friday for the Navy with of their son Thomas, arriving in the Centre county boys. England Ted Crain of Navy Pier, Chicago,

ents. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crain. service, also reported for duty on Patsy Crain of Dickinson Semin- Friday. Crain of Army Signal Corps, Tem- is spending some time in our vicinple University, Philadelphia, were ity.

ding took place on Monday, March service.

ufacturing Aviation Corp. at Tur-ner Field and Valdosta, Ga., also Horter, of Farrockaway, N. Y. at Salem, N. C.

gas station at Martha.

Pfc. Earl Brungart Private First Class Brungart is end with friends here. he son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert He en-

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Honest

to the Pringle home which they recently purchased,

Mr and Mrs. G. Ross, of Phila-Pvt. Harold H. Grain is enjoying a 9-day furlough with his wife and family. Harold is located at Bain-over Sunday over Sunday.

## BLANCHARD

The Port Matilda Sportsmen will Mrs. John Heichel and Mrs. Harris hold their regular monthly meeting Beaty and little daughter left for their respective husbands will motor

turn home soon after spending the The Amoma Bible class of the winter months with her daughter, Baptist Sunday school was enter-Mrs. Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia. Lained last Friday evening by Mrc.

Private Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sunday from Bedford, being called It is rumored that Miss Virginia Robert Kelley, of Port Matilda, re- there several weeks ago due to the Durkin is enlisting in the Marines.

has been in training since December Mrs. Thomas Leitzell and son 28, 1942, and is now stationed at Dennis, of Winburne, spent several Haven, went with the Clinton counher boys off to the service last week. ty group on Wednesday, while Rob-

George Shilling, third son of Mr. is spending this week with his par- and Mrs. Maurice Shilling to be in

ary, Williamsport, and Betty Jane Merie Smith of Cleveland, Ohio,

On April 1st Blair Earon of the weekend visitors with their parents. Announcement has been made of Bald Eagle Dairy of Lock Haven, the marriage of Buddy Leitzell, son took over the Bechdel Dairy. Glenn of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leitzell of Bechdel who operated the milk route this place, and Cpl. Lucille Haden, after the untimely death of his bro-of the Medical Detachment at Turner Air Field, Albany, Ga. The wed- be endeavoring to get into military

20 at Albany, Ga. The bridegroom Mrs. Matilda Gardner returned is a service man for Lycoming Man- home last Monday after spending

Mrs. Dietz received word that her Ellis Auman of Hayerstown, Md., son William Clair of the U.S. Navy, was called home last Friday to re- had a week's furlough which he lieve his father, who is ill with in- spent in London, Eng. Seaman Dietz fluenza, from his duties at the Esso and Sgt. Lloyd Spangler, also stationed in England, had planned to We are sorry to report that E. Ti spend their, furloughs in London Spotts is laid up with rheumatism, together but the telegrams were de-We wish him a speedy recovery. layed and Sgt. Spangler did not get Mrs. Grace Orwick and daughter there on time to meet his friend

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Alice, of Altoona, spent the week-end with friends here. The George Lykens family of Jun-Mrs. Marie Philips of McElhattan, home last m

Phyllis Rockey, daughter of Mr. and

Harold was inducted into the ser-vice on March 1, 1943, and from the reception center at New Cumber-land was sent to Tacoma, Washing-ton. After passing examinations for officers' training he spent two weeks in Moscow. Idaho, before going to Los Angeles. Cal., where he attend-tot content of the ser-land was as a sent to Tacoma, Washing-ton. After passing examinations for officers' training he spent two weeks in Moscow. Idaho, before going to Los Angeles. Cal., where he attend-

He then entered the Air Corps and was given a T/5 rating. Donald is was sent to Buckley Field, Colo., be- still stationed at Camp Edwards and fore being transferred to Pullman, recently spent a furlough at his Washington, to attend cadet school. home.



truck as we bounced toward our des- and is now in North Africa. He is a of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin G. Neff, of nouncement of his engagement to tination. We had to be the first in brother of George W. Lykens of Bellefonte, R. D. Harold was inducted into the ser- Mrs Henry C. Rockey of Bellefonte,

ed officers' school for nine months. In December he became a private, first class, and several weeks later



Shreveport, La.



