

### Centre Co. Veteran of 25 Missions Over Germany, Back from War Area



Lieut. Robert Burkey  
Veteran of the American Air Force which has been playing havoc with German industrial and communication centers. Lieut. Robert Burkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burkey of Howard, has returned from England for a 30-day furlough.

13 months during which time he was assigned to a bomber plane as pilot. He has a record of 25 raids over Berlin, Hamburg, and other ovens of Germany. During these operations he was awarded the Air Medal, much coveted by airmen, and the Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster. He was also raised in rank from Flight Officer to lieutenant.

Having completed the required number of bomber raids of Germany from England in March 1944, Lieut. Burkey was assigned to an aviation school as instructor for pilots. He finished his assignment as instructor July 18, and after a few days rest, boarded a passenger plane for America, which flew the distance in about 17 hours with a stop at New Foundland.

During his furlough here, a cablegram was received from his brother, T-Sgt. Jack Burkey, in the South Pacific, who too, has a record comparable to his. Jack has more overseas service, with about 28 months in the Pacific. He is also in the air corps. Their sister is a WAVE in training at Hunter College. Lieut. Burkey on Sunday reported at Miami Beach, Fla., for further assignment.

### State College Man Is Prisoner of War

Flight Officer Albert B. Homan, of State College, Pa., is now a prisoner of the German government. It was learned in a telegram received from the U. S. War Department last Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homan, Flight Officer Homan, a member of a B-24 Liberator bomber crew, had been previously reported missing in action over Germany since June 9. In a letter received by the Homans from the commanding general's office they learned that "the target for the day was the famous Nazi city of Munich. The formation made a successful bombing run. As they were regrouping for the return trip however, Albert's ship was missing and nothing more heard from it. Very frequently in cases of this kind we later learn that the crew bailed out or the plane landed in enemy territory. . . . Albert and his crew made an exceptional record in the short time they were with us. . . . Am glad to inform you that Albert was awarded the Air Medal for the many dangerous missions in which he participated." Flight Officer Homan, 26, entered the service on April 24, 1941 and went overseas in March of this year. A brother, Lee Homan, is stationed with a medical detachment of an amphibious group in New Guinea. A brother-in-law, T-Sgt. Joseph Sills, was killed in action over Belgium June 23.

### Two Centre Co. Boys Training as Pilots

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as aircrew members in the Army Air Corps. The present class includes 172 from Pennsylvania, two of them from Centre county. They are: Howard Martin Watson, Jr., of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, and Merrill Frederick Reese, of Wingate. The future fliers are subjected to a rigorous 10-week program of instruction covering physical, academic and military training. At the Cadet Center, a unit of the AAF Training Command, they study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

### Wounded in France On Invasion Day

Sgt. Earl W. Powell, 28, husband of the former Mary Ludick, who lives near the Forge, Bellefonte, was seriously wounded in action in France, according to a telegram received recently from the War Department. The message stated that Mrs. Powell would be notified as further reports of his progress are received but gave no indications as to the extent of his wounds. In a letter received by his wife last week, Sgt. Powell stated that "I was wounded on D-Day, June 6, by a German machine gun and shot through the right side and right arm. I am getting along fine." The county soldier was called "or service May 13, 1941, and trained in the infantry at Ft. Meade, Md., Camp Hill, Va., and at Camp Blanding, Fla. Later he spent some time at Camp Kilmer, N. J., from where he was sent overseas in October, 1942.

### OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE



**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
All of the limited production of Wrigley's Spearmint Cheewing Gum is being shipped overseas to our Armed Forces. Wartime 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 news column sponsored by Wrigley's.

### Promoted to Corporal

Edwin Lambert, husband of former Marie Gross of Valentine street, Bellefonte, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, it was learned in a letter received by his wife last week.

### Complete Boot Training

Charles E. Bubb, A.S. and Roy C. Stroh, A.S., both of State College, finished their recruit training at Sampson, N. Y., on August 22, and were granted leave at that time. Upon their return to Sampson they will be eligible for further assignment which may qualify them for a petty officer rating.

