

Lt. Ken Haines Completes Interesting Navy Mission



The following letter was received from Lieut. Ken Haines, former Centre county representative in the Legislature, who early in the war laid aside his business and personal affairs to enter the Navy.

Lieut. Haines' letter, written in Africa, will be read with interest by his many Centre county friends.

"Had you attended the Chicago or the New York Fairs? If you had, you know how I feel tonight after returning from an eight-day confidential air courier trip to Algiers, Naples, Foggia and Bari, Italy; Palermo, Sicily; Bizerte—Algiers again and then back 'home.' And to say the least 'home' looked good to me even after seeing the sights on a 3000 mile trip.

"The trip was not a surprise as it was anticipated some time ago but as it happened it came to me out of the blue when I was at the beach last Sunday afternoon—the 'voice' said 'You leave in the morning for Naples'—and at that time of the day it was a scramble to square away the orders, priority, location of confidential material and pack for the flight in the morning. To make a long story short—I couldn't leave until Tuesday a. m., July 25—many complications arose and for security reasons will not be mentioned.

"However everything happened to me and the initial flight. Anyway, I took off Tuesday, in a B-24 bomber (in case you are not acquainted with the nomenclature) 3 of the crew and eight passengers in the cockpit, freight and others in the rear. What a ride to Algiers—what a flight?

"Arriving in Algiers with 260 pounds of 'hot' freight—trying to obtain lunch (or chow I should say), obtain a new ticket and 'secure' the hot material while traveling 10 miles to see important people was no picnic—because very seldom could the correct answers be obtained to my inquiries—of course needless to say the Dutchman burned up when he got a Navy answer—maybe 'yes' or maybe 'no.' Anyway after trying two hours I was on my way to Naples on a C-47 (you know the kind I mean).

"Arriving there the same evening (July 25) at 7:30 with the 'hot' stuff, I waited and waited for three hours at the airport for transportation even after numerous phone calls for any kind of transportation. It eventually arrived and the material was secured in the duty officers' room and yours truly slept in the transient officers' quarter. Wednesday and Thursday nights were spent in my friend, Lt. Busch's apartment—3 rooms which were vacated 'as they were' by Fascists on entrance of the Americans. A-I to say the least.

"Having delivered the confidential 'load' K. G. H. proceeded 'to do' the town of Naples—on foot. Transportation could have been obtained by asking the 'fleet' to forego the use of a jeep or weapons carrier but we decided for special reasons walking would be the thing to do. So we walked—and walked—and walked, to do shopping and sight-seeing. Yes, for two days we did it. There lies the reason for the shin splints and swollen feet that you may have experienced at the Fairs.

"After many attempts by the

"powers that be." I was contacted and told that more confidential material was to be taken to Palermo, Sicily—already had a 'hot' envelope in my bag for Palermo—so a bag of mail weighing over 100 pounds was taken into custody. I know because I lifted it many times from office to jeep, to airport on plane—off plane—to airport, then office to final destination—in case you are not aware of the facts, this type of material is 'always' in sight and secure at all times. You understand—knew you did all the time.

"The trip from Naples to Palermo took me by the way of Foggia—and Bari, Italy—had lunch at the latter place, and arrived in Palermo after four hours in the air—at a base which is strictly Navy, and what a relief to 'square' everything away on the same floor (should say deck) in ten minutes and be relieved of the last 'hot' stuff in my possession.

"Luck again was with me—knew friends, four of them and bunked with one in the Grande Hotel occupied by Naval Officers. Very comfortable in all respects.

"My temporary duty completed and a blanket leave in my pocket for the first time in over two years of duty. I decided to see the show place of the Mediterranean. It was delightful and especially so because of my acquaintance with the foregoing officers. Beach club—lobster dinner, club music, and a Sicilian atmosphere made my stay most pleasant.