In Louisiana

Pvt. Lewis E. Kelley

Air Corps Mechanic

and luxuriously and the day of the till it came to pole climbing. I all phones in working order. I was Mingoville, tried to hide in the background soaked with sweat and swamp water watching my buddles climbing like but-communications had been esmonkeys the swaying trees and tablished and our job was done. throwing tools and wire carelessly The Captain was pleased and I was to one another as though they were slushy to say the least, but fear not, furlough from North Carolina, and ing caution to the winds and emit- nut. ting gay peals of laughter because they were proud of their accomp-

lishments

Oh horrible moment the instructor furiously all night to place the guns. spotted me! "Take does gaffs, Kirk-patrick," he yelled "And git on de took it a few yards from the comball." I slowly started to strap the gaffs to my quivering limbs and weeds ctimouflaged myself so sucbuckling my belt round my sickly cesafully that they did not find me pital.

stomach, strode silently toward my tree. I drove cach gaff home with all the force I possessed and clung to the over those seven miles again (now force I possessed and clung to the over those seven miles again (now Eilene Merryman of Monument, trunk with both arms as tightly as in the hot Georgia sun) to take up were visitors at the William Hea-possible. Up, up, up, ten feet, all the wire I had carefully and ton home.

Now fasten your belt and sit dere till are told once in the army you will I tell you to come down. And keep be told a thousand times that the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Sto- Irvin Folmar.

faintly as from another world, "OK! OK! Kirkpatrick don't stay up dere

STATE COLLEGE MAN, a few drops

Joining the SeaBees gave William K. Baisor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. **Relieve Misery** of Balsor of Hartswick avenue, State t 3-purpose Vicks /a-tro-nol up each hostril. It (1) shrinks branes, ) soothes irritation, ) helps clear cold-ogged nose. Follow VICKS U.C. hat he was in governm Panama. He is now in New Guinea. VA-TRO-NOL

The Japanese are brutal enemies ut we are supposed to love 'em.

ing more than a foot of sharp point-ed steel strapped to each leg and trying to climb those lovely tall pines that seem to sway so gently as you work under them. You find as you ascend the twitching trunk to the height of 20 or 30 feet, that they ap-pear to be lashed by a 60-mile-an-bour gale And why do con thus hour gale. And why do you thus night, I did the work and my able duties at Shreveport, La., on March risk your life? We make this peril- assistant held the flashlight. He 14.

In North Africa

Tech. Sgt. Earl Lykens

Isaac W. Lykens, of Owego, N. Y.,

Now In Louisana

Sergeant Lykens is the son of Mrs

ous trip just to fasten a thin piece was the best flashlight holder I Cpl. Dobson, former employe of of whre high in the tree and thus ever did see. I will say he did hold the Titan Metal Company here was keep communications open. After it close enough for me when I was inducted on July 31, 1943 and was several creepy climbs on Georgia working but when it came to seeing sent to Camp McCain, Miss., for prepines I decided that laying wires to walk w-e-1-1. As I said he would liminary training. On December 4 along the ground in tall grass to hide be yards ahead and I would be care- he was sent to Louistana on manit from enemy spics was a more fully walking on solid ground laying euvers, and subsequently spent ten sensible method. The instructor the wire trying to manage the shovel days in a machine gun school at however took a liking to me so each and slup-you guessed it, waste deep Camp Hulen. Texas.

day he saw to it personally (for my in the swamp. Oh! night problems Cpl. Dobson has a brother. Cpl. own good of course) that I don the are such fun. Next he would be just Clarence Dolson, who for more than was Second Lieutenant Robert B. own good of course) that I don the gaffs (climbers used by linemen) and hit the old tree. Well three weeks passed swiftly