### Advanced to Rank

Joseph Ghermy, son of Walter Ghermy of the First National apartments, Bellefonte, has been promoted from the rank of petty officer third class to petty officer second class.

### Because chewing gum fills an on duty requirement to our fighting forces, Wrigley's Spearmint is going overseas only to the men that find it so essential. And we'll sure be glad to know that they are getting the same high quality and long lasting flavor they always enjoyed at home in Wrigley's Spearmint Gum.

### Arrived in France

Pfc. Ralph E. Chambers, husband of the former Mary Louise Dyke of Milesburg, recently arrived in France, according to word received by his wife.

### Send your letters and news to the Wrigley Editor, care of The Centre Democrat.—(Advertisement)—

### County Relief Report

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Centre county during the past week totaled \$525.80. Last week payments totaled \$520.40.

### Clarence Soldier Gets Second Wound

Staff Sergeant Seftchick, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Seftchick of Clarence, was seriously wounded in action in France on July 10. In a letter received from the county sergeant by his parents early this month, written July 19, he stated: "I was shot in the left arm but don't worry too much as I don't think I'll be in the hospital too long. I am getting along fine." He is in a hospital in England. Sgt. Joseph Seftchick enlisted in the Army October 15, 1940, at Altoona, where he was assigned to the infantry and sent to Ft. Bragg, N. C., to begin training. He remained there until being sent overseas in August 1942. He took part in the African and Sicilian campaigns and then with the invasion forces in France. He was slightly wounded in the African campaign and for this he received the Purple Heart and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

### GETS PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS IN ACTION

Pvt. Russell Moyer, 32, husband of the former Sarah Holderman of Bellefonte, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action during the early stages of the French invasion. Mrs. Moyer, who lives with her husband's mother, Mrs. William Moyer of Blanchard street, Bellefonte, received the award by mail. Pvt. Moyer who was wounded in the foot, is recuperating at a base hospital in England.

### Cater to Doughboys

The Pennsylvania State College is one of 82 colleges and universities cooperating with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute in offering college-credit correspondence courses to men and women in the armed services.

### Reduce Rail Rate For Ex-Soldiers

Former service men and women will be granted a special railroad rate of 1 1/2 cents a mile from the point of their release to destinations in the United States and Canada, effective September 1.

### John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, announced this "as the railroads' contribution to the reintroduction of service people to civilian life."

### Buy More War Bonds to help speed victory!



### With Anti-Aircraft



Pvt. Earl O. Carver, Sr.  
Private Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carver, of Julian, R. D. 1, entered the Army on July 3, 1944, as a volunteer. From the New Cumberland induction center he was sent to Camp Stewart, Ga., where he is stationed at the present time, training in an anti-aircraft unit.

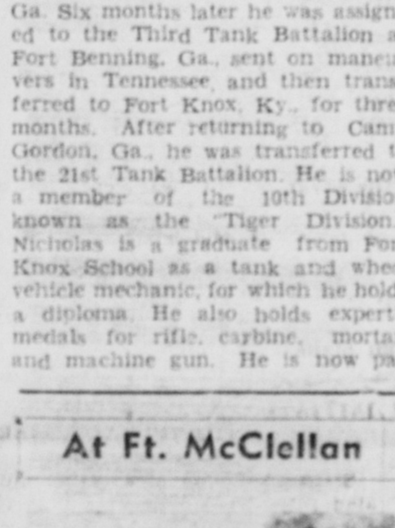
### Brothers 'Pitching Hard' for Uncle Sam



Sgt. Nicholas M. Malchisky  
The Malchisky brothers, residents of Clarence, are both expert on rifle, carbine, mortar, and machine gun, and have been awarded medals for marksmanship.

