

"We Travel the Country Army Style"

By Jack Kirkpatrick
Yes, "Dinney" was a playful little fellow but he was serious too; very serious in some things and yet, as is often the case when a boy is young, his greatest efforts expended along the lines of seriousness became rather humorous.

"Dinney" you see wanted desperately to get in the Air Corps but he knew the futility of trying to get a transfer from our beloved AAA and even if permission were given by some quip of fate, then you had a severe mental and physical exam to pass before you could enter the realm of the "glory boys," as we so fondly referred to our comrades-at-arms, the Air Corps.

I knew "Dinney" could pass the mental although he feigned modesty and pretended to be worried about the outcome of this test. He was sure his eyes were poor, however. Of course in an induction center physical you usually are rated 20-20 because, unless your eyes are really bad, it doesn't matter, but the Air Corps wants 20-20 when it says 20. "Dinney" spent long weeks of self-designed practice in correcting the frailties of his eyes. He never explained what each exercise was supposed to do but he did them all faithfully and at any place, any time of day.

I have often seen "Dinney" standing in one spot with one hand over one eye, then the other starting unblinkingly at Georgia's brilliant sun while the entire show line filed majestically by. Finally as I got near the mess hall door I would call out

to him that it was time to eat, and he would blink at me much as Dagwood does at Blondie and say "Oh yes, yes of course," and falling thoughtfully into place, would start once more to gaze at some object hundreds of yards away until the mess hall and food had drawn him from his toil. On other occasions he would say, "Kirk, what is that number on that barracks down there? Is it P-418?" Finally after a quick search I would spot the number on a barracks he referred to, some odd 300 yards away in figures about 3 inches high. "No Dinney, that's T-413. I guess the 3 ran together for you." He would then go to see who was right. I usually was and this would make him strive harder than ever on smaller numbers at greater distances. The day finally came for the exams and "Dinney" passed the mental with a fine mark but, as he and I both expected, failed on account of his eyes. I think I was more disappointed than he because I knew he had tried so hard but he was real army, and as the Air Corps sailed gracefully out of reach, he turned slowly back to his task and placed his nose to the dial of the G.I. set SCR 177 and after zero beating for a few minutes, was as happy as if he had passed. All was well and now could rest easily knowing that "Dinney's" eyes were no longer in danger of being burned out by the sun since there would be no more staring.

(To be continued)

Hold Farewell Party For 3 Service Men

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bickle, of Centre Hall, R. D. 1, on Tuesday of last week held a farewell party for three young men who have entered the service of their country. The names of the young guests of honor are: George Horner, who goes to the Navy; Russell Bickle to the Army and Lester Rider to the Navy.

The following were present at the farewell party: Mr. and Mrs. George Horner and children, Janet and Billie, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bickle and children, Norman and Karen, of Blanchard; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bickler and children, Sammie, Tom, Jim and David, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zeigler and children, Walter, Shirley and Miriam, of Bellefonte, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henninger and children, Gerald, Rosalie and Ernest, of Port Matilda, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul and daughter, Martha, Jane, of Lemont; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Horner, of Port Matilda, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. George Musser and children, Raymond and Billy, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. William Bubb and daughter Jane, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horner and children, Marlene, Dorothy, Lee and Terry, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bickle and children, Nelson, Patsy, Mable, Wayne and Jay, of Port Matilda, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bayless, of Houserville; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mastalick and daughter, of Woodcrest; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Glasgow and son Bobbie, of Woodcrest; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jackson and children Mary Kathryn, Clarence, Jr. and Charles, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stine and children, Gwendolyn, Wanda and Arthur, of Port Matilda, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Garbric and son Bobbie, of Bellefonte, R. D.; Mrs. George Gray, of Port Matilda, R. D.; Mrs. Edna Zeckman, of Linden Hall; Mrs. R. G. McClellan, of Linden Hall; Miss Ruby Matern, Miss Charlotte Lutz, Steve Yalcid, Roy Carson, Goldie Carson, Herbert Gray, Mable Stine, all of Port Matilda, R. D.; Paul F. Kellerman, Sr., of Woodcrest; Elmer Kaufman, Alice Dippery, Miss Margaret McClellan, of State College; Cpl. James Matern, of AAF, Dalhart, Texas; Miriam Beckel, Boalsburg, and Kenneth Moore, of Linden Hall.

Begins Pilot Training

Among those now beginning a nine weeks pilot training course on four-engine Liberator bombers at Maxwell Field, Ala. is Second Lt. William J. Fleck, of Bellefonte. Lieut. Fleck was hand-picked by Army Air Forces experts as having those qualities needed to become a commander of four-engine aircraft, and his training will be as complete and as thorough as the AAF can make it. On completion of the course here, he will receive further training within the AAF Training Command.

