

PATTON BRIEFS

A total of 712 eighteen year olds registered in Cambria county outside Johnstown for military service during December, and Johnstown registered 288. The Cresson board had 165, and the Ebensburg board 142.

Richard E. Lacey, third class gunner's mate, has been transferred from Newport, R. I., to Brooklyn, N. Y., and recently returned to his base after spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lacey.

Corp. William A. Burkey of Camp Forrest, Tenn., spent an eight-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burkey. The Burkeys have another son, Morris, serving overseas.

Ensign Joseph C. Sharbaugh, Butler, who is with the U. S. Naval Reserve, visited his mother, Mrs. F. C. Sharbaugh at Ebensburg, and his sisters in Patton over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Krug of Newport, R. I., announce the birth of a daughter, December 23. Mrs. Krug was the former Miss Mary Westrick of Patton. Her husband is a physical director in the U. S. Navy.

Pvt. Alvin Miller of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, spent a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. Savilla Miller, of East Carroll Township.

The February meeting of the Patton Music Club will be given in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, February 12th at 8:15 P. M.

Staff Sergeant Patrick J. McLaughlin of the U. S. Air Corps, stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., spent a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin.

Miss Ruth Colberg of Elkton, Md., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colberg.

Mrs. Christopher Gafola and son, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Gafola's mother, Mrs. Ann Lutzinger of Mellon avenue.

Pvt. Joe McCloskey of Camp Meade Md., spent a few days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCloskey.

Pvt. Gilbert Fregly of LaGuardia Air Port, New York, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fregly.

Pvt. Maurice Huber, of Gulfport Field, Mississippi, recently spent a furlough at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Huber announce the birth of a daughter at the Miller Hospital Wednesday, December 30. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Seaman second-class Sandy Cammarata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Cammarata, of this place, former employee of the Press-Courier, spent a few days leave here last week.

ceived his Silver Wings and was promoted to instructor Sergeant, Edmund McDermott, son of Mrs. Mary McDermott of Fifth avenue, has entered the military service and is now stationed at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

Pfc. John A. Psioda, of Fort Bragg, N. C., has returned to his station after a holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Psioda.

Sgt. James Stevens has returned to Camp Forrest, Tenn., after spending an eight day furlough with relatives and friends in the north of the county.

A letter from Pvt. George Forsyth addressed to the editor, informs us that he is now located in California, and that he has gained 25 lbs. since beginning his army service.

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Washington, D. C.

'INSIDE' HERO STORY

Behind the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to 31-year-old Lieut. Com. Bruce McCandless of the U. S. Cruiser San Francisco is a story almost without parallel in the annals of naval warfare.

Inside fact is that shortly before he was cited for heroism "above and beyond the call of duty," in the smashing November 13 Solomons naval victory, McCandless wasn't sure whether he would be decorated or hauled on the carpet for insubordination.

His citation was one of glittering generalities, but here is the whole story of what happened: McCandless was on the bridge of the San Francisco when it led a spectacular assault between two columns of Jap vessels, firing point-blank at both.

In the roaring 35-minute engagement, Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, commander of the task force, and Capt. Cassin Young, skipper of the San Francisco, were killed, as well as other officers outranking McCandless.

The young lieutenant commander did not notify superior officers on other vessels in the task force of Callaghan's death, but immediately took command and began giving orders to the other vessels in Callaghan's name.

Ordinarily, this would constitute a rank breach of discipline. However, McCandless acted as he did for two reasons: (1) He was thoroughly familiar with the plan of attack, having been present at strategy powwows of Callaghan and Young when it was mapped out, and he feared there might be a slipup in carrying out the daring task maneuver if the command passed to another ship after Callaghan's death.

(2) It was vital to keep the news of Callaghan's death from the Japs, and they undoubtedly would have intercepted the radio communication.

After the engagement, when a friend suggested that he might be decorated for his brilliant "incognito" leadership, McCandless is quoted as replying that he would be lucky to get off without a "court martial." However, the navy was only too glad to give praise where praise was due.

Mel Maas of Minnesota, who is both marine corps colonel and congressman, has two mementos from the Solomons—a 50-yrn Jap note and a 10-shilling note of Jap invasion money.

Maas got the money off dead Jap soldiers. The other day he was displaying it to Representative Gordon Canfield of New Jersey and two British WRENS, comparable to our WAVES, who were having lunch with Canfield in the house restaurant.