"After three days in the garden spot of the Blue Mediterranean we turned 'homeward,' anticipating a six-hour trip and we would be back at the home base, but you know—as my plane landed in Algiers, the plane for 'home' was taking off—so I stayed in Algiers over night—and again, friends were encountered so the stay over night was very pleasant. But the pay-off came when the fog kept us grounded at the airport from 7 to 11 a. m.—no breakfast and getting more out of humor—a tired courier finally landed in Arab town. Incidentally no transportation difficulties from there on, phoned my own division and said 'I've cooled my heels and sat at enough airports on this trip—so get a jeep or weapons carrier out here in 15 minutes or I want to know the reason why.' In 13 minutes I had transportation and in another 12 I was back in camp—dame tired, dirty and happy for having had the experience, but not anxious to leave on a similar trip for some time to come.

"There are many sidelights to the while trip which may be interesting—such as shopping, anti-aircraft fire, native costumes, traditions, people and many other observations that will keep until I see you all again, and then tell you the contents of the freight—which I carried to Naples. To me it is most interesting and when you know the 'answer' you will agree that it was in direct connection with the war effort.

"Upon returning to camp a lot of mail was awaiting me and now that I was requested (which is an order in the Navy) not to write while en route my 'constituents' will have to bear with me until I wade thru eight days of office backlog and setting the radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was based in Italy and had nearly completed his number of missions after which he would have been returned to this country. Pvt. Anthony Catherine, a brother of John's, entered the Army Air Force last month and is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Sincerely,
"KEN HAINES"

Morrisdale Soldier Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Catherine, of Morrisdale, have received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, T/Sgt. John Carl Catherine, 20, has been reported missing in action since July 18 over Germany. Sergeant John, who has been in the Army three years and has been overseas since March, was the radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was based in Italy and had nearly completed his number of missions after which he would have been returned to this country. Pvt. Anthony Catherine, a brother of John's, entered the Army Air Force last month and is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

HONOR ROLL

Gets Silver Wings



2nd Lt. Richard W. Hartwick
Graduating last week at the Fort Worth Army Air Field, Texas, a unit of the AAF Central Flying Training Command, 2nd Lt. Richard W. Hartwick won the coveted Silver Wings as a pilot of B-24 bombers.

Lt. Hartwick, son of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. J. M. Hartwick, of Reynolds Avenue, Bellefonte, received previous training at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Coffeyville, Kans. and Pampa, Texas.

Training Map-Makers

A course in cartography—map construction—has been instituted at the Pennsylvania State College to meet an immediate, and anticipated, postwar need for map-makers.

STEP-BROTHERS MEET IN FRANCE



Cpl. Homer Krape
The above step-brothers, serving overseas, had the pleasure recently of meeting in France.

War Brings Change

The Pennsylvania State College will operate on the eight-semester plan hereafter, having found the traditional class system inadequate during the war period.

In New Guinea



Staff-Sgt. Jack Stone
The above step-brothers, serving overseas, had the pleasure recently of meeting in France.

Staff-Sergeant Stone, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Krape of Pleasant Gap. He is attached to the Tank Corps.

Completes Combat Course



Sgt. Paul R. Bowes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowes of Blanchard, has completed the orientation course bridging the gap between training in this country, and combat duty in France, as an Air Service Command Station in England, and is ready for combat duty in France. He was formerly employed as a machinist in the Harrisburg Steel Corporation in Harrisburg.

Gets Rank of Sergeant

James B. Hartman, son of Mrs. C. E. Hartman, Logan street, Bellefonte was promoted recently to the grade of sergeant. He is a clerk with an ordnance unit in this department.

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Bellefonte Coast Guardsman With South Pacific Invaders



One Bellefonte man is included in the above group of Coast Guardsmen who are displaying a captured Japanese flag aboard their Coast Guard-manned attack transport, which participated in the invasion of Saipan. Shown in the group are:

Front Row (left to right)—Charles V. Kunjan, pharmacist's mate, third class, Upper Darby; William Smith, fire controlman, first class, Williamsport; and Richard A. Mylett, foreman, 2/c, Chester.

