

Lt. Shultz, Maj. Brown In Same German Prison Camp

Three postcards, all emphasizing that he is well, have been received by Mrs. Lila Shultz, Lock Haven, from her son, Lt. Eugene Shultz, Flying Fortress pilot, who was shot down over Frankfurt, Germany, and is now in a German prisoner of war camp. Lt. Shultz was employed by the Centre Democrat at the time of his enlistment.

Also in Stummelager Duft 3, Lt. Shultz revealed in one of the three prisoner postcards is Major William W. Brown, a bomber pilot, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fount L. Brown, of Mill Hall, R. D.

Shultz was reported missing on March 2 and later was reported a prisoner of war. In his first postcard dated May 18, he wrote that he had escaped injury except for two skinned knuckles, and asked for candy and gum, a small can opener, and a heavy cap and sweater.

The second card, written May 31, said the prisoners had a songfest, and mentioned that there were

study classes which they could attend to pass the time. Officer prisoners are not required to work under the Geneva convention.

The third card received, dated June 4, mentioned Major Brown, repeated that he (Shultz) was all right, and said he would probably be better physically when he was freed.

The rear of the printed cards have about six lines for the hand-printed message, headed by the German inscription "Kriegsgefangenenlager," which means prisoner of war camp, and the date.

On the front, Lt. Shultz had printed "Mit Luftpost nach Nord Amerika—par avion—air mail," the first two meaning airmail in German and French respectively.

The postcards had been "geprüft" (censored) by both German and American censors. The cards are called "Kriegsgefangenenpost" (prisoner of war mail) and travel "Gebührenfrei" (postage free).

Poets' Corner

AN ODE TO TWO SKUNKS

The following poem was written by Martin Stern, residing in the state of California, for his nephew, Pvt. Homer Fahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Fahr of Julian, who is with the Army at Ft. Knox, Ky. The poem was written to express the probable feelings of Pvt. Fahr's dog, who greatly missed his master.

I am feeling very lonely,
In fact I'm awfully blue.
Homer went into the shed,
And I don't know what to do.
I watched for him all evening,
Then I went into the shed,
I found one of his old coats,
And on it went to bed.

His mother, she looks sort of sad,
The house don't seem the same,
For Homer he's not here to play,
I know someone's to blame.

They have a blue star in the window,
Where last winter the flowers grew,
Now where do you think that boy could be?
I only wish I knew.

Louella said he was hunting skunks,
It seems they are Hitler and Tojo;
I wonder where them 'skunks hole up,
If I knew, that's where I'd go.

I went down to the thicket,
I thought he might be there,
Where he hunted for squirrels last fall,
And sometimes caught a hare.

I laid back down on Homer's coat
And tried to bite a flea,
I think I'll stay right here
Till Homer comes back to me.

—M. Stern

AUTUMN'S SMILE IN BOUNTIFUL BRUSH VALLEY

Autumn, again is around the corner,
Proves to be the welcome donor.
Autumn's big basket is again full
Making all people very joyful and thankful.

All were very busy during summer season,
Faithfully using the best balanced reasons.
Even if a mist was visible in the mind
By exercising the mind, making it more refined.

By continued faith in sunshine and gold,
God again blessed with the needed grain.
All realize the world is in the need
Of an abundant crop, all people to feed.

All in Bountiful Brush Valley really live;
In time of great need to freely give
Remembering our soldier boys' precious sacrifice,
Their blood-stains on foreign land's big price.

Our soldier boys are brave and true,
By bravely helping the world's crisis through;
Also believing that all nations should be free,
For which God destined them to be.

Our patriotic old people, even all,
Determined our great nation should not fall.
So all in defense industries faithfully worked,
And none from his needed help shirked.

E. S. BIERLEY,
Sept. 3, 1944.
Hebersburg, Pa.

RED CROSS

Ten little dressing makers,
Working mighty fine,
One thought she wasn't needed,
Then there were nine.

Nine little dressing makers,
Working noon and late,
Shipment was a bit delayed,
Then there were eight.

Eight little dressing makers,
Struggling to survive,
Three let our weather get them,
Then there were five.

Five little dressing makers,
Busy as a bee,
Two joined a bridge game,
Then there were three.

Three little dressing makers,
With so much to do,
One got a permanent,
Then there were two.

Two little dressing makers
Set to get them done,
One of them just overlept,
Then there was one.

One little dressing maker,
Car wouldn't run
Because it had no gasoline,
Then there were none.

Somewhere on a battlefield,
A soldier's life at stake;
Will he die for want of dressings
YOU didn't make?

