February 15, 1945

Soldier, Foot Blown Off, Wired By Foe As Trap

Pvt. William H. Edwards' foot was [curious injuries in which the veins blown off and the was crying for and arteries are forced upward so water, but the three Germans ig- they are, in a manner, sealed,

sives to his body, and left him-a human booby trap. Edwards told his strange store at crashing into the dermans had seen the crashing into the dermans had seen the Edwards told his strange story at crashing into the hand of one of

McCloskey General Hospital in Tem- the medics. ple, Texas . . . How his right foot had been blown off by a mine Later they tried to get to him again had been blown off by a mine . . How the Germans fastened the ex- but German fire drove them away. plosives to him . . . How he knew When darkness of the second that if he moved he was doomed night fell, three Germans came,

. Or if help came when he was unconscious, he and his rescuers would be killed. They refused him water. They took his field jacket, divided up five packages of cigarettes in the pockets, would be killed. then set to work booby-trapping

It all started simply enough, he said.

"I lay on the charge the next day While on a night patrol he step- and into the night," he said. "About ped on a mine which blew off his 2 a. m. two men came in to get the foot, He lay quietly until morning, wounded. Still conscious, Edwards fearing that any sound would betray directed the cutting of the wires to his comrades. the charge under his back. And they He could not bandage his wound, carried him away

but fortunately it was one of those! He had lain there for 70 hours.

In the Philippines In the Navy



Pfc. Christy R. Smith, Jr.

George Ardale Klinefelter, F 2/c

Private Smith, well known former Fireman Klinefelter, native of Cenemploye of the A & P Supermarket tre Hall, is the youngest son of Mr. in Bellefonte, has been overseas for and Mrs. Alfred Klinefelter, of that more than two months. He entered place. He entered the Navy April the service Jan. 6. 1944. After spend-ing a week at the New Cumberland admitted to the Navy Hospital at induction center he was assigned to Bainbridge, Md., for an operation,

the Combat Engineers at Fort Jack-son, South Carolina. He remained After his recovery he received his there until the middle of May when boot training at Bainbridge, and he was transferred to Camp Forrest, upon completing it was granted a Tenn., for training at a demolition nine-day furlough with his parents. mine school. While there he was as- At the end of his leave he was sent signed to giving demonstrations of to Firemen's School in Philadelphia. mine demolition practices to officer- and later to Treasure Island, Calif. students. January 6, 1945, he was sent to

Private Smith spent a two-weeks Bremerton, Wash., and on Jan. 13 furlough with his family in July and was admitted to the hospital for an upon his return to duty was sent to operation.

Fort Jackson, S. C. He was granted In 1942 he was employed at the another furlough in October and Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va., then sent to the west coast for em- and was transferred Aug. 3, 1943. to barkation. He landed in New Guinea Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He is during the second week in Decem- now serving in the Navy, ber, and his family recently received

word that he is now engaged in helping to clean the Japs out of the Ice Cream Barges **Ply South Pacific**

and Western Pacific.





FOUR KUSTANBAUTER BROTHERS IN ARMED FORCES





Thomas, S 1/c

Cpl. Charles

Pfc, Edgar

When Orvis Kustanbauter, 19, en- there. He was graduated from Belle- and who has never been home since fonte. He received his basic traintered the Navy on October 19, 1944, fonte High School in June 1944, and entering the army on September 29, ing at Ft. Bliss, Texas. he was the fourth son of Mr. and then was employed by the Baten 1942, and Pfc. Edgar Kustanbauter, of East Construction Company in the con- who also is in an anti-aircraft unit reer on December 29, 1942, and was High street, Bellefonte, to become a struction of the new Titan Metal and is with the Third Army in assigned to Camp Edwards, Mass. member of Uncle Sam's armed Company plant here, until being France. There, because of experience gained

called for service. Thomas entered the Navy October in aiding in installing the dial teleforces. Orvis received his boot training at His three brothers are Thomas 20, 1943, and after completing boot phone system for the Bell Telephone Sampson, N. Y., came home for a Kustanbauter, 20, S 1/c, who is an training at Sampson, N. Y., attend- Company in Bellefonte, the became seven-day furlough, then was sent armed guard aboard a merchant of a gunnery school at Norfolk, Va. an expert telephone and radio oper-to an aviation ordnance school at ship in the Atlantic; Cpl. Charles Prior to his enlist-Norman, Oklahoma, for 18 weeks of Kustanbauter, 21, who is with an ment in the Army was employed at shooter's medal as an expert with special training. He is still stationed anti-aircraft unit in southern Prance Fishermen's Paradise, south of Belle-

