

MP Prisoner Guards Give Blood To Infantrymen

A group of 135 military police escort guards at a prisoner stockade in France one Sunday afternoon volunteered to donate blood when a United States infantry outfit found itself in hot water. Incidentally, Pfc. Ralph M. Hillard, of Bellefonte, was one of the number.

German artillery had selected it for a target and the wounded were pouring back to hospitals. Plasma to replenish the blood supply in the wounded was running out and much more was needed. To fill that breach 24 "A" and "O" blood type members of the MP escort guard company donated their blood and were credited with saving that many lives.

That was only one incident that the company has marked down in its history book. These men were trained in tactics of military policemen at Fort Custer, Mich., a year ago, and early this year were shipped overseas to be ready for action.

The invasion came and the company went about its work. Now members of that group may wear a combat star as an emblem of their active participation in the successful fight.

Captain Theodore G. Zukowski, of Chicago, is the unit's commanding officer. First Lieutenant Francis E. Snodgrass, 2386 Burnside, Portland, Oregon, and Second Lieutenant Richard D. Hebb, 3646 Walnut Avenue, Long Beach, Cal., are the junior officers.

The unit also received a commendation from Advance Section Communication Zone headquarters. Emphasized was the job done by the outfit in moving 20,130 prisoners of war, and at the same time operating a large PW stockade, during the week of September 10-16.

"That work establishes a record for a unit of this size," the Captain declared.

Comprised of men from 24 states the company moved out of England on D-Day, and waded ashore on the Normandy beachhead on June 10, after being subjected to intense aerial bombardment enroute. (German pilots scored three very near misses on the ship, which had aboard, besides the MPs, a hospital unit, including nurses, 45 tons of dynamite, and a quantity of surgical supplies.

The MP's set themselves up on the beach during these "early" days and worked on traffic control and prisoner guard details. After the break-through was made at St. Lo, the company moved to enter completely on escort and stockade work. It advanced with the armies, with brief steps near the towns of Sees, Chartres, Etampes, and La Chapelle, France, and Huy, Belgium.

While working on the beach the unit handled practically all prisoners taken at Cherbourg, including these 40,000, the number handled by the organization passes 200,000 officers.

"SOMEWHERE IN INDIA"

We're somewhere in India, where the sun is like a curse, And each long day is followed by another even worse; Where brick red dust is thicker than the shifting desert sand, And all the men are dreaming of a fine and better land.

Somewhere in India, where never a woman's face is seen, Where the sky is never cloudy, and the grass is never green, Where the jackies nightly howling, rob men of blessed sleep, Where there isn't any whiskey and the beer is never cheap.

Somewhere in India, where the nights are meant for love, Where the moon is like a searchlight, and the Southern Cross above Sparkles like a diamond cluster in the balmy tropic night, It's a shameless waste of beauty, for there's not a girl in sight.

Somewhere in India, where the mail is always late, And a "Christmas" card in April, is considered up to date, Where we never have a pay-day, and we never have a cent, But we never miss the money, 'cause we'd never get it spent.

Somewhere in India, where the ants and lizards play, And a hundred mosquitoes replace everyone you slay, Pray take me back to the States that I know and love so well, For this "God-forsaken" outpost, is a substitute for "Hell."

Written by Wesley Wood, 1877 Eng. Avn. Bn. Somewhere in India.

This poem was written for his wife, Mrs. Wesley Wood, of Abilene, Texas.

Promoted to Sergeant

James W. Nortnamer, of Milesburg, who has been in overseas service for the past two years in England and France, was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant. He is a wrecking car driver in the U. S. Army.

The mythical visitor from Mars, if he could read the campaign speeches, would not believe that the speakers were living in the same country.

