My dear Editor:

New Year.

so long ago", said she.





THE OUTPOST

Where those at home and the men and women in the armed services from the Back Mountain Region—in camps and on the fighting fronts—keep contact with their fellows throughout the world.

way out here in the jungles.

Letter Of The Week

I know you will be interested in learning that your paper can be quite a morale builder as well as other things,

Yesterday, while on my tour of duty, I picked up a piece

of paper lying in the brush and started to read it. (We

read everything we can get our hands on out here.) I no-

ticed James Oliver's ad first thing and said to myself,

"Could this be—'way out here?" I know Oliver, through my connection with C. I. T. Corporation, and that ad

brought back pleasant memories. Well, I read on; it was

only one sheet of paper, and I noticed names I knew as well

as places, and what pleasant memories welled up inside of

me—I felt close to home for a little while. Incidentally.

the name of your paper was obliterated, but the date said September 24, 1943.

mentarily, but is it Howard Risley? I know your wife,

Myra, and the Smiths and a good many people around Dal-

las-Mike Kuchta, the Dairy Owner, (names-my, I'm ter-

rible on names), your amiable plumber-big fellow, Atty.

Jurchak and many others and Dallas seems almost like

home, although I've been away from the valley for some

the latest papers. With more "stuff" we could do even bet-

ter and get home so much sooner. Keep those factories

My best wishes to you and my friends for a successful

Regards, Carl J. Kasper, Ist Lt.,

Somewhere in the South Pacific

Well, we're doing a job out here, as you can gather from

You will forgive me if I say your name escapes me mo-





FROM FIELDS AFAR

On Sardinia and No Heat Dear Editor:

because he is so interested in read- write a long letter letting you know ing the paper, it is high time some- how pleased I was to get them. The one knows about it. It's the same old both of them were old papers, but I story, I've been going to write but sure did enjoy reading them. The didn't, anyway, I'm doing it now, so one was published September 17th that's what counts. The Post has and the other one October 1st, so followed me from the East Coast you can see that they were old. of U. S. to the West Coast and then They were the first ones I got in back again. Now it's a regular call- about three months and I sure read er over here. I got my copies while them from cover to cover. I believe in Africa and it is back on schedule I know everything in both of them

here on the island. We are stationed will take some time for me to get about five miles apart. Sure was them, since I am so far away. I was good to see someone from our sec- thinking for a while that I wasn't tion of the country. I have been going to get any more. But I and doing some flying with the squad- most of the boys know by now that ron of which Glenn is a member. the Post always gets there, even if ington. By the time this reaches you we'll it is a little late. I would rather probably have been flying together. have them late than not at all. A

doing.

Ward S. Yorks, Capt.,

Somewhere in Sardinia. steadily from now on. • We can understand how a fel- Now I will take time and tell you low could keep warm reading Es- about myself and what we are doquire, but for the life of us, we ing. It is very hard to tell much can't imagine anything very hot in about what we are doing, but I will down on my running any more pic- ideas. So for myself, I am fine. I was tures of pin-up girls, but I've got sick with a cold for a while, but I for two days of West Center street, Shavertown, School. "That was many years ago", said the editor. "Oh, not a couple of dandies on the wall soon got over it, and I sure was for two days.

In The South Pacific

Dear Sir:

copy of the Dallas Post which I re- of anything else to do. I have hit Victoria, Kansas. A graduate of the ceived here today. I have been plan- K. P. and guard several times since Air Force Technical school, at Amarning to enter a subscription for the I have been here, but there isn't illo, Texas, and Boeing Flying Fort-Post, but we have been moving anything to them. I love K. P. That ress School, at Seattle, Washington, around so much that I never got around to it. The Post contains just would know me now because I are about everything that I am interested in as far as events back home fatter than I was the last time I at Hazard Wire Rope Co., until he are concerned and that makes it was home. It must have done me enlisted on November 2, 1942. doubly welcome. I've never had the good to come over here. But still pleasure of meeting you and I don't there is no place like the Back Mountain region. I will always say Lands In England . . . know exactly what to talk about but I'll try to tell you something about this place.