Monument Soldier Is Awarded Medal

Clair E. Durkin, who has been promoted June 1944, from private to private first class, has also recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. His father, William J. Durkin, lives at Monument.

Before his induction into the Army in March, 1943, he was employed by the Harrison Walker Brick Company, where he completed his Quartermaster training at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He went overseas in January, 1944. When he fired the carbine several weeks ago, he qualified as a sharpshooter. His spare time is occupied with swimming, baseball, and horseshoe pitching.

He has two brothers and a sister who are also in the service: Pvt. William E. Durkin, who is in the Coast Artillery at Camp Edwards, Mass.; Pvt. Joseph K. Durkin, who is in the Air Corps somewhere in England; and Pvt. Virginia Durkin of the Women's Army Corps, who is serving in the Air Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Pfc. Durkin is located in New California.

Clarence Sergeant Gets 4th Oak Leaf

T Sgt. Charles R. Karney, 23, husband of Mrs. Margaret Mary Karney, of Clarence, has been awarded the fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal, it was announced "his week" by the 15th Army Air Force headquarters in Italy.

He received the honor "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A top turret gunner, Sgt. Karney has been bombing targets in Vienna, Steyr, Toulon and other strategic targets in the network of German industrial centers throughout southern Europe.

A graduate of South Williamsport Senior High School, Sgt. Karney was stationed at Langley Field, Va., before leaving the United States, and has participated in 50 combat missions over enemy-held territory since his arrival overseas.

Howard Soldier Gets Good Conduct Medal

Pvt. Clair E. Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Falls, of Howard, R. D. 1, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is attached to the U. S. Army Forces in New California.

Before his induction into the army in March, 1943, he was employed by the Harrison Walker Brick Company at Monument. After he reported for Quartermaster training at Fort Lewis, Wash., he went overseas in January, 1944. Baseball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, and swimming occupy his leisure time.

Pvt. Falls is a brother of Sgt. Samuel D. Falls, who was killed in action in France on August 9, 1944. He has two other brothers serving overseas: Pfc. John B. Falls, an infantryman in Hawaii, and Pvt. Boyd S. Falls, who is in a military police outfit in Italy.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Don't forget next Saturday is the day to dig the ditch at the church.

Mrs. Lee Johnson and daughter Ann, were dinner guests at the Orvis Scholl home at Central City on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson and family spent Sunday at the Roy Sheesley home near State College.

Mrs. Edith Burd spent a few days at the Milford Burd home at Pleasant Gap, recently.

Mrs. Emma Watson spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. O. V. Scholl and family, and also called at the Clyde Watson home and the Melvin Lucas home in Milesburg.

Mrs. Mary Kelly and friend of Bellefonte, visited at the Orvis Watson home recently.

Mrs. Lee Johnson visited at the Claude Conner home at Runville, Sunday.

Brothers Meet on Battlefield

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Meyer, of Lamar, held their first meeting in France Sept. 1, 1942, on August 5, on the battlefields of France.

Sgt. Willard C. Meyer enlisted June 9, 1941, and went overseas last April, and his brother, Sgt. Ben Meyer, entered the army service Oct. 6, 1942, and is in the Quartermaster Department in France.

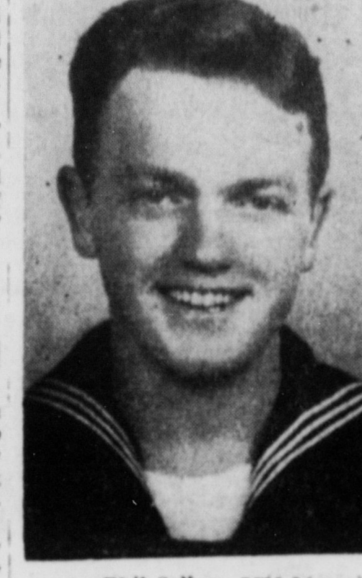
Not in Hospital.

Mrs. Paul L. Miller, of Mill Hall, R. D. 1, has received a letter from her son, Pvt. Alfred Catherman, dated August 26, stating that he had received a slight wound on his arm, but it is expected to heal rapidly. He stated that he is not hospitalized.

Servicemen may look for more mail hereafter. Coeds at the Pennsylvania State College have instituted a "letter writing hour."

HONOR ROLL

Machinist's Mate



Machinist Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Sellers of Port Matilda, R. D., enlisted in the United States Navy Sea-Bees on October 28, 1943. He was first sent to Camp Peary, Va., where he received his preliminary and advanced technical training. He was transferred to Camp Thomas, Davisville, R. I., where he remained for two weeks before leaving the States for overseas duty. He is now stationed in England.