Three Brothers and Brother-in-Law Battling For Uncle Sam





Dix, N. J. He landed in North Af- before entering the service. His wife

rica in January of 1943, and took is the former Martha Royer of

'Five Fighting Sergeants' Sons of Bigler Parents

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The Neff boys of Clearfield county! "Show me a family," challenged believe they deserve the title of "The Paul, "with five fighting sergeants. Five Fighting Sergeants," and one It has been a long time-months beis 25-year-old Staff Sergeant Paul fore the war-that we were all to-M. Neff, gunner on the B-17 Flying gether for a family reunion at home Fortress "Gold Brick," who has ad- and it probably will be a long time ded the latest exploits to the fam- yet!'

The Fortress gunner, who flies ily's war record. Among them, the Neff boys hold 17 "stripes." The parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Neff, of Bigler, haven't seen most of the boys for going on two years now. going on two years now. of the Regensburg Messerschmitt

Staff Bergeant Robert Neff, 24, who shares with the gunner the top rank in the Clearfield county clan, is in meritorious achievement" during atthe Infantry in India, while two tacks on the enemy

boys, both Sergeants, are fighting in The attack which stirred him most France: Harold, 29, with an armor- was the gigantic Fortress blow ed division, and Edgar, 22, a para- against railroad yards feeding the trooper, The fifth Neff is Woodrow, German armies on the Western 26, a sergeant and ground radio op- Front, when he witnessed a hearterator at the 392nd Bombardment warming spectacle: the exclosion of group in England. a German ammunition train.

Brothers Separated by Half the Globe



Cpl. John M. Stover

Woodward, Centre county, Both have T/Sgt. Paul F. Stover (who smiles been serving their country tince as he rests in the tropical breeze), 1942, but in widely separated battle enlisted in the Army on January 7, 1942, and received most of his train-

Cpl. John M. Stover (seen riding ing at Chanute Field, Ill. In Decemhis "mule-mobile") entered the ber of 1942 he was sent overseas to Army on May 13, 1941. He received a South Pacific destination, where he most of his training at Fort Jack- has since been stationed.

ROBERT P. THOMPSON PROMOTED TO CORPORAL who have returned from every ma-

zones

Robert P. Thompson, son of Mr. Selected from such varied fronts as and Mrs. Robert C. Thompson, of North Africa, England, India and 141 N. Spring street, Bellefonte, has the Pacific, these instructors are been promoted to the rank of corp- able to give the trainees a first-hand oral at the Army Air Field, Dyers- picture of every type of enemy opburg, Tenn

Army Air Field, Dyersburg, Tenn., in the various theaters. in November, 1944, for further train-

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position as well as preparing them Corporal Thompson reported to for weather conditions encountered

bomber crews. Battle-wise veterans

jor war front, give instructions to

ing as a tail gunner on a B-17 crew. The Japs are not worried about This field is an installation of the Berlin; they have trouble nearer Second Air Force which trains heavy frome.



son, S. C., and in December of 1942 · was sent overseas, where he has

Brothers shown above are the sons since been serving in the European of Mrs. Braide W. Stover of near theater of war.

"Smitty" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christy Smith, of East Bishop street. His wife, the former Mildred barge, the Army hopes to bring Croft, and their two children, Tom- plenty of ice cream, fresh meats, my and Mary Louise, reside on Willowbank street.