Operated On at Sea

According to word received last week by Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hartle of Drifting, their son, Ensign Maurice Hartle, underwent an emergency appendectomy aboard the ship he is assigned to somewhere on the Atlantic, Saturday morning, April 15. Further reports state he is recovering nicely, and as soon as he is able will be sent to his home to recuperate. Ensign Hartle's wife, the former Suzanne Deprez, of Rochester, N. Y., is spending some time with her parents there. She will accompany Mr. Hartle to Drifting as soon as his condition permits.

Enters Radio School

Cpl. Luther S. Stover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott Stover, of East Howard street, Bellefonte, has been assigned to the radio school, AAF Training Command, Truxax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, for training as a radio mechanic. Upon completion of his training he will be fully qualified to take his place as a member of the Army Air Forces Base Operators Group or may become eligible for advanced specialized training.

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With Invasion Force



Pvt. Clarence E. Nearhoof

Private Nearhoof is the only son in the family of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Nearhoof of Tyrone. He entered the armed forces on March 8, 1943, and was sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., as a member of a Gasoline Supply Battalion, Quartermaster Corps. Later he was sent to Camp Forrest, Nashville, Tenn., and from there was shipped overseas to England.

Private Nearhoof was graduated from the Tyrone High School in the class of 1942. Prior to his induction he was employed as a welder by the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddytown, Pa.

His mother was the former Rae Lutz, of Bellefonte, before her marriage.

Tyrone Boy is Missing

Mrs. Edna Petzer, Tyrone, a widow, has received information from the War Department that her son, Private Robert L. Petzer, paratrooper, is missing in action in Italy since Feb. 8. The mother last had news from her son dated Jan. 17, Italy, stating that he was well and that he had the pleasure of seeing Victor Stonebraker of Tyrone. Private Petzer, a member of the junior class of Tyrone High School, enlisted Feb. 11, 1943, and received his training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Ga. He was sent overseas August 1, 1943, and saw action in Africa and Sicily and last in Italy. He will be 20 years old on May 19.

Training at Great Lakes

Earl Clifford Markle, 33, husband of Mrs. Anna Kathryn Markle, of Bellefonte, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to Naval Service school or to immediate active duty at sea. His recruit training completed the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

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BROTHERS SERVE IN SOUTHERN STATES



Cpl. Carl J. Peters

Serving their country in separated sections of the South are the above two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Peters of Milesburg.

Corporal Carl J. Peters was inducted at New Cumberland, January 19, 1943, and was sent on his first assignment to Camp Gordon, Ga., where he served on the Military Police. Later he was transferred to Camp Sutton, N. C., and after a period of training there was sent overseas to Northern Africa, February 13, 1944, he returned to the States and at the present time is in



Pvt. Mahlon Peters

the Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Before his induction he was employed by the Titan Metal Company, Bellefonte.

Private Mahlon Peters was called to service December 15, 1943. He took a month of schooling at New Cumberland, and on January 19 was sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., where he is stationed with an Engineers' Battalion. His wife, Mrs. Peters and two children, Patricia Ann and Robert James, reside in Milesburg. Before his induction into the army, Private Peters was employed by the Titan Metal Company, Bellefonte.

THE POET'S CORNER

PLAYMATES

Two little boys from across the field
With two little sons of mine
Played together in friendly sport
In Wind, and rain, and shine.
They were cowboys who roamed o'er prairies
And followed the coyote's call.
And phantom ponies which raced like mad
And never would stumble or fall.
They were pirates who sailed on turbulent seas
And plundered each ship in sight
And with fabulous riches would roll back home
When the sun sank to rest at night.
They were lawyers who pleaded with fervent zeal
For the client who never did wrong.
Or orchestra leaders who led the rest
In glorious, ringing song.
But the game they played more than all the rest
One which made my fond heart sore,
And make bitter tears spring to my eyes
Was the terrible game of war.

SHALL HE BE MISSING?

