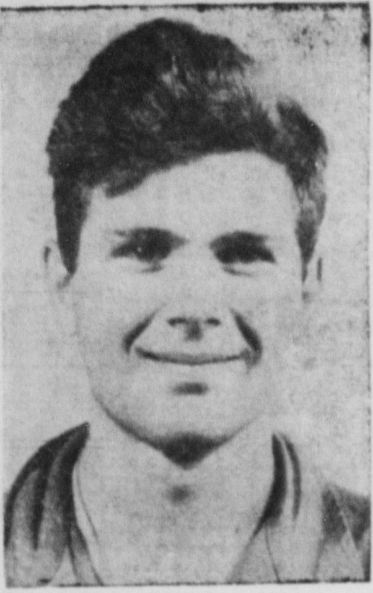


Bellefonte Gunner Is Awarded Air Medal



bat operations over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe, Sgt. Raymond H. Montgomery, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hassell Montgomery, East Lima street, Bellefonte, has been awarded the Air Medal. It was announced by the Commanding General, First Air Division.

Sergeant Montgomery, tall gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress is a member of the 91st Bombardment Group, veteran heavy bomber unit in the European theater of operations. This group, commanded by Col. Henry W. Terry, Ossining, N. Y., is the combat home of "Memphis Belle."

He was attending Bellefonte High School when he joined the Air Force in February, 1944.

Bellefonte Sergeant Has Important Job in Army

With heavy bombers almost daily bombing targets in Germany, one of the toughest problems confronted by the Eighth Air Force is that of transportation. As the air assaults on Europe increase, the strain on the men and vehicles on the ground has also increased.

Not only do transportation dispatchers like Staff Sergeant William H. Brouse, Jr., of Bellefonte, have to dispatch trucks and drivers to haul combat crews and their equipment to and from their Flying Fortresses, but the transportation section must also bring in food, clothing, bombs and countless other supplies necessary to keep the base functioning. During the past few months of bad weather, when the bombers were forced to land at other bases, drivers have had to drive through fog, mud, snow and ice-covered roads to pick up the combat men and return them to their home base.

When recent heavy snowstorms blanketed this area, covering the

runways and threatening to curtail bombing operations, the transportation section came out in strength. S. Sgt. Brouse ordered his drivers to harness snow plows to their trucks and to clear the runways from the roadways and perimeter track. But most important was the removal of the snow from the runways so that the Forts could take off and keep up operations. After the runways had been cleared sufficiently, other crews from the motor pool sanded them to prevent ice. Immediately after the worst of the storm was over, the Fortresses took off to continue to bomb Germany even though the rest of the field was still covered with snow.

S. Sgt. Brouse is the 28-year-old son of W. H. Brouse, Sr., of 5 South Thomas street, Bellefonte. He entered the Army in July, 1942, and has been serving overseas with the Eighth Air Force for more than a year and a half. Prior to entering the service he was assistant manager of the Haines Sunoco Service Station.



Wounded in Action



Pvt. Raymond Dixon, son of Mrs. Vesta Dixon of Port Matilda, was wounded in both legs in the Normandy invasion of June 7, 1944. The young county soldier was brought to the States by airplane on June 30 and is now in an Army hospital at Fort Dix, N. J.

In Motor Battalion



Pvt. Robert A. Hoy, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Hoy of Zion, entered the service on December 20, 1944. From New Cumberland induction center he was sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga., where he is now stationed as a member of a motor battalion.

Sons Serve On Battlefronts



The above two Port Matilda brothers are sons of Mrs. Willa E. McMonigal of that place.

Cpl. Leo K. Nearhoof, husband of the former Verna Dillen of Julian, entered the service December 22, 1942. He trained at Camp Hood, Texas, for eight months where he played baseball with the 113th Cavalry. After undergoing a period of maneuvers in Tennessee he embarked for overseas duty, arriving in England January 31, 1944. He took part in the invasion of France on D-Day and has since been attached to the First Army under General Hodges, as a member of the R. C. N. Squadron, 125th Mechanical Cavalry. Cpl. Leo graduated from Port Matilda High School in the class of 1937 and was employed by the McFeely Brick Co. until his entry into the Army.