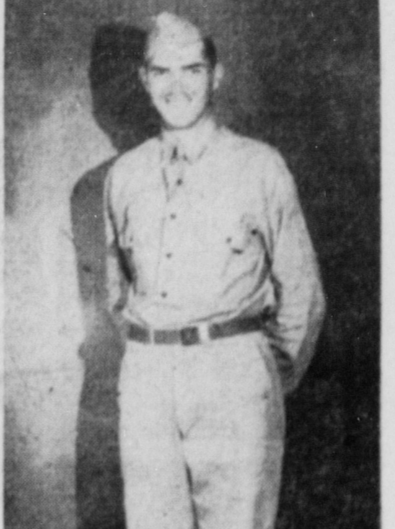
Sgt. Nicholas M. Malchisky is 27 years of age. Enlisting in the service November 13, 1940, he joined up with the Third Cavalry at Fort Myers, Va., known as the "President's Own Cavalry." While with the Third Cavalry unit they were subjected to two months' maneuvers at South Carolina, then were sent to Fort Myers, at the outbreak of war. Sgt. Malchisky served as a White House guard for a few months and later was transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Six months later he was assigned to the Third Tank Battalion at Fort Benning, Ga., sent on maneuvers in Tennessee and then transferred to Fort Knox, Ky., for three months. After returning to Camp Gordon, Ga., he was transferred to the 21st Tank Battalion. He is now a member of the 10th Division known as the "Tiger Division."

### In Naval Training



David T. Malmes, F 1/c  
David T. Malmes, formerly of Warriors Mark, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Malmes, of Port Matilda. He was inducted into the Navy at Altoona on January 3, 1944, and sent to Great Lakes, Ill., for boot training and Diesel motor service school. On May 12 he was transferred to Richmond, Va., then sent to Norfolk, Va., and finally back to Little Creek, Va. He was employed at the McFeely brick plant before his induction into the Navy.

### Parachute Rigger



M. Lewis Newman, P.R. 2/c  
Seaman Newman, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Newman, of Milesburg, enlisted in the Navy on June 29, 1942. After receiving his boot training at Newport, R. I., he was sent to Elms Electrical School and then to Lakehurst, N. J. At Lakehurst he completed a course in parachute rigging. He spent about eight months at Lakehurst, at the end of which time he was sent to a Naval Base at Clinton, Okla. After a year's training at this base he was transferred to active duty and is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He is a graduate of Bellefonte High School and attended Gettysburg College for a year.

### Sgt. Mike Malchisky

Sgt. Mike Malchisky, 25, entered the service June 22, 1941. From New Cumberland he was sent to Camp Bullis, Texas, and at the outbreak of the war was transferred on patrol duty at the Mexican border. Later Mike was transferred to Fort Houston, Texas. From there he was sent to Wisconsin to take his Ski Training. At the completion of this training he was sent on maneuvers in Louisiana, and then returned to Texas and later to Fort Riley, Kans. He is now with the infantry at Camp Blending, carrying out the duties of cook. Sgt. Mike is likewise an expert marksman and holds the same medals for proficiency as his brother Nicholas.

### Port Matilda Soldier Raised to Corporal



George F. Williams, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Williams, Port Matilda, was recently promoted to Corporal at a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment base in Italy where he is a chemical warfare specialist. His group has been active in this theatre of operations since early April, and has made a name for itself with the highest bombing accuracy in the Air Force. Among the important Nazi targets attacked were the oil fields at Ploesti, Rumania; railroad yards at Lyons, France; aircraft factories at Budapest, Hungary, and airfields near Vienna, Austria.

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### 23 States Represented

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### He Helps to "Pass The Ammunition"

Pfc. Randall H. Horner, of Halfmoon Terrace, Bellefonte, and son of Harry E. Horner of this place, is a member of the Combat Support Wing outfit at an Air Force Service Command Station "somewhere in England" which is establishing a new record for unloading and delivering bombs. These soldiers of the Combat Support Wing, the Air Service Command's crack trucking organization, are rushing bombs from railheads to airfields for special delivery to the Nazis. Their record was hung up operating with less than the number of trucks theoretically required. At times they haul huge bombs directly from the railroad car to the belly of a big bomber. The crews are working 24 hours a day to keep pace with the tremendous demand for bombs. Pfc. Horner was employed as a laborer by the Pennsylvania Railroad prior to his induction into the Army in September, 1942.