Machinist Sellers was graduated from State College High School in 1939, and from Penn State College in May, 1943, where he was active in the student council.

BELLEFONTE BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Pfc. Kenneth C. Brown, 23, entered the service on March 15, 1943, and after his induction at New Cumberland underwent training in Arkansas, California, and Thomasville, Ga. He is now assigned to duty as an airplane mechanic.

Pvt. Brown is married to the former Leotta Bluger, of Mt. Union, and recently returned to his duties after a furlough at his parental home here.



Seaman Russell Brown, 36, entered the Navy in May 1944, and at the completion of boat training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station spent a nine-day furlough at home upon returning to his duties he was sent to San Francisco, California, where he is now stationed.

Seaman Brown is married to the former Sarah Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Carson of Bellefonte, and they are the parents of a daughter, born some weeks ago.

Prior to entering the service Seaman Brown was manager of the Murphy Store at Irwin, Pa.

Wins Medals



Although he has been in the service only about five months, Pvt. Paul B. Kepler, aged 35, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, has been awarded two medals, one for expert marksmanship with the machine gun and the other for sharpshooting.

Pvt. Kepler, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kepler, of Beaver street, Bellefonte, entered the service on April 4, 1944, and from New Cumberland was sent to Ft. Knox, Ky., where he completed his basic training and where he now is undergoing instruction at a radio school.

A graduate of a high school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he is married to the former Louise Reese, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Reese, of Runville, and they are four children in the family, namely: Marjorie, Robert, Edward and Janet. Pvt. Kepler, who has not been home since he entered the service in April, was employed as a radio repairman for the Electric Supply Company in Bellefonte at the time of his induction. His family continues to reside on East Curtin street during his absence.

TWO BROTHERS AND BROTHER-IN-LAW IN SERVICE



Above are the two sons and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Weaver, of Howard.

Pvt. Charles L. Weaver was inducted into the service on March 9, 1943. First sent to New Cumberland, he was assigned to Camp Liberty, Alabama, where he received six months of training before being sent to England. He has been overseas a little more than five months.

Pvt. Earl Weaver was inducted into the service on March 15, 1944, and is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He is rated as an expert tank machine gunner.

Cpl. Oran McCloskey, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, was inducted into the armed forces on March 1, 1943. He was immediately



sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he spent about a year. He was then transferred to Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. He has served about 17 months with the armed forces. Cpl. McCloskey is the husband of the former Miss Gladys Weaver, who is staying at her parents' home while her husband is absent.



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Flies 'Black Widow'



2nd Lt. Rupert S. Koski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Koski, North Thomas street, Bellefonte, entered the Air Force branch of the service on December 8, 1941, the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He received his wings in January, 1943, at West Palm Beach, Florida, and was immediately appointed a flight officer. He was sent from Florida to Hammer Field, Cal., and was commissioned a second lieutenant before assignment to overseas duty in June.

Lieutenant Koski is now in the Central Pacific with a night fighter squadron, his duties consisting of look pilot and observer. He expected to fly one of the Navy's newest-type planes known as the "Black Widow" prior to entering the armed forces. Lieut. Koski was employed by the Warner Company.

ORVISTON

There were 93 present at Sunday school. The Men's Bible class held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Sherman Confer on Friday night.

Pvt. Lawrence Confer, of Aberdeen, Md., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Confer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daly of Baltimore, spent the weekend at their homes here.

Karl Watson of Buffalo, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Heaton of Howard, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Packer and two children of Akron, Ohio, spent several days the past week at the George Walker home.

Some of our town folks attended the memorial services at Mt. Eagle on Sunday for Pvt. William Leathers.

Mrs. Paul Lomison entertained the Loyal Women's Sunday school class at her home on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Charles Barner returned to her home here after being a patient at the Lock Haven hospital. She is not improving as fast as her friends would like.

The Harvest Home services held in the church on Sunday night were largely attended. The front of the church was filled with fruits, vegetables and groceries.

Mrs. Lester Rhoads, Mrs. John Rhoads and Almeta Packer visited Cpl. Lester Rhoads at New York City over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Poorman of State College, visited the William Barnhart home Sunday, bringing Gail Barnhart home after a four weeks' visit with relatives at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heverly of Lock Haven, visited Mrs. Heverly's mother, Mrs. Bertha Condo, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassell Young and son Danny, of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Leona Mayes of Lock Haven, visited Sunday at the Charles Aberhome.