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Opens First Gun Fire On Jap Plane

Pfc. Victor Fleck's first shots in anger were delivered from a most unusual position for an infantry truck driver. The Phillipsburg soldier was atop his truck on the deck of a ship lying in the harbor of a Netherlands East Indies island. It was D-plus-2, and the occasion was the appearance of "Charley," the lone Jap plane which comes over this new home of the 31st Infantry Division regularly to drop a bomb or two.

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"Nobody had to sound an alert for me," said Victor. "I knew it was a Jap plane. I let him have it before he dropped his bomb, which plunked in the water about 100 yards from the ship. He came on over strafing, then, and I ducked. He shot extra holes in the deck latrine, but that's all the damage he did."

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State College Sergeant Has Efficient Record

Commended by his commanding officer at headquarters of the Eighth Infantry Division for distinguishing himself in action against the enemy in France, Staff Sergeant Don B. Clark of State College, R. D., is credited with killing at least two Germans. During an American offensive in the La Haye du Puits sector in Normandy, Sgt. Clark manned a machine gun and purposely drew enemy fire which enabled the riflemen in his company to surge forward in their attack. On another occasion Sgt. Clark borrowed a Tommy gun and routed German snipers from a hedgerow thus clearing a path for his men. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Clark of State College. He received the silver and bronze stars.

Completing Training At Oklahoma Field

F/O Donald C. Pinge, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pinge, of Bellefonte, has been assigned to the 2nd AAF Flying Field, Ardmore, Okla., where he is completing final phase training as bombardier of a heavy bombardment unit.

Pinge entered the service July 17, 1942. He received Army Air Force flight training at Victorville AAF, Victorville, Calif., Santa Ana AAB, Santa Ana, Calif.

He received his commission September 30, 1944.

Before entering the service he was a student at the Bellefonte High School.

Overseas Second Time Mrs. Tillie Emmanuel, of West Decatur, has received a V-mail letter from her son, Pvt. Emmanuel stating that he is well and is now somewhere in England. This is the second time he has been overseas.

Recovering



Cpl. Reuben Adams

According to latest word received by Dorie Adams of Port Matilda, father of Cpl. Reuben Adams, the son is improving from his injury received when wounded on September 24, 1944, in France. He expected to be back in combat again in the near future. This was the second message received by Mr. Adams concerning his son, from the War Department.

Corporal Adams, the youngest son of the family, is a graduate of Port Matilda High School.

On Ocean Duty



Donald T. Weaver, Motor MM 2/c

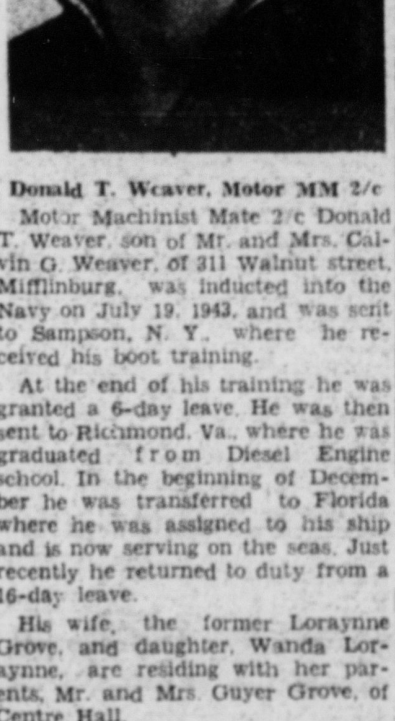
Motor Machinist Mate 2/c Donald T. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin O. Weaver, of 211 Walnut street, Milliflatsburg, was inducted into the Navy on July 19, 1942, and was sent to Sampson, N. Y., where he received his boot training.

At the end of his training he was granted a 6-day leave. He was then sent to Richmond, Va., where he was graduated from Diesel Engine school. In the beginning of December he was transferred to Florida where he was assigned to his ship and is now serving on the sea. Just recently he returned to duty from a 16-day leave.

His wife, the former Lorayne Grove, and daughter, Wanda Lorayne, are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guyer Grove, of Centre Hall.