"Missing in action," the telegram read,
Was her boy wounded or is he dead?
Can he be imprisoned with thousands more?
This is what a mother goes through when there's war.
While out upon the battlefield a boy is carrying his buddy, some mother's joy.
Most folks would leave him but buddies say,
You bring Jim, we'll clear the way.
Leave him alone, you say;
Why, he'll never live till dawn.
What good is a wounded soldier that you have to carry along?
His clothes are torn and dirty,
His face is thin and pale,
Why don't you join your comrades
And leave him alone on the trail?
Leave him alone on the trail, my friends,
Have you no heart at all?
He's only a wounded soldier,
But I'll stick by him till he falls.
Without farewell he fell asleep,
With only memories for us to keep.
Memories are treasures no one can steal.
Death is a headache no one can heal.
His clothes are torn and dirty,
Yes, his face is thin and pale;
But he, Mr. Bond Buyer,
Has seen the depths of hell.
—Lottie Nilson,
Bellefonte, RD 2

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Lord, I'm just a soldier,
A boy alone tonight,
Teach me, Lord, what I shall know
For tomorrow, they say, into battle I must go.
Tomorrow I may join the others
Who have gone on before,
So let me offer now my prayer
Before I go to war.
Ease the hearts of our foe I pray,
Try to show others the straight and narrow way,
Let us keep our country pure and free,
Teach others, Lord, of Democracy,
Help guide our sailors out at sea,
Protect their loved ones where're they may be,
Let the marines, who bravely fight
Know that their families are protected tonight.
Watch o'er the wounded who in pain may be,
Protect the nurses and doctors, too,
Protect the ones away back home;
Don't let anymore have to fight in battle zones.
The bugler has just sounded,
My prayer must come to an end,
Maybe Lord, I'll get a chance to speak to you again,
I hope so, Lord, but now I'm through.
—Miss Lottie Nilson.

THE PUSSY WILLOW

The pussy willow is
The first sign of spring;
She is the first to hear
The robin sing.
There's first her brown shell
And then her white fur;
But the funny part is—
This pussy can't purr.
Although she is silent,
She's a pretty little thing,
Because she's the first flower
That blooms in the spring.
—Charlotte Collar.

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Preparing To Lay Barrages in Europe

Long hours of blasting simulating enemy targets on a firing range in England are readying Cpl. Joseph A. Shuey, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, and his fellow soldiers in one "United States Army Field Artillery unit" to lay their barrages on real targets with devastating effect as the coming liberation of occupied Europe.

Cpl. Shuey and his group of artillerymen recently spent a long period in the field, getting practice in laying the intensive barrages that are the mainstay of the Mediterranean area have made so familiar to the Nazis, and working on fire direction, some of their big howitzers in how weather, surveying, and field communications.

Another phase of this training, calling for long hours and hard work by all of the men, is now under way. "Laying a concentrated barrage on a strong point in the enemy's lines is the worst possible thing for his morale, if experiences in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns are any guide," said one of this unit's officers. "Our aim is not only to equal those heavy barrages, but beat them, and with this crew of men, the Nazis are going to get a nasty surprise in effective artillery fire."

In addition to firing the big guns and servicing them, these soldiers are also trained in self defense and can handle many infantry weapons as well as their own. "In modern warfare we can never be sure that the enemy will infiltrate our lines and we will have to show that we can lay down some pretty heavy rifle barrages, too," their commanding officer said.

Karthus Soldier Receives Promotion

Harold H. Hoover, of Karthus, has been promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant. As a member of the Army Airways Communications System Wing of the Army Air Forces he has an important assignment in connection with its worldwide operations. The AACCS controls take-offs, landings, and traffic at airbases; provides communication with planes in flight and exchanges aircraft movement and weather information with other stations; locates lost or grounded ships; and maintains and operates the range and other navigational equipment that guide pilots safely to the furthest corners of the world. Army Airways Communications System Station like the one at Ho. Airways Comm. Sq., Chicago, Ill. where Sgt. Hoover is stationed, are located along the highways of the air in every part of the globe where our aircraft fly to and from the battle fronts. Before entering the army and being assigned to the Army Airways Communications System Wing of the Army Air Forces, Sgt. Hoover was employed as a clay miner for J. H. France Refractories.

BEGIN ENROLLMENT OF FARM WORKERS

Looking ahead to the most critical farm labor shortage ever to confront agriculture, Emergency Farm Labor Committees have been established in virtually every county of Pennsylvania, and are busy now seeking recruits to help the food production program this summer. Many special Farm Labor offices have been established to assist the local committees organized from farm leaders and representatives of schools, business, and civic organizations. J. E. McCord, supervisor of the emergency farm labor program for the State, announced that in majority of the counties, the local committees are meeting with county agricultural extension agents and farm leaders in an effort to meet local conditions with available local help. Most of this help will be recruited from industrial workers or business men willing to spend a few days, a week, or even longer periods in helping their neighbors on the farm. At the Pennsylvania State College, Emergency Farm Labor workers are studying the recruiting of school boys and girls for farm work, similar to plans launched last year. At that time more than 1800 boys and girls lived in homes of farmers during the period when schools closed, until the fall term opened. For many of these youths, the experience of living on a farm proved novel, while at the same time, it was a new experience to the farmer to have untrained workers added to his household. Majority of reports gathered following the program were favorably commending the youths on their contribution toward food production. Recruiting of all types of help, and the schedule when such help is available during the coming months, has already begun. Many office, shop, and store workers are planning to spend their vacations "down on the farm" aiding in crop harvests.