Back Row—Wesley W. Belinger, electrician's mate, second class, Bethlehem; John W. Nemeth, electrician's mate, third class, Bethlehem; Kenneth M. Geer, gunner's mate, first class, Johnsonburg; William Baker, machinist's mate, second class, Philadelphia; Tom F. Esposito, machinist's mate, third class, Philadelphia; and Gerald L. Green, machinist's mate, first class, Bellefonte.

Wounded Soldier Writes from Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williamson of Philipsburg, have received a letter from their son, S/Sgt. Ernest Williamson, who was wounded in Normandy. He is a hospital patient, but says not to worry. He received the Purple Heart.

Completes Combat Course

Cpl. Sheldon G. Shuey, armorer gunner, of Bellefonte, will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria Army Air Field, La., and in the near future he will go overseas to a combat area. He is a member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second Army Air Force, which has the task of readying four-engine bomber crews for overseas duty.

Arrives Safely in France

Cpl. Darrel Boob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boob, of Bellefonte, has arrived in France, according to word received by his parents. Cpl. Boob is in a medical detachment of the Army Air Forces.

Assigned to Duty

John DeLallo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeLallo, of North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps some months ago, was ordered to Pittsburgh on Sunday for assignment.

Mechanical Thinking For Guns

An ingenious electronic device is correcting aim of guns aboard one of Uncle Sam's new planes. The computer, General Electric officials said, does most of the gunner's calculating in making allowances for plane speed, distance of target, wind speed and other factors. The computer performs 17 different operations to make its calculations. Tiny motors relay the computer's mechanical brain work to the guns. With the simplicity of an adding machine; the device does its figuring, presents the gunner with the right answers. The distance between plane and target is the only correction the gunner makes himself. This is done by turning a dial.

Receives Promotion

Harry E. Lightley, son of Mrs. Frank Powell of Bellefonte, was promoted from private first class to corporal at Army Air Base, Fort Dix, N. J., where he is currently assigned to the Motor Transportation section. Cpl. Lightley entered the Army on September 27, 1942, at New Cumberland, and had his basic training at Middletown, Pa. He is a brother of Ensign Albert L. Lightley who distinguished himself while serving on the U. S. submarine Trout, in the early days of the war.

James K. Wilson

James K. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, of Bellefonte, who is on duty aboard a submarine tender in the South Pacific war theater, was recently promoted to the rank of chief motor machinist's mate.

Heil Hitler or Death

The Moscow radio said that Adolf Hitler had issued a decree to all judges of courts martial directing that the death penalty must be imposed on German officers who insist on using the army salute instead of the "Heil Hitler" salute.

Sgt. Robt. Dunsmore Wounded in Battle

Mrs. Grace Dunsmore, of Philipsburg, last week received a telegram from the War Department stating that her son, Staff Sergeant Robert M. Dunsmore, had been wounded in the battle of St. Lo in France on July 17. The adjutant general stated that further reports of his condition would be sent.

Wounded Soldier Home

Pfc. Irvin Bishop arrived at his parental home in Osceola Mills from overseas on a 21-day furlough. He is recuperating from wounds received in battle in Italy on June 1st. He received the Purple Heart, and also an honorable award for good conduct. He was stationed in North Africa before being sent to Italy. Pfc. Bishop is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop, of Osceola Mills.

Expert Sharpshooter

Aviation Cadet William F. Dunn, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, 22 East Curtin Street, Bellefonte, was recently awarded a sharpshooter's medal for proficiency in firing the .45-caliber automatic pistol at Maxwell Field, Ala. an installation of the AAF Training Command. Here he is completing nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

Mill Hill Boy Wounded

Pfc. James Mayes, of Mill Hill, is a patient at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, for treatment for a shattered left arm. The injury, received in Italy, destroyed the bone between the elbow and shoulder.

Navy Man Dodges Japs 31 Months on Guam Isle

An American Navy man who dodged the Japanese conquerors of Guam for 31 months and live on the island all that time like a hunted animal was rescued by a U. S. warship July 10, ten days before the landings which restored that possession to America.

He is George Ray Tweed, 42, a radioman from Portland, Ore., who fled Agana town in an automobile with a buddy after the Japanese came ashore December 10, 1941.