The WRENS, Third Officers Dorothy Taite and Elizabeth Gibson, were especially interested in the yen note, which was covered with bright-colored designs and pictures.

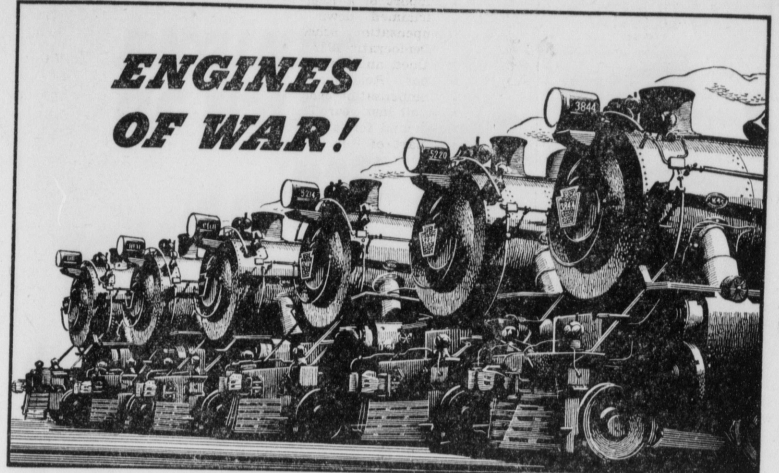
"Be sure to give that money back to me," said Maas. "I have big plans for it." "Yes, these notes will make a wonderful souvenir to show your grandchildren," commented one of the WRENS.

"Souvenir—nothing," exclaimed Maas. "I'm keeping that money to spend in Tokyo."

GUARDING THE WHITE HOUSE The White House called Speaker Sam Rayburn the other day, asked him to come in to see the President, bringing with him a group of congressmen of his own choosing.

When they arrived at the front gate of the White House, in the speaker's car, the chauffeur said to the Secret Service men: "This is the speaker and members of congress."

The guards were skeptical. "The speaker is all right, but how about these other men?" Whereupon they insisted upon a personal examination of the other members of congress.



Lined up here, in smart military formation, is a "squad" of the mighty locomotives that work night and day for Uncle Sam. Passenger engines, their specific job is to move troops. And, with the aid of other locomotives, they are doing this at a rate of over a million troops a month!

To the right are their comrades-in-arms, freight locomotives. Their job is to haul war materials. And they are moving 1,250,000 tons of freight a mile every minute of a 24-hour day!

Of course, to keep up a war pace like this requires the railroads to give right-of-way and a very large part of their passenger and freight equipment continuously to the war effort.

Naturally, under the circumstances, service to the public cannot be all that either you or we would like it to be. Trains may be late. Accommodations and seats may be hard to get. But—with the cooperation of travelers and shippers, the Office of Defense Transportation, the Army, the Navy and Government agencies—the railroads are doing, and will continue to do, everything within their power to provide the best service possible to the public in the midst of the greatest war civilization has ever known.

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THINKING STRAIGHT

BY RUTH TAYLOR

In our hurry, in our patriotic fervor, in our zeal to be of service at this crucial hour, we must not overlook the fact that there is a need to think as well as act. Just as we drop peace-time luxuries from our lives, just as we concentrate all our efforts on work that will help in winning this war against the posers of drakness—so must we think straight toward our goal, so we must drop fears, prejudices, petty hatreds and personal preferences from our mind.

Now most of all must we learn to think straight. Elmer Davis, the director of war information, made a statement some time ago which every one of us who fight for democracy must well remember: "Not only does our future, and probably the world's future, depend on our ability to fight straight through to victory, it depends as well on our ability to think straight through to the end of the war and afterwards."

This is a time of complete reorientation. We must realize that even history is speeded up these days. The changes that are taking place are rapid and we must be able to keep up with them mentally, and adjust ourselves to the idea that the way we had thought things out may not be the best way to work things through.

We must ruthlessly discard old habits of thought. We must think in broader terms. We must praise the right action—no matter who does it; and we must condemn the wrong, no matter whose it is. We must not detour for selfish motives, whether that selfishness be a selfishness of an individual or a group. We must think straight through toward the high end of victory both of the war and of the peace, and we must recognize the source of all efforts to divide us and create hates and dissension.