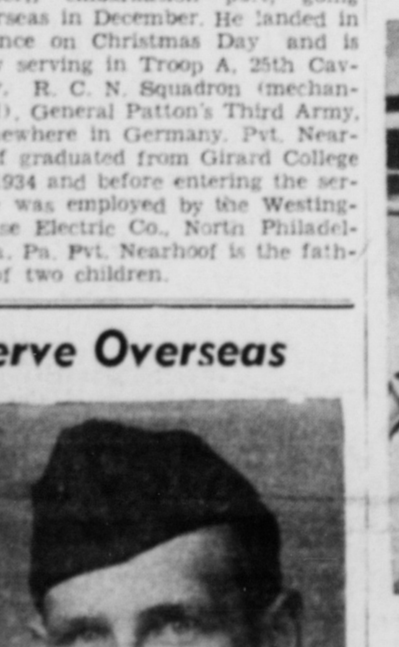
Pvt. Kyle B. Nearhoof, 22, is the husband of the former Mabel Wil-

In Italy



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Craig of Julian, Ira entered the service on June 29, 1942. He trained at Fort Meade, Md., and was then sent to Florida and later to Livingston, La., and Texas. He was sent overseas in November, 1943, and took part in the action in North Africa and Italy. Before entering the armed forces he was employed at the Fleisher Service Station in Julian.

Overseas



Sgt. Clarence F. Crater, son of Emanuel Crater, deceased, of Gregg township, has been in England for the past two years, as a member of the 980th M. P. Co. Sgt. Crater received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and additional training at Camp Ripley, Minn., and Lockbourne Air Base, Columbus, O. He is the husband of the former Carrie Confer, daughter of Clyde Confer, of Spring Mills. Before going into training he drove truck for M. & G. Convoy of Buffalo, N. Y.

Returns From Central Pacific

Sgt. Lawrence H. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Walker, Howard, R. D. 1, has reported to Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas, for duty. Sgt. Walker recently returned to the continental United States after 47 months overseas in the Central Pacific theater of war. He was a gunner on a heavy bomber with the Air Force. He has been awarded the following decorations: Good Conduct Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, American theater.

Centre Hall Paratrooper Sees Plenty of Action

Paratrooper Ned Hosterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hosterman, of Centre Hall, is a member of the 517th Parachute combat team which, according to a dispatch with Cy Peterman's byline, was in some really hot stuff during the Italian and French campaigns.

Says Peterman: "These boys are veterans of the Italian, Riviera and Belgium campaigns and pushed through the Hurtgen Forest's hall of horror, stumbling into the world's worst minefield. . . . Back in 1944 they were tossed into the hottest sector in the campaign for Florence, Italy. . . . they were attached to the 36th division. . . . later to the 85th, and, when General Patch invaded southern France, he annexed them to his Seventh Army. "Supposed to drop from 1200 feet, they actually dropped from 150 feet above the treetops, falling all over the map, miles from their appointed rendezvous, and were weeks, behind the enemy lines, fighting in two's and three's until they could assemble again. . . . The Red Cross took pity on them and dropped doughnuts and coffee with whiskey and tea for the British contingent. "They were enjoying a breather when Von Rundstedt broke through



in Belgium. . . . and they were thrown in with the Third Battalion and found themselves subjected to everything including American tanks with German crews and our own dive bombers and artillery fire. . . . The 517th is ready for anything."

Philipsburg Girl Joins Women's Ranks

Pvt. Julia G. Quick has joined the ranks of patriotic women serving their country as Medical Technicians in Army General Hospitals. Pvt. Quick is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Quick, of 439 So. Second street, Philipsburg. She will report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for six weeks of basic training and then will proceed to Camp Atterbury, Ind., where she will be enrolled in the new Medical Technician School. This period of training will last six weeks during which time Pvt. Quick will study many important subjects including anatomy, physiology, materia medica, sanitation, etc. Upon successful completion of this course she will be assigned to the army general hospital at White Sulphur Springs, Va.

Pvt. Quick was able to choose future assignment to this nationally known health resort through the army's new policy of permitting applicants to choose their own stations. As a technician she will receive the rank of corporal and will be assigned to a special Hospital Technician Platoon. Pvt. Quick has two brothers serving in the Navy. A John W. Quick is enrolled in the Navy V-12 program at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., and radioman 1/c Paul Quick is stationed at the receiving station at Norfolk, Va. Prior to her enlistment Pvt. Quick was employed at the Quartermaster Depot in Jersey City, N. J.