Weil three weeks passed swiftly nd luxuriously and the day of the that was some relief. Two o'clock in finals came. I received marks of the morning finally, saw us finished Workman. During their husband's excellent or superior in everything with our seven miles of wire laid and absence their wives are residing at all states in number of young men

> MONUMENT Pfc. Robert Bowmaster is home on

standing firmly on the ground, the army does not let such sacrifices is spending a couple of days with Another feat they enjoyed immen-sely was swinging cut from the trunk on their safety belts, throw-ing caution to the winds and emit-

> The communications department then spread shelter halves and went father who is very ill.

to sleep while the gun crews dug Blanchard, were Sunday guests at and friends. the homes of James Confer and her father, John Mann-

of Moshannon.

dere Kirkpatrick HIGHER!" cried Think not that this foolish lay-it-Mrs. Doyle Kunes and son spent Sunday at the home of her parents, ed at Mill Hall, spent the weekend

your hands off dat tree! You aint gonna' fall. Anyway your expend-able." I felt like giving him a it is. Mrs. Mertis Schenck's father,

Harry McCloskey of Williamsport, tongue lashing for that crack but Since everyone survived the night is in the hospital in a serious condidn't dare waste the breath. After problem we were allowed to lie dition. Mrs. Schenck was down to what seemed like nours, my legs around and do only obstacle courses, see him on Friday, and also took numb and my brain too, I heard infantry drill, splice wires, and clean Geraldine McCloskey home-

guns trucks and equipment, just a couple of days with nothing to do.

Mertis Schenck were down to Williamsport hospital on Sunday to see BECOMES 'MOVIE ACTOR' Jesse's father.

Chosen Honor Man College, a chance to be a Hollywood

nnt service in

His wife resides at their Reynolds avenue address.

For Victory: Buy Bonds.



2/Lt Robert B. Hazel

Numbered among the two hundred

Staff Sergeant Brown, son of Mrs. and nineteen young Pennsylvanians Verna Osman, of Spring Mills, was to become combat pilots March 13. called into service June 9, 1941before Pearl Harbor. He was sent to Camp Wallace, Texas, where he took Wallace he was awarded one of the

high army honors of marksmanship, known as the Gold Wreath He was Pennsylvania ranked third among later transferred to Camp Hulen graduated in the class of the 13th sent to California, where he is at--the largest in the history of the Central Flying Command.

tached to the U.S. Coastal Artillery Late in 1942 he went to Australia with a convoy and returned to California the same year. He then got Dear Sirs:

T/Sgt. Robert L. Brown

# PINE GLEN

Church Services: Sunday school was married to the former Daisy R. at 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m. Pfc. Wesley Schmoke, son of Mr. Frisco, Calif.

Delmas McCloskey was called to and Mrs. R. L. Schmoke, returned Williamsport on Friday to see his to Amarillo Flying Field, Amarillo,

**Busy Getting Used to** Texas, last Thursday after spending Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peters of a 17-day furlough with his parents Tropical Sun and Rain

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pluebell and South Pacific, Mar. 22 ather, John Mann-Mrs. Nancy Hanley has returned Mrs. Fred Pluebell and daughter Dear Publisher: Marie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Getting used to the tropical sun

home from the Lock Haven hos- Mrs. William Pluebell and family and rain, my job as Battalion ex-

days this week in Altoona, visiting and I really enjoy reading about the with her brother, Wesley Ramsey, news back there in Centre county. who will leave for the Navy on Wed- Seems rather far away from this isnesday, and also attended the fu- land here in the South Pacific. neral of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Con-Sincerely

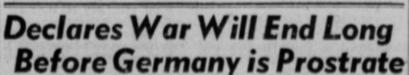
Miss Laura Hoover, who is employ with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed.