Philipsburg Brothers Meet

Mrs. Anna Neidrich, of Philips- (Barge, Refrigerated, Large), has a burg, has received a letter from ther unit which turns out ten gallons of son, Pfc. Arthur C. Neidrich, stating ice cream every seven minutes and he had the pleasure of meeting his an ice plant which manufactures brother, S/Sgt. Fred Neidrich, also five tons a day.

another Philipsburg boy. Rube The equivalent of 64 carloads of Stark. "Art" said it was a very hap- frozen meats can be stored in the py meeting. He hadn't seen his bro- eight main holds at 12 degrees above ther since he enlisted two years ago. zero. Two main deck compartments He said both boys looked good. They each have a capacity of about 500 planned a meeting in the near fu- measurement tons of fresh vegeture with their other brother, Al- tables, cheese, eggs and other perishable produce. bert (Babe)

Pvt. Steve Parney In the above group are shown the fruits and vegetables to soldiers sta- three sons and son-in-law of Mr

tioned on islands in the Southwest and Mrs. John Parney, of Clarence. Pvt. Steve Parney, 20, was called The barge, known as the BRL for service April 17, 1943, and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., and Camp Rucker, Ala., before being sent to Fort Meade, Md., where he remained about two weeks until being sent

Howard R.D. Private

Awarded Citation

Cpl. Joseph Parney

part in the North African and Sic- Frenchville. They have two daughillian campaigns. Pvt. Parney was ters, Martha Lou, 4 years, and Don-awarded two Bronze Stars for his part in these campaigns. He is now na Jean, 22 months old. They reside stationed in Italy with the 15th Air on Thomas street, Bellefonte Force in the Quartermasters' Corps. Cpl. Anthony Murino, 31, Brook-Before induction he was employed lyn, N. Y., and brother-in-law of the at the J. H. France plant in Clar- Parney boys, was inducted August 31. 1943. He trained at Camp Gruber.

John Parney, S 1/c

overseas early in July of last year. Infantryman's Badge, and the Pur-Seaman First Class John Parney, Ala., Camp Fhillips, Kans., Fort He landed in England, and after ple Heart. He was a member of the 37, is with the Sea-Bees in Hawaii. Leonard Wood, Mo., and is now sta-about a week was transferred to the 137th Infantry of the 35th Division He was inducted March 30, 1944. Afcombat area in France. On Novem- under General Patton. He is a grad- ter completing six weeks' basic with the 2nd Army, Medium Auto ber 9 he was wounded in the neck uate of the Snow Shoe High School training at Great Lakes, Ill., he spent Maintenance Co. Before entering and legs by shrapnel, received when and before entering the service was a short furlough at home, at the end service he was employed at the Navhe walked into a booby trap. At the employed part time at the J. H. of which time he was sent to Camp al Clothing Depot in Brooklyn, N. present time he is in a hospital in France brick plant in Clarence. Endicott, R. I., and finally to Camp Y. He is married to the former

recovering satisfactorily Cpl. Joseph Parney, 25, was in- Parks, Calif. He sailed for Hawaii Betty Parney of Clarence, and the England. from his injuries, Pvt. Parney was ducted March 14, 1942. He trained at in July, 1944, Seaman Parney was couple have a little girl, Phyllis, two awarded the Bronze Star. Combat Camp Langley Field. Va., and Fort employed at the Federal Match Co. years old.

Reported Safe in Manila

Philipsburg Couple Are Lt. Flegal Decorated For Heroism at Saipan

Lt. Donald L. Flegal, former Bellefonte dentist, has been awarded the

Cpl. Anthony Murino

In a broadcast from Manila last, Sharing the satisfaction of this Bronze Star in recognition of extra-Wednesday night, reports the Phil- good news with Mr. and Mrs. G. ordinary heroism during the battle ipsburg Daily Journal, the message, Frank Dunkle in knowing of the of Saipan, it was revealed by his 'Peg and Doc' want their sister, Gilliland's safety is the latter's sis- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Fle-Mrs. Frank Dunkle of Pennsylvania, ter, Mrs. Edna Friday Seavolt, of gal, of Philipsburg. to know they are safe," "was sent. Napanee, Ind., who is visiting in For 36 hours Lt. Flegal and aides

'Peg' and 'Doc' are Mr. and Mrs. Fullipsburg. administered blood plasma and med-Ralph I. Gilliland, who left Philips-burg in 1927 and have been located imprisoned at the Santo Tomas Uni-the heaviest kind of "artillery barin Manila fince that time, Mrs. Gil- versity internment camp since the rage during the invasion of Saipan liland is the former Miss Gertrude fall of Manila. In combat areas dentists attached In 1927 Mr. Gilliland, accompanied to the Marine Corps serve as doc-Friday.