### Graduates as Yeoman

Among those graduating from a course of training at service schools exercises at Great Lakes, Ill., was Clarence E. Weaver, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weaver of Lemont. This bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the 30 specialized courses taught at Great Lakes are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools for further duty.

### 'Rudolph' Is GI

A Pennsylvania State College secretary was enthralled by the application for correspondence instruction from "Rudolph Valentino." Rudolph proved to be an Army private in New Orleans.

### A vacation-at-home, recommended this summer to Americans, is one substitute that costs less.

### At Ft. McClellan



Pvt. Kenneth C. Clouser  
Private Clouser was inducted into the service April 5, 1944, and since then has been stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clouser, of Milesburg, and the husband of the former Freda M. Willis. His wife and son, Kenneth, Jr., are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Willis, at Mingoville. Private Clouser was a former employe of the Warner Company.

### Buddies In Arms



Pfc. Ernest W. Dove (left) and Pfc. Robert F. Hockenberry looking for the "birds" while the camera snaps them at Walterboro, South Carolina, where both are stationed. Pfc. Dove is the husband of the former Geraldine Hockenberry, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. Pfc. Hockenberry is the son of Simon Hockenberry of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. Both were inducted in January, 1943.

### Bellefonte Man Is Promoted to Pfc.

Leroy E. Hockenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hockenberry, of 46 North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, has been promoted to the rank of Private First Class. He is married to the former Miss Betty Cain of Bellefonte. They have a daughter, Mary Louise, who will be a year old in August. "Hokey," as he is known by all, never tires of talking about his wife and child. He was inducted into the army on July 31, 1943. He was sent to Camp Ellis, Illinois, for his training and six months later he was on his way overseas. He is now on duty with the 14th Corps Service Command in the Southwest Pacific.

### Pvt. Nevin Watson Wins Service Awards

Private Nevin B. Watson, son of Mrs. Alta Roose, Bellefonte, R. D. 3, and whose wife lives at 86 Elm avenue, Uniondale, Hempstead, Long Island, New York, is now in combat with the XIV Corps Service Command Ordnance Company in the Southwest Pacific. Private Watson has received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with a combat star for his part in the Bougainville campaign. He has also been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon for exemplary fidelity and efficiency while in the service. Private Watson entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas in July 1943. He was stationed for sometime in the New Hebrides.

### Male Nurses Needed

The War Shipping Administration has urgent need for fifty male registered nurses, according to Lee V. Alexander, manager of the local United States Employment Service. Monthly pay \$160 plus twenty-five percent and maintenance. Interested qualified persons should get in touch with the USES office at Bellefonte immediately.

### Gift to Service Center

The Masonic Military and Naval Service Committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania recently made a substantial appropriation to the State College Service Center.

### Taught Engineering

Admiral Kincaid's father, also a veteran of the U. S. Navy, taught mechanical engineering at Penn State from 1892 to 1895.

### It is perhaps impossible to convince many Americans that much of the outside world prefers less Americanization.

### Centre Hall Soldier Wounded in France

Lt. William R. Conifer, 26, son of Mrs. John Whiteman of Centre Hall, was wounded in action in France, according to a letter received from him by his mother yesterday. In the letter Lt. Conifer wrote "I was wounded in the left arm, left hip and right thigh, but I am not serious. I was wounded in France and am in a hospital in England, where I expect to be for three or four weeks. Don't worry about me."

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S 2 c Carl Gettig, located at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., is taking four months of advanced training at the electrical school there. He recently spent a 10-day leave at his home in Pleasant Gap with his wife, the former Josephine Platt of State College. Before entering the Navy he was employed by the Titan Metal Company in Bellefonte.

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