trees grow all over the place and service now. Would you please let he is serving with a mobile antiour huts are built under the trees. me know how many of the boys are aircraft group. The huts are screened so as to be in service from the Class of '40? as cool as possible, but in spite of That sure was the top class of Lehthe open-air effect, they're plenty man. If you don't believe me, ask warm. Since we're right on the the rest of them. I guess most of beach, swimming is popular. We are them are in by now. here so there's nothing to complain Well, since I can't think of any about. We have a Barber Shop, Li- more I will close for this time. I brary, Post Exchange and movie. hope to receive the Post steadily The pictures at the movie change from now on and thanks a lot again daily and it's free, so we go almost for sending it.

every night. The natives are very interesting. tion. We're doing our best to learn turned one in for me. Guess you the native language, but as yet know who. we're not doing so well. The natives do our laundry for a nominal fee body. and their work is excellent. They don't know much about the way to wash clothes, though. Their method beat them with a club, so they don't Martha claims the class of 1942 is to lay the clothes on rocks and last very long. The best part of the was better, but I notice she got a laundry deal is the service. We send V-mail leter this morning from a

it if you would change it.

Sincerely, Russell Greenwood, Somewhere in the South Pacific,

Via V. . -Mail. · No formal introduction necessary, Rus. "Back Mountain" is the Dear Mr. Risley: three weeks. That's how hard the to let you know how much it is ap- Donald Misson manpower shortage has hit them. preciated. Now my conscience will Theodore Busch Hope to hear from you again soon. be more at ease.

| a V Mail letter since I have been here, but since I received two pa-When a fellow lets the fire go out pers today, I thought I'd better by heart. I hope I will receive them Last week I met Glenn Loveland steadily from now on. I suppose it Good luck and keep up the fine person sure can get a lot of home work of keeping us "Posted" on town news and where his pals are who's where and what they are in service and a lot of other important news out of it. So at this time I want to thank you for sending them and I hope to receive them

above my desk. Thanks for a letter glad of it. There sure have been a lot of boys having bad colds. I guess lt's Sgt. Davis Now . . . that. I have been in a lot of states Mrs. Robert J. Pritchard, of Sha-

Posts For Soldiers' Coupon. I be- boys in service, so we are printing birthday on November 2nd, is a and certainly beauties.

Yours truly, Albert or "Pete" Mekeel, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

our laundry out one day and get it guy stationed in England who was back the next day. After the service in the class of 1940 and signs his in the states, this is quite a treat. name "Pete". She appeared thrilled. I noticed in my address that the She'll answer her letter privately, A. P. O. was wrong. We have a new but I'll answer mine here. She'll A. P. O. now, so I would appreciate also include the names of the fellows in service from the class of 1940 in her letter to that other "Pete" and whose writing looks very much like that on the letter I received.

Somewhere In Italy.

password to anything we've got, and At long last, here it is. It doesn't Raymond F. Sutton anything you write us. I notice you take long after a fellow gets at it, | Carl Misson are with the Finance Disbursing Sec- but the thing is to get started. If it George V. Dymond tion, which sounds like it ought to hadn't been for my wife, I suppose Harold L. Brobst be a popular job. There are lots of I would have written sooner, but Joseph W. Garrity Kingston Township boys out your seeing as she gave you my new James Roberts way. Keep an eye open for them. address and I still receive the Post | James Fehlinger Your mother gave us your address. (even though it takes a little longer William P. Oberst Enjoyed your comments on laundry to get to me than it did back in the William J. Hill service. Local dry cleaners will States) I guess I kind of made ex- Alden W. LeGrand promise nothing in less than two to cuses to myself and put off writing Jay Gould

Even the two fellows I work with, William E. Simpson one from Indiana and the other James L. Campbell from Minnesota, read it. Newspapers | Percy J. Higgins are kind of scarce over here and Allen D. Pritchard Well, I thought I'd better write a any news is good news, even though | George Yanek (Continued on Page Three) few lines to you tonight. I sent you

CONTACT For Service

William Dymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dymond, of Shavertown, was among the selectees accepted for the Army this week.