Hoover.

son Ronald, spent several days with mer Evelyn Bierly of Rebersburg, family, On the sick list is Bonny, small granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Sto-Irvin Folmar. Mr. and Mrs. has recently been promoted to 1st lieutenant. Lt. Weiser is a pursuit

> **Coeds** Outnumber Men. Women outnumber men by nearly

2 to 1 in the civilian student body What ever became of the moveat the Pennsylvania State College. ment to take the profits out of war?



Henry J. Taylor, New York World-Telegram war correspondent, warn-ing that "Germany does not pro-to bleed to death." Mrs. Ella Houseman of Altoona, and James Park of Bellefonte, spent Saturday evening with the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Lucas, who has been spriously ill at the Mrs. Mabel James Linn Blackford, Jr., of 48 pose to bleed to death," predicted "Therefore, I predict that at some Lucas home.

College, a chance to be a Honry wood 'movie actor." He appears in "The Fighting SeaBees," a movie which showed last week in State College. The production was filmed at a Cal-ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his ifornia camp while Baisor was a bein selected as honor man of his been selected as honor man of his would end suddenly "long before Germany is prostrate." Speaking at a Town Hall dinner bein selected to death," predict diat at some is prostrate." been selected his prostrate." been select

trainee there. Formerly of State College, Baisor is now a carpenters mate, first class, having enlisted in May, 1943. Before

**Receives** Promotion

feat "Germany will not fight it out." government—whatever it may be at All estimates on the probable the time will not be prepared, and of length of the war can go out the which, unless we change our present tion's war effort, thanks to the cowindow. Taylor said, "for they are shilly-shallying we shall certainly operative spirit of American newsbased on the full and final defeat of run afoul."

the armed forces March 23 1943, as a mechanic in the Air Corps Prior to that time he was employe at the Piper Aircraft Corp. at Lock Haven

Private Brungart was first sent to Kesler Field, Miss., for two months' training; then to LaGuardia Field. Y., after which he was transferred to Casey Jones School of Aeronautics at Newark, N. J. After a period of training there he was sent to Roosevelt Field, N. Y., and later to North Carolina where, on December 23, 1943, he was graduated from

Seymore Johnson Field. Following his graduation. Private his basic training. While at Camp Brungart was sent to Tampa, Florida, and is at present ground mechanic at Greenville, S. C.

## (also in Texas) and from there was Is Enjoying England, But, Oh, You U.S.A.

Somewhere in England, Mar. 23

a furlough home at which time he I have sure enjoyed receiving your paper these last few months. I Stamm. His present address is San regret that I had not sent for it before I did.

I am enjoying England and Army life, but would rather be in the good d U. S. A.

> Sincerely yours, CPL. FRED E. HOMAN.

## SNOW SHOE

The Woman's Christian Circle ecutive officer keeps me quite busy, held their monthly meeting Wed-Mrs. R. L. Schmoke spent several Your paper is coming through OK nesday evening in the M. E. church. Miss Thressa Kelly of Philadelhia, is visiting her brother and wife

Miss Teresa Bair of Harrisburg. and Mrs. Saul Confer visited the

ladies' mother, Mrs. Ida Bair of Glen Hope.

2nd Lieut. H. Kurtz Weiser, son of Mrs. Ida Witmer of Wingate, vis-Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Weiser, of Spring ited a few days last week with her Pvt. and Mrs. Carl Folmar and Mills, R. D., and husband of the for- daughter, Mrs. Mabel Lucas and

Miss Mae France spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Paul Kfuz pilot in the 3rd Ferry Command staand family of Winburne, tioned at Romulus, Mich.

Miss Phyllis McNamara, who has been employed at Niagara Falls, returned home

Mr. and Mrs. James Pinge of Bellefonte, spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Pinge's brother, Roe Cole and family

Mrs. Harold McClosky, daughter dene, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompn of Bellefonte

Mrs. Ella Houseman of Altoona

papers and business men.



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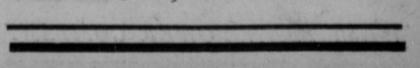
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