The message was heard by Miss Edna M. Miller, of Hickory street. She had been correcting school pa-pers, and when the announcer quoted "Manila." Miss Miller listened more attentively. He stated mail, held by the Japa sines hast huma was beins

attentively. He stated main, new off the Japs since last June, was being distributed by Red Cross workers to internees at Santo Tomas Univer-sity, Internment Camp, and this sity, Internment Camp, and this internees a mid tears of joy. Then, upon mentioning the names Manila Electric Co., a subsidiary of Bellefonte for nine years before en-listing in the Navy in 1942. While in Bellefonte he served on the Bellefonte he served on th

of internees connected with the the Associated Electric Co., will no Bellefonte he served on the Selective Manila Electric Company, Miss Mil- doubt be active in restoring the ser-Bellefonte he served on the Selective

bers of a Ninth Air Force Aviation Engineer Battalion, has been award-Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, Word soon estimated the cost of replacement Engineer Battalion, has been award-Engineer Battalion, has been award-ed the Presidential Distinguished spread around Fhilipsburg, and will run upwards of \$22,000,000, ac-everywhere people showed happiness cording to A. F. Tegan, president of

Unit Citation for constructing an emergency landing strip while under fire on D-Day and an advanced

Pfc. Harold L. Richner, of How-

ard, R. D. 1, along with other mem-

landing ground on the Normandy ing day the detachment was push-

Philipsburg Man in Prison Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Twist of the parent company. Philipsburg, received word from their son, Pfc, Ernest C, Twist (Neil)

Cold Preparations as directed.

Farmers are all set to produce many. His wife, Agnes Twist, reing forward behind the advancing food and feed for the nation in ceived a letter the same day. In his Landing on the beach at H-plus invading troops and beginning work 1945, regardless of difficulties. They letter he stated that his wife and three hours on D-Day, advance ele- on a field farther inland. The field have a job to do, during wartime, ments of the battalion found that was made operational seven days that is as important as fighting and safe and well. family were not to worry as he is the area of the proposed site for the later for use by U.S. Ninth Air they will do it.

strip was still partially occupied by the enemy. But they proceeded on their mission in spite of the ob-points in front of the advancing

stacles and dangers and worked on armies. the strip while under continuous Pfc. Richner's parents, Mr. and enemy fire. At one point, the engi- Mrs. Clair Richner, reside at Howneering equipment was working ard, R. D. 1.

within 200 yards of active enemy artillery emplacements It isn't important , but when the The strip was completed by sun- Allies capture Berlin we wonder down on D-Day and on the follow- where Benito will go.

County Man's Brother Killed Glenn Bence, 34, a brother of Dean sence, of Philipsburg, was killed at Erie when struck by a moving freight while cleaning the tracks in the yards of the Erie Steel Concrete Shipbuilding Company. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bence, 000

four brothers survive.

residents of Indiana. One sister and

MAY THE BEST WOMAN WIN!

There's the bell . . . hold your hat . . . hang on to your purse . . . and may the best woman win!

Bargain sales look as exciting as ever these days, but this ancient sport isn't what it used to be. So much merchandise is up in price or down in quality.

However, there's at least one real bargain that still provides high pre-war quality at low pre-war prices. That's the electric service you enjoy in your home.

Actually, if yours is an average family, you're getting about twice as much electricity for your money today as you did 15 years ago. If your electric bill is no less today, it's because you use more electric conveniences now. But the cost per kilowett-hour is much less.

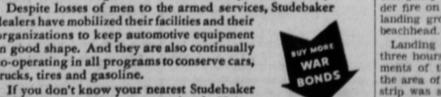
The credit for this wartime bargain belongs to your friends and neighbors in this company. Their hard work, plus sound business management, made it possible. You can count on them to continue to furnish cheap, dependable electricity for still finer electric living after the war.

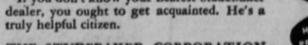
. Hear NELSON EDDY in "THE ELECTRIC HOUR," mith Robert Armbruster's Orchestra. Every Sunday afternoon, 4:30, EWT, CBS Network.

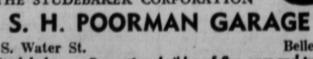


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