Mrs. George Bechtel and daughter Mary Lee, of Blanchard, spent the weekend with Mrs. Bechtel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Watson.

SNYDERTOWN

Harvest Home service Sunday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 a. m. in St. Mark's Lutheran church. Church school at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. and Mrs. Strauss have returned from visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bittinger at Bittinger, Md. and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Strasser, at Curryville, Pa., for the past three weeks. We are happy to hear that Mrs. Strasser was able to visit with her brother who was home from Camp Campbell, Ky., at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Markle of Bellefonte, were Sunday supper guests at the Elmer Stover home.

Anna Mae Peters of Beech Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dreese and children, Donnie and Shirley, of Lemont, were weekend visitors at the William Haagen home.

Last Sunday Mrs. Nevin Stover and son Donnie, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Walker of Clintonville.

William Beck of Lewisburg, visited over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Clara Beck.

Mrs. Julia Guiser of Madisonburg, 81-year-old aunt of Mrs. William Haagen, was a visitor at the William Haagen home Sunday afternoon. Other visitors at the same time were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickey, Miss Maude Kaufman of Lock Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rockey of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fisher and granddaughter, Phyllis of Bellefonte, were afternoon visitors at the Lutz home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Krape, Mr. and Mrs. Elery Krape, Miss Betty Krape were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gingery and family of Linden.

F. W. Hansen of Beech Creek, was helping to cut corn at his father's place on Saturday afternoon.

SNOW SHOE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wade, Sr., are visiting their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wade, Jr., at Pittsburgh.

Miss Eunice Lucas, R. N., of Philadelphia, returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. Mabel Lucas. She was accompanied by Miss Lucas' sister, Miss Pauline, who spent a few days last week in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sickle, sons Bill and Bob, of Woodbury, returned home after visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Sickle.

Misses Velta Reese and Audrey Harnish visited relatives at Harrisburg and Washington, D. C., last week.

Mrs. Irey White of Sunbury, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Julia Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. James Butterworth of Harrisburg, spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Butterworth.

Mrs. Ira Hall, Sr., visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Workman at Williamsport.

Mrs. Murray Gilliland is visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Grey Croyle of Johnstown.

Two Bellefonte Soldiers Attend Anniversary Dance

Pvt. Samuel R. McKinley and Pvt. Donald C. Sampel, two Bellefonte service men overseas, are members of the 51st Medical Battalion, Peninsular Base Section Unit, which recently celebrated two years overseas with an anniversary dance at the Medical Non-Coms' Club near Naples, Italy.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph W. Patch, the 51st Medical Battalion has followed the Berlin-bound route of the retreating Germans from Africa through Sicily and far up the Italian peninsula. In its evacuation operations, the Battalion has transported 101,210 patients a total of 450,465 patient-miles, an outstanding record of its kind and a tremendous contribution to the vital task of caring for the casualties of three great campaigns.

The 51st Medical Battalion was activated on February 10, 1941, at Fort Meade, Maryland, took part in the First and Second Carolina Maneuvers, and sailed for England on August 6, 1942. It was attached to the original American striking force in North Africa, and has rendered noteworthy services throughout the Sicilian and Italian campaigns in the evacuation of patients.

More than four hundred members

of the Peninsular Base Section's 51st Medical Battalion attended the anniversary dance, sponsored by about three hundred Army Nurses, WACs, American Red Cross girls, and an English lass from Liverpool. Major General Morrison C. Stayer, Allied Forces Surgeon, headed the guest list of prominent Army medical officers. The setting for the two-year overseas dance was the gaily decorated Marine Exhibition Building, relic of the short-lived Italian World Fair of 1940 which was originally designed to flaunt the fruits of the fascist overseas empire.

Private McKinley is the son of Mrs. Mary E. McKinley, of Bellefonte, and has a brother, Corporal Norman L. McKinley, serving with the invasion forces in France. Private McKinley has been in the Army for three and a half years, with two years of overseas service in England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He, too, has been awarded four campaign stars.

Private Sampel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Sampel of Bellefonte, and has been in the Army for three and a half years, two years of which have been spent in England, North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He, too, has been awarded four campaign stars.

Gearhartville Boy Killed in France

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Schnars, of Gearhartville have received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Ralph E. Schnars, 20, was killed in action in France on August 22.

Just the day before the telegram from the Adjutant General notifying them of the death was received, a letter was received from Ralph. The V-mail letter was written August 21, just the day before his reported death. He told of receiving a letter from home that which was written a month previously.