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THIS SIMPLE 3-STEP PLAN SAVES TIRE MILES

Jap Prisoner Urges Men Stop Bougainville Battle

The following story by H. D. Quinn introduced in Japanese. He begins to speak, half-smiling, earnest like a radio announcer addressing his unseen audience.

The loudspeakers swell his voice through the jungle tangle. The prisoner's hand trembles as he holds the notebook in which his speech is written. Sweat runs down his face. He speaks eloquently and vigorously.

Two quick high-pitched rifle shots crack out from Japanese snipers, followed shortly by another two. The speaker continues while the officers smile at the colloquialism which he used to let the Japanese know he is really one of them.

He reminds the Japanese that they were told by their officers on March 12, when he was still in their ranks, that both American airplanes had been captured and that all they had to do was to penetrate American lines in their sector to win the battle of Bougainville. He relates how they attacked and were shattered.

There are no more shots. Evidently the enemy has decided to listen. The prisoner says there has been no penetration of U. S. lines and that all attacks have been repelled.

He says that "Oh" he and they know the futility of their attacks when they are so poorly led and so meagerly supplied. He appeals to them to "give up the futile fight against superior American forces and equipment."

There is a complete silence from the Japanese lines. It continues as the sound equipment is hauled in and we drive away.

Receives Flowers From Lost Son

Easter flowers ordered for his mother by Pvt. Leslie E. Meckley, Jr. who on March 28, was drowned in the sea off Algiers, North Africa, were delivered Friday by the State College Floral Shoppe.

The order for the flowers was delayed en route, and was not received in State College until last Thursday. The soldier's mother, Mrs. L. E. Meckley of near State College, received the remembrance the following day.

The flowers were ordered through a special service and were scheduled to have arrived on Easter day. Harold Shirk, manager of the flower shop, said he received twelve Easter flower orders last week, all of them having been delayed in transit from abroad.

Begins Cadet Training

Warren E. Fisher, 22, son of Mr. E. Blair Fisher, of Wingate, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Here the cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training. Aviation Cadet Fisher is a graduate of Bellefonte high school, class of 1939.

Reported Missing

Pfc. Harold N. Lamadue, son of Newton Lamadue of Woodland, near Clearfield, is reported by the War Department as missing in action in the Mediterranean area of fighting.

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BURSTS AND DUDS

FEW soldiers at the front are writing to home folks saying, "Having a swell time, wish you were here."

THERE is a way of getting past the Army censor and Sgt. Chris Philopoulos of Chicago has found it. He just writes so many letters a day he tires the censors out. According to his wife, his letters are now coming through unopened. Her latest one day batch amounted to 52, all written aboard a transport. The sergeant averages about five letters to her a day, she said.

IT TAKES 18 months time and \$31,500 to turn out one navy aviator. The navy uses to turn out a pilot in 13 months but now, it seems, the emphasis is on "quality of training."

OVERHEARD at Camp Shelby: "Well, Doc, how's your patient?" "Coming along beautifully. Just this morning he took a turn for the nurse."

THE COST of the present World War has almost reached a trillion dollars, measured solely in financial costs to the belligerent governments. A trillion dollars is a million million or a thousand billion, or between two and three times the total cost of World War I.

JAMES O. NEWCOMB, 64, of Boise, Idaho, has just been notified by the Army that he has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba, on July 1, 1898.

A MARINE private with a plural affair of the heart has an eagle-eyed censor to thank for averting an embarrassing mixup in names. A Marine corps dispatch from somewhere in the Central Pacific said the private, scanning the Fifth Amphibious Corps bulletin board, found this note from the censor: "Private -----: Letter at mail desk. Name on envelope Dorothy. Name on letter Betty. Check and if correct, mail."

COL. Elmer J. Bowling, commanding officer of Maxwell Field, Ala., states that prayer will be the order of the day when the invasion of Europe is announced. Colonel Bowling said officers and men will be called together for three minutes of silence and then a three-hour period of special devotion by all faiths will follow.

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