Smullton Gunner With Record Group

For six consecutive months the B-25 Mitchell bomber force with which Staff Sgt. Dean R. Matter is serving as radio-gunner has topped all others in the Mediterranean theatre of operations in bombing accuracy. The group also holds the record for destroying more objectives with less tonnage of bombs than any other bomb unit in the theater. His wife, Helen, lives at Smullton. He was a metal worker prior to his induction on July 5, 1943. His group averaged above 90 per cent bombing accuracy in 56 straight attacks upon bridges, supply dumps and troop concentrations in enemy-occupied Italy to set what is believed to be a world's record for precision bombing.

MONUMENT

There were 54 present in Sunday school this week. Those on the sick list are Mrs. Raymond Young, Jimmie McCloskey, Mrs. Lena Wilson and Leanna Perrot. Jimmy Guyer had his small truck made into a station wagon to haul the dayshift workers to Sylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jess McCloskey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dickey and family were Sunday visitors in Beech Creek, R. D. Miss Jean Hanley and Mrs. Alvin Hanley left Friday for Maryland to see Pvt. ANTH Hanley who is to be sent overseas. Mrs. Willis Mayes and family attended the funeral last Sat. of his brother, Cleveland (Goldie) Mayes of Mill Hill. Weldon Hanley is recovering from an ailment of the leg. He is unable to work. Petty Officer Thomas Gummo is home on leave from the Navy. He is engaged to marry Barbara Mayes of Mill Hill, R. D.

Pine Grove Soldier Upped In Rank

The promotion of Ivan L. Dodd, 19, of Grove Mills, Pa., from the grade of corporal to sergeant, has been announced at the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress base in England. Sgt. Dodd, tall gunner on a Fort, is participating in heavy bombardment attacks on vital industrial and military installations deep in Nazi Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dodd, Pine Grove Mills. He joined the AAF in February, 1944.

Paint Brushes

Wash a used paint brush in turpentine or gasoline followed by soap and water, preferably naphtha soap. Rinse in clear water and then press the bristles into shape.

Poets' Corner

THE FROZEN BATHROOM Old winter, how I've always loved you, With your snow-capped hills and trees; But our friendship here we'll sever, If you let our bathroom freeze. Thrice this week you've been so cruel, Which to me was quite a strain; When you stuck those icy fingers Right down through that leaden drain. So let this be the last time, Or to Southlands we shall go; To the land of warmth and sunshine, Where there is no ice nor snow. There to bask in the ocean's breeze Where their bathrooms never freeze. —Mrs. W. J. Hackenberg.

PRAYERS

I may go on in a nonchalant way And folks think I don't care; But each moment and hour of the day I breathe a silent prayer. A silent prayer for your safety And hope the day will soon come, When you will be free, to return to me, And those you love at home. I pray that wherever you go, God will watch over you And guide your footsteps right In everything that you do. In all your trials and troubles Always call on Him, For He is always beside us, Though sometimes our faith grows dim. He is always beside us Throughout life's troubles and woes; Always there to help, No matter where we go. —Mrs. Leoline Smith.

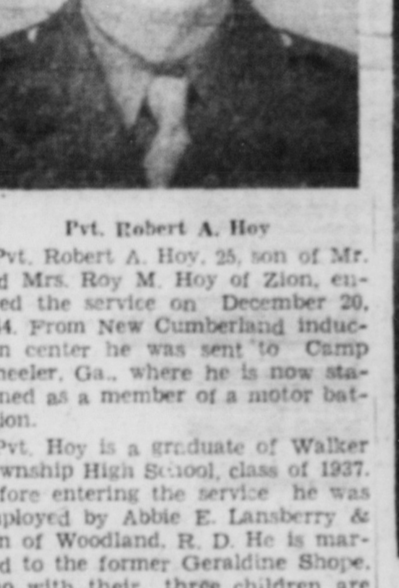
WINTER

When we sit by our firesides so cozy and warm With friends both young and old, How oft we forget the sorrows and cares That abound in this world so cold. There are many deprived of comfort and cheer, And who look with dread on the snow, Where poverty stares them in the face And winter spells misery and woe. The winter with its ice and snow-capped hills, So inviting for frolic and fun, To coast, to ski, whatever you will, From morning 'til set of the sun. Oh, winter, with your snow-capped mountains so white And your sun-kissed blanket of snow, Sparkling in the valley so brilliant and bright Like millions of gems all aglow. Why should some be hungry and ragged and cold, When there's so much to give and spare? They all should be happy with food and warmth If we would but do our share. So let's all do our bit and a helping hand lend To tide the needy ones o'er; We shall all be happier as time rolls on And enjoy our winter far more. —Mrs. W. J. Hackenberg, Rebersburg, Pa.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