We must not be led astray by those who are seeking their own personal gain or the fulfillment of their ambition in this war or the satisfaction of their grudges and hates. We cannot even afford to spend time hating them. We have our job to do—and we must think straight to it.

We have a mental code to guide us. The four freedoms are not just a state of mental policy, but a challenge to all of us, a call to the minds of men to think straight through to these goals, and put them into practical application—not merely at some future date when victory rests on our banners, but here and now in our daily lives.

The war will be won by those who have fought straight through to the victory of the United Nations. The peace will be won by those who have thought straight through to the victory of the Four Freedoms.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN STATE TAKE FIRST AID COURSES OF RED CROSS Over 427,000 Pennsylvanians—most of them civilian defense volunteers—received Red Cross first aid certificates during the first year of the war, compared to only 39,618 the preceding year, it has been announced.

Cross, which enrolled 1,009 nurses for military duty during the year, reported these home front activities: A total of 8,500 victims in 11 disasters were aided with \$228,000 in local and national funds.

Volunteer special service workers made 2,495,256 garments and 9,000,000 surgical dressings. A total of 122,750 blood donations were received at permanent centers in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

Trained and certified were 4,888 aides to assist regular nurses in 188 hospitals and agencies. The Red Cross also reported that 1,176,298 members answered the annual roll call compared with 737,676 the previous year. Receipts for local purposes totaled \$1,882,000 compared with \$1,370,700 the preceding year.

By buying war stamps and war savings bonds you save for yourself, and help finance the victory which we must have.

Charter No. 14263. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT PATTON, of Patton, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the Close of Business on Dec. 31, 1942, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS Loans and Discounts \$306,990.08 United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed 213,256.04 Obligations of States and political subdivisions 19,381.96 Other bonds, notes and debentures 81,297.76 Corporate stocks (including \$2,800.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 3,802.00 Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection 133,485.06 Bank premises owned \$18,266.94; furniture and fixtures \$1,213.95 19,480.89 Real estate owned other than bank premises 1.00 Other assets 1,440.05 Total Assets \$779,134.84

LIABILITIES Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 230,873.37 Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations 289,585.47 Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 38,033.30 Deposits of states and political subdivisions 81,835.20 Deposits of banks 5,000.00 Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) 10,191.98 Total Liabilities \$655,519.32

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS Capital stock: Common stock, total par \$ 50,000.00 Surplus 42,000.00 Undivided profits 21,615.52 Reserves (and retirement fund for preferred stock) 10,000.00 Total Capital Accounts \$123,615.52 Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts \$779,134.84

MEMORANDA (a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities \$ 95,638.76 (b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement) 14,379.40 Total Secured liabilities: (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law \$105,686.20 Total \$105,686.20

State of Pennsylvania, County of Cambria, ss: I, Francis X. Young, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) FRANCIS X. YOUNG, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1943.

VINCENT A. HUBER, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: (Signed) G. A. Lehman, E. Paul Hoover, James G. Zahursky.

MISS HELEN WESTRICK, OF NEAR PATTON, IS BRIDE OF WARRANT OFFICER GRAY

Miss Helen Westrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westrick of Patton, R. D., became the bride of Warrant Officer J. Holmes Gray at a ceremony performed on December 21, in the Catholic chapel at Langley Field, Virginia.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Langley Field. The bride was attired in a blue velvet suit with pink accessories and wore a corsage of pink rosebuds. She also wore the necklace that has been worn by brides in her mother's family for the last five generations.

Mrs. Gray is a teacher in the Emma public schools. Her husband is a son of Mrs. Martha Holmes Gray of Spangler.

—There is no better time than now to renew your subscription to the Union Press-Courier.

Doughboys Palsy Walsy With Algerian Natives



U. S. doughboys get along fine with the natives in whatever remote part of the world the fortunes of war have carried them. This sound-photo shows a group of United States soldiers entertaining several natives in Algeria, North Africa. They are shown passing out smokes to their new friends.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

The Germans are trying to scare Franco out of making a commercial deal to sell us certain critical materials which have been going to Germany.

Practically every young officer in the navy department here is asking for active duty, and many are getting it. Waves of WAVES are replacing them.

The Pennsylvania Quaker village of Swarthmore is subscribing for a bomber to bear the name "Swarthmore."

Road conditions are icy in sections.