Petty Officer Weaver was graduated from Gregg Township Vocational School, Spring Mills, in 1941. Before entering the service he was employed at State College on the College Farms.

He has one older brother in the service, James Weaver, S 2/c, who is serving aboard a merchant ship in the Navy.



S 2/c Paul Confer

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CHAPLAIN'S POEM

MY LORD AND KING

I do not know the day nor hour
When I shall leave this place,
I only know I've felt the power
Of Jesus saving Grace.

He came to me so long ago
When I was young and gay,
He promised me the way He'd show
And help me day by day.

I've walked with him in joy and pain
Amid shadows of the night,
With Him I've known both loss and gain,
Also His saving might.

I've often found the road is rough
But pleasant places, too,
I know I've never had enough
And won't 'Ull I get through.

And when at last I reach the end
I'll stand before the King;
To Him I'll give my love, and then
My trophies I will bring.

I'll lay them down at Jesus feet
My life and all that is,
The ones who've gone before I'll meet;
We'll be forever His.

Lands in England
Cpl. Emerson Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Goss, of Phillipsburg, has, according to word received from him, safely landed somewhere in England. Emerson has been in the service for over a year, receiving his basic training at Camp Edwards, Mass. Later he was sent to Camp Livingston, La., from where he was sent overseas.

I minority, it seems, is an organized group that tells the majority what it can do.

Where one man injures his health by overwork a thousand injure it by underwork.

HONOR ROLL

BLANCHARD COUSINS IN SERVICE



Pvt. Paul W. Fletcher

Private Fletcher, son of Hayes Fletcher of Blanchard, was inducted into the Army in October, 1943. He received his training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, then enjoyed a seven-day furlough at home before going overseas in March, 1944.

He arrived in Africa and two weeks later moved into Italy, where he was in action until he helped to make the invasion of Southern France, and is believed to be in that locality at present.

Prior to entering the service Pvt.

William Kenneth Dietz

Dietz was employed by the General Refractories at Orviston. William Kenneth Dietz, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Dietz of Blanchard, was inducted into the Navy on September 7, 1944, and was sent to Great Lakes, Ill. Two weeks later he passed an examination for an office assignment. He is now a Battalion Clerk.

He graduated from Lock Haven High School in June, 1944. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Bloomsburg Mills, Inc., of Lock Haven.

Four Confer Brothers In Service



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Pvt. Ralph Blair Confer

Ralph has been in the army since January 5, 1944, and from New Cumberland was sent to Ft. Jackson, S. C., for basic training in the Army Engineers. Later he was sent to Camp Porter, Tenn., and late in August was home for a week's furlough. When last heard from he was at Ft. Jackson, S. C., and expected to be assigned to overseas duty.

A fifth brother, Ray, will be 18 this month and he hopes to enter the Navy.

State College Man Promoted to Major

John A. McLaughlin, 28, husband of Mrs. Roberta McLaughlin and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray McLaughlin of State College, executive officer of a troop carrier squadron, 12th Air Force, was promoted from captain to major on October 7. Major McLaughlin has over three years of service, more than two years of which have been spent overseas. He is entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge, awarded his squadron upon its citation for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations. Following his graduation in 1938 he entered the College of Law, Syracuse University, from which he was graduated in 1941, after which he entered the armed forces.

Former Tyrone Man Killed In Italy

Pfc. William Rodgers, 21, son of John B. Rodgers, Harrisburg, was reported killed in action in Italy, according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. Paul Dyaart, Pennsylvania avenue, Tyrone. He was a former Tyrone resident.

Pfc. Rodgers entered the service in March, 1942, and was overseas for more than two years, serving with the infantry.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife who lives in Phillipsburg, and one brother, John, of Vall.