Taken to Saipan

After the rescue he was moved to Saipan and from there by plane to Pearl Harbor, where he was interviewed while awaiting air transportation to California.

The Japanese detained a 50-man party to search for him. After two days they officially listed him as dead, apparently to save face.

Companion Killed

His companion was killed and Tweed was left on his own. He holed up in a cave high on the face of a steep cliff, caught rain water for drinking and washing and made night forays for food.

He lost 30 pounds while a fugitive but gained back ten in the first five months after his rescue and looked to be in surprisingly good physical condition.

Deep, intense feeling toward the Japanese showed in his eyes at the mention of the enemy. At the start of the interview he suddenly noticed one correspondent and jumped an inch or two from his chair.

Prayed But Lost Hope

Tweed said he prayed with increasing frequency on Guam but "gave up hope after the first year." He felt sooner or later he would be caught.

"The Japanese were frantically searching for me," he went on. "They knew I was a radio material man and were afraid I would build a transmitter to communicate with the Americans. They offered a reward for my capture."

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Returning to his rescue, Tweed said: "On July 10 (ten days before the American invaders) I effected my escape to a United States combat-ship off the coast."

With that brief sentence he dismissed his escape.

Tweed told how he believed he made contact with an American fighter pilot prior to his escape. The pilot swept low to the ground and Tweed frantically, jubilantly and hopefully clasped his hands and shook them in the fighter's gesture.

"I am certain he recognized me as an American," Tweed said "because I was stripped to the waist." He dived lower and blinked in recognition.

Some days later, Tweed was rescued. Tweed's wife, Mary Francis, and their sons, Ronald Eugene and Robert Edward, are living up in Santa Paula, Calif.

Completes Course



2nd Lieut. John E. Kelleher. Lt. Kelleher, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kelleher, of South Spring street, arrived home August 3 for his first leave since last fall. He has just completed a course in the Army Air Corps navigators' school at San Marcos, Texas, and at the expiration of his leave, yesterday, started for Lincoln, Nebraska, to be assigned to a heavy bomber crew.

Lt. Kelleher entered the service in March, 1943, and at New Cumberland, was assigned for anti-aircraft service, being sent to Ft. Eustis, Va., for training. In July he was transferred to the Air Corps and was sent to Greensboro, N. C. Subsequently, he was assigned special training at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio; Ellington Field, Texas, and then San Marcos, Texas.

He is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School; attended Gettysburg College for one year and Penn State for two years. He was employed by the Warner Company in Bellefonte when he entered the service.

Lt. Kelleher has a brother, Robert Kelleher, P. 2c, aged 18, who entered the Navy last October and who has been assigned to duty aboard a new heavy cruiser. Freeman Kelleher was a senior in the Bellefonte High School at the time he became a member of the armed forces.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE



FRITZ'S NOTE:
All of the limited production of Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum is being shipped overseas to our Armed Forces. War-time difficulties make it impossible to produce sufficient quantity of quality gum to supply everybody. We are all missing Wrigley's Spearmint—but until the Wrigley people can bring it back, they hope that you will get some satisfaction and pleasure reading about your service friends and relatives in this new column sponsored by Wrigley's.

Entertained by Movie Stars

Set's Roy Miller and Phil Wood, of Philipsburg, who have been stationed in the Solomon Islands at a supply base for the past eight months, write home folks that they have had the pleasure of being entertained on the islands by the popular movie stars, Bob Hope, Francis Langford and their company of entertainers who are touring the islands. Bob Hope made the statement that his performance there was attended by the largest crowd any place that he has showed in the South Pacific, and while taking in the movie they were also enjoying some of Wrigley's Spearmint—famous for its lasting flavor.

Completes Third Voyage

Yeoman 2/c Earl Reese, son of Mrs. Esther Reese, Crider Exchange, Bellefonte, has returned from his third voyage and is now in port at Boston.

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Promoted to Corporal

Blaine Mabius, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Mabius, of Pine street, Bellefonte, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal. He has been stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., but expects to go overseas shortly with a petroleum distribution detachment.

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