George G. McKinley, et ux, to M. Francis High, of Milesburg, tract in Milesburg, \$4,000. James Kolassa, et al, to William P. Sullivan, of Connelville, tract in Snow Shoe Twp., \$1. First National Bank of State College, to Robert Warburton Miller, et al, of Tyrone, tract in Harris Twp., \$1. Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to Ray Francis McMurtrie, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D., tract in Spring Twp., \$1. John P. Kimport, et ux, to Emery C. Jury, et ux, of State College, tract in Harris Twp., \$1. Wilbur A. Houts, et ux, to Emery C. Jury, et ux, of Boalsburg, tract in Harris Twp., \$1. George F. Robison, et ux, to Wray A. Reed, et ux, of Pine Grove Mills, tract in Ferguson Twp., \$1. A. R. Lee, to Wilbur A. Houts, et ux, of State College, tract in Harris Twp., \$1. James H. Reed, et ux, to George F. Robison, et ux, of Pine Grove Mills, tract in Ferguson Twp., \$1. J. W. Shook, et ux, to Clarence C. Dobson, et ux, of Walker Twp., tract in Boggs Twp., \$1. Sadie M. Wilenzik, to Phillipsburg Motor Sales, Inc., of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$5,200. William B. Lucas, et ux, to Violet Beck Adams, et ux, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$1. Charles R. Gearhart, et ux, to Helen S. Bottorf, of State College, tract in State College, \$1. William T. Bradford, et ux, to Nittany Packing Co., of Reedsville, tract in Potter Twp., \$1. William Summers, to Oscar J. Summers, of Boggs Twp., tract in Boggs Twp., \$20. Lindley H. Dennis, et ux, to Howard C. Fetterolf, of Camp Hill, tract in Gregg Twp., \$1. Charles H. Shaffer, et ux, to Gordon L. Huey, et ux, of Miles Twp., tract in Miles Twp., \$4,500. Lester L. Fehr, et ux, to Robert K. Vierick, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, \$1. Theodore B. Haupt, to Bruce Krumrine, et ux, of Spring Twp., tract in Spring Twp., \$3,000. Jared M. Stover, to Rankin Tate, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, tract in Spring Twp., \$1. Earl Crut, et al, to Frank N. Hull, et ux, of Patton Twp., tract in Patton Twp., \$1. John H. Wallin, et ux, to Michael Patrick, Jr., et ux, of Ocoola Mills, tract in Rush Twp., \$500. Elmer E. Vaughn, by heirs, to Elmer Reed, et ux, of South Phillipsburg, tract in South Phillipsburg, \$1. Centre County Commissioners, to Clarence A. Haupt, et al, of Bellefonte, tract in Miles Twp., \$6. G. Edward Haupt, et ux, to Clarence A. Haupt, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, \$300. Rebecca Stover, by executors, to Walter P. Fetterolf, of Madisonburg, tract in Miles Twp., \$7,750. Clement H. Rosenberry, to Stanley N. Rosenberry, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, \$1. Balser Weber, by adm., to Alton Sulzenberger, of Howard Twp., tract in Howard Twp., no consideration given. J. T. Reed, et ux, to George A. Reed, et ux, of Pine Grove Mills, tract in Ferguson Twp., \$1. First National Bank of State College, to William Dean Corman, et ux, of Wilkinsburg, tract in Harris Twp., \$1.