Awarded Badge in Italy

Corporal James N. Hoy, 122 East High street, Bellefonte, has been awarded the Vehicle Driver's Badge in Italy. He serves with the 22nd Quartermaster Car Company of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army. The badge is awarded to soldiers who have passed qualified drivers' tests and served as vehicle drivers without accident or arrest for a period of three months or more. The badge resembles that awarded qualified marksmen, sharpshooters and expert riflemen.

SOLDIER HAS US WONDERING, 'IS HE IS OR IS HE AIN'T?'

The Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa. October 30, 1944

I can tell you just a little about our last movement. After leaving where he were before, we left for here, not knowing we were coming from there. We couldn't tell whether we would arrive here or not, nevertheless we are now here and not there.

The weather here is just as it is this season, but of course it is quite unlike the weather where we were before we came here. After leaving by what we came by we had a good trip. The people here are just like they look, but don't look like they were where we came from. From here to here is just as far as it is from here to there. The way we came here is just like anyone comes from there to here. Of course we had to bring everything we had with us, for what we wear here is not what we wear there. The whole thing is quite a new experience here, because it is not like it was where we were before.

It is now time to say that I enjoy reading The Centre Democrat very much, although they aren't coming in very regularly. I like Burma quite well. I am also glad to let you know I am in the best of health.

It is now time to stop this somewhat newy letter before I give away too much information. I hope this war is soon over. Regards to all.

Sincerely, I remain,
Pfc. KENNETH GREENE,
Somewhere in Northern Burma.

Bellefonte Soldier Awarded Citation

Mr. and Mrs. William Sweitzer of Ridge street, Bellefonte, on Monday received from the commanding officer of the unit with which their son, Pvt. Paul F. Sweitzer is serving in Europe, an unusually attractive decoration in honor of his participation in the historic invasion of France.

The decoration is in the form of a book-like tan folder. Upon being opened one side consists of a service flag with an embossed blue star in the center. The other half consists of a framed citation under a glass panel.

The citation reads: "D-Day to St. Lo, 29 Let's Go. This is to certify that Pvt. Paul F. Sweitzer was a member of the 29th Infantry Division on D-Day, 6 June 1944, and served with it continuously until the capture of St. Lo on 18 July 1944. (Signed) C. H. Gerhardt, Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding."

Pvt. Sweitzer entered the service nearly four years ago and is now believed to be serving in Germany. He is 28 years old and was employed by the National Gypsum Company before entering the service.

State College Airman Is German Prisoner

Staff Sgt. William F. Smith, of State College, missing in action over Germany since September 11, is now a German war prisoner, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Smith of Locust Lane, learned in a telegram received from the U. S. War Department last Thursday.

The telegram stated that through the National Red Cross it was learned that he was a German war prisoner and that a letter would follow. About two weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Smith received a letter from their son's squadron chaplain stating that "Bill" had not landed at his base and that nothing had been heard of him.

Sgt. Smith, 21, radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, was called for duty on January 11, 1943, and was sent overseas sometime in March of this year. He was graduated from the State College High School and had completed a semester at the College. During vacations he worked for his father at the Smith Tailor Shop, East Beaver avenue, State College.

Clarence Soldier With Army Car Co.

Pfc. Joe M. Kormanik of Clarence is with a veteran Seventh Army Car Company in France which participated in the record-breaking drive from the Riviera beaches of Southern France to the Vosges Mountains, and a few days ago celebrated its second anniversary overseas.

Since coming in with the invasion forces at Casablanca during November, 1942, the vehicles of his organization have been driven more than 2,500,000 miles over North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. During those two years many of the men have had narrow escapes while driving at the front, but only three men have been injured. On several occasions the drivers have taken prisoners, both German and Italian.

Pfc. Kormanik and his fellow drivers have received many verbal and written commendations from high-ranking staff officers for their excellent performance. One of the boasts of these modest, hard-working drivers is that "We have the best kitchen overseas!"

Pfc. Kormanik is the son of Mrs. Mary Kormanik, of Clarence.

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- 2 cakes compressed yeast
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 1 egg

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