Ralph was born September 29, 1923. He is survived by his parents and the following nine brothers and two sisters: Henry, Ed, John, Lawrence, Carl, Alvin, all of Philadelphia; Gordon, who is stationed in North Africa; Walter and Kenneth, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Lucille Torney, Osceola Mills, and Mrs. Norma Brown, of Van Dyke, Mich.

Reich Tightsens Its Belt Again

Germany has ordered its eighth grade pupils into war work and sent thousands of Red Cross men and women into armament plants in far-reaching extensions of total mobilization drives.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Reich Plenipotentiary for Total Mobilization, announced also the dissolution of the Prussian Finance Ministry, the wholesale curtailment of the majority of 1,500 periodicals still published in Germany, and the closing of a number of universities.

All traveling shows and shops for fairs were abolished.

The Berlin Radio, announcing the decrees, said most German students would "have to give up studying in order to do important war work and from now on, only war wounded will be allowed to begin study at universities."

Bellefonte Soldier Slightly Wounded

Pfc. Albert Kinsey, Jr., of Bellefonte, was slightly wounded in France, according to a letter from him received last week by his father, Albert Kinsey, Sr., of East Bishop street, Bellefonte police officer.

In the brief message Pfc. Kinsey said he was wounded in the right hand during the invasion of France, and that he had rejoined his outfit.

The Bellefonte soldier was a member of former Battery B, Bellefonte, and left with the local unit in February 1940 when it was called into active service.

WOODWARD

Mrs. Stewart Benner and Mrs. Tillie Orndorf attended the capping ceremonies at the Williamsport hospital on Wednesday night, Sept. 6. Miss Emma Guiswite was a member of the class. While there they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krehmer and Mrs. Milton Barner, returning home last Thursday night.

Cpl. Donald Reffner left on Labor Day for his post of duty in Virginia, after having had a short vacation with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Adams and children of Northumberland, were Labor Day guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Caris Reffner, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reffner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf and friend, who enjoyed their vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosterman, Woodward (over) host and hostess, left for their home in Buffalo, N. Y., on Labor Day. They were also accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rowells, daughter and son-in-law who also enjoyed a week's vacation in town.

Sgt. Clair H. Kreamer of Atlantic City, N. J. S 2/c James Bechtel of Newport, R. I. and S/Sgt. Kenneth Bechtel of Lansley Field, Va., were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kreamer and Mr. and Mrs. George Bechtel, respectively. They all returned to their respective posts of duty that afternoon. It was a short visit indeed.

Pfc. Carl Motz of Buckley Field, Colo., arrived home last Friday on a 15-day furlough. We were all glad to meet him.

Sunday school next Sunday at 9:15 a. m., followed by prayer services at 10:30 in the local Evangelical church. E. L. C. E. services in the evening at 7:30.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

You aren't seeing that familiar red and green package on your dealer's counters these days, because all Wrigley's Spearmint Gum is being shipped overseas only to our Armed Forces. The Wrigley people are sorry that their limited production makes it impossible to supply the folks at home. They appreciate your business and hope it will be too long before there will be enough Wrigley's Spearmint to go around. Until then, they trust you'll enjoy this Service column they are sponsoring.

Bellefonte Girl Promoted.

T'S Ruth V. Poorman, WAC, serving somewhere in Australia, has been promoted to the grade of Technician Fourth Grade. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poorman reside in Bellefonte. T4 Poorman joined the service in May of 1943 and prior to that time was employed as a stenographer. Her brothers, John and Duward Poorman, are also in the service.

Did you ever stop to think that simple little things we take for granted at home like a drink of water, a smoke, or a stick of chewing gum, become vitally important to our fighting men. It's a fact that Wrigley's Spearmint Gum is an end-uty requirement for calming the jitters and relieving parched throats and easing the desire to smoke.

Arrive in England.

Mrs. Harry W. Townsend, the former Doris Brown, of Philadelphia, received word from her husband last week that he is now stationed somewhere in England.

Going without your favorite Wrigley's Spearmint Gum is easier when you remember that all that can be produced is being shipped to our Service men overseas. You know that it's going where it's needed most, and you can be sure the boys appreciate how willingly you made possible their having Wrigley's Spearmint wherever they are.

Transferred to Hawaii

Seaman Samuel R. Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Callahan, of Philadelphia, R. D., who had been located at San Diego, Cal., has been transferred to the Hawaiian Islands. Sam, who was inducted into the Navy on May 24, this year, says the weather is plenty warm there, and there are lots of pineapples to eat.

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