Bickel Brothers Serve Overseas



Cpl. Nelson R. Bickel, 26, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bickel of Bellefonte, was inducted into service July 26, 1943. From New Cumberland reception center he was sent to Camp Ellis, Ill., and placed in the Quartermaster Bakery Division of Supplies. After receiving his preliminary training at that post, he was granted a 10-day furlough in November, 1943, which he spent with his wife, the former Daisy Boob of Spring Mills, and his parents in Bellefonte. In December, 1943, he was sent overseas and stationed in England. While there he and his brother, Cpl. Kenneth Bickel, had the pleasure of spending several weekends together, which both boys greatly enjoyed. Later Cpl. Nelson was sent into France, and recently was inducted into the army January 19, 1944, and at New Cumberland was assigned to the Field Artillery and was sent to Camp Gruber, Okla. Later he was sent to a field artillery observation school at Fort Sill, Okla., and in August 1944, was sent overseas, arriving in England.

On German Front



Cpl. Eugene Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Burns, of Bellefonte, R. D., was inducted into the army January 19, 1944, and at New Cumberland was assigned to the Field Artillery and was sent to Camp Gruber, Okla. Later he was sent to a field artillery observation school at Fort Sill, Okla., and in August 1944, was sent overseas, arriving in England. From there he was sent into France, then Holland, and for the past three months has been in active duty on the front in Germany. Cpl. Burns is married to the former Dollie Houser, daughter of "Squire and Mrs. Abram Houser of Rockview. His wife and three-months-old son are residing at her parental home.

State College Pilot In Thick of Scrap

Second Lieutenant Clayton J. Smith, 402 S. Frazier street, State College, was flying as pilot of a B-26 Marauder when Pocke-Wulf 109s and Messerschmitt 109s rose to challenge the American medium bombers during a bombing mission to Germany. For 20 minutes the Marauders battled the German fighters attempting to keep them from bombing the important railroad bridge located at Mayen. During the aerial fight Marauder guns knocked down four fighters and probably destroyed four others which were seen smoking and falling during the scrap. After fighting off the German interceptors, the medium bombers flew through intense flak before they unloaded their bombs on the bridge, one of the main links in the supply line to front line Nazi troops.

Homemade Paste

More satisfactory than either flour or cornstarch paste is one made with potato finely grated. Add boiling water enough to make it clear and then boil for five minutes.

Awarded Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster

Corporal John Yecina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignas Yecina, of Clarence, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic services. When line trouble threatened to disrupt communications during a critical phase of combat, John Yecina went forward under heavy enemy artillery fire to re-establish communications. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to locate wire breaks, which he efficiently and rapidly repaired. This valuable service contributed materially to the restoration of communication within the battalion and aided in the successful completion of the engagement. Later the Oak Leaf Cluster was added to the Bronze Star Medal. Corporal John Yecina also has a brother, Sgt. Ignas Yecina, serving in the South Pacific. The greatest threat to the development of democracy in the United States is the tactics of organized minorities.

COUNTY MAN'S WINTER HOME IN ITALY



Putting the finishing touches on their home, "Rest Haven," are left to right, Cpl. George F. Williams, Port Matilda, welding a wire brush; 1st Sgt. Robert W. Fisher, Mahanoy City, tarring the roof; S/Sgt. Norman J. Geary, St. Louis, Mo., sweeping; Sgt. George Thuleson, Perth Amboy, N. J., painting the water drain; Pfc. Alfred P. Morse, Covington, La., chopping wood; Cpl. Mark Bales, Richmond, Va., nailing reinforcing slats to the roofing; Pfc. Nathan Lieblich, Brooklyn, N. Y., just kibitzing. Men of a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator group commanded by Col. Phil-

A. Hawes, Pearl River, N. Y., are planning on a long, cold, wet winter in "Sunny Italy" and to make life as comfortable as possible, many are building semi-permanent homes on their base. Among those who are well-prepared for anything in the way of adverse weather are Cpl. Williams and his buddies who have built "Rest Haven," a GI two-room apartment with almost all the modern conveniences. The architecture of the dwelling has been influenced largely by the Italian peasant style. As a matter of fact, Italian masons erected the

walls, which are of "tufa brick," rough cut sandstone blocks used in local masonry. Lacking cement, a lime and water combination served as mortar. Lime also served as a base for the whitewash daubed inside the walls. Unlike the Italian home, which is seldom heated, the men have made stoves of old gasoline drums, which also play a part in the system of running water the men plan to install soon. "It's true," says Cpl. Williams, "that there's no place like home, but Italy is home until the Axis crumbles, so we'll make the best of it."