Men

A/C Richard Warner, of Miami, Fla., is home on leave to visit his mother, Mrs. Calvin Warner, who is seriously ill.

Lt. John S. Rhinehimer, M. C., has been transferred from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., to the 76th General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash-

Sgt. Darwin Husted returned to Fort Bragg, N. C., after spending a ten-day furlough with relatives in Idetown and his sister, Miss Ruth Husted, at Kingston.

Birthday congratulations to Pvt. Alfred Smith and Cpl. John Ondish from the folks at home.

William G. Lloyd, F. 1/C, with son about a year old and is a Lieutenant with the Army Air the U. S. Fleet in the Atlantic, re- Corps on New Guinea. Needless to say the editor—and Myra turned to duty after visiting his especially were thrilled with this letter, for Carl, you see, was

the change of climate has been get- | Clifford "Bud" Davis, son of Mr. ting them. We have had several and Mrs. Thomas Davis, of Dallas, hikes and I have pulled through has been promoted from corporal to Thank you very much for the them O. K. We haven't had much sergeant at Walker Army Air Field, would know me now, because I am man High School and was employed

since I have been in the Army and vertown, has received word that We're located on the beach of a I will take good old Back Mountain. her husband, Sgt. Robert Pritchard, her nice island. Cocoanut palm I suppose most of the boys are in has arrived safely in England, where

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PUT THESE IN YOUR BIRTHDAY BOOK!

Enclosed you will find the Free the birthdays of the Back Mountain the Field Artillery. haven't the address or do not know England during September, and ferred to Camp Polk, La. where to get it, just call Dallas 300 and ask for Martha.

> Jan. 21 Madara W. Krieger Jan. 21 Harry E. Metzgar Leon F. Wazeter Jan. 21 Jan. 22 Goodwin P. Hilbert Jan. 23 Glenn E. Ehret Jan. 25 Frank R. Klug Jan. 25 Denzil J. Morrett Jan. 26 Harold H. Holcomb Jan. 26 Roy Schultz Jan. 27 G. Wesley Cave Jan. 28 Robert C. Pogar Jan. 29 Loren Fiske Jan. 29 Kenneth P. Jones George S. Race Jan. 30 William Sayre, Jr. Feb. 3 Feb. Richard W. Prynn Feb. Feb. Feb. Feb. Feb. Feb. Feb. Feb. 10 Feb. 11 George Kromelbein

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T/SGT. KENNETH E. DAVIS

PFC. TED. B. DAVIS

Ted B. Davis, sons of Jennie Baird ed his fifth mission over enemy ter-Davis, of Alderson, are doing their ritory. Ken says the boys are treatpart for Uncle Sam, Ken as a gun- ed grand and were given a nice din-We thought you'd like to know ner in the Air Corps, and Ted with ner on Thanksgiving Day and had Dear Mr. Risley: as their guests a number of British Kenneth, who celebrated his 21st children. Their bombers are B-17's thanks is long overdue. I offer no Well, there isn't much more to

The natives are very interesting.

Native boys work on the reserva
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The natives are very interesting. So that you graduate of Lake Township High the future. I know of no fitting way all a very, very happy New Year. will have plenty of time to get a School. He has been in the service School, entered the army on June to express my appreciation for re-Best of regards and luck to every- card and mail it, we will publish one year and three months, and 26th and was with a Field Artillery ceiving the Post other than to say the names four weeks in a row Field, Ill., and gunnery school at Bowie, Texas. After a fifteen-day know how and what the folks are previous to the birthday. If you Laredo Field, Texas. He arrived in furlough in October, he was trans-doing back home these days. I look

Two Sons In Armed Forces



ENSIGN HAROLD W. KOCHER

tended Laketon High School, Ches- (Continued on Page Four) he has run out of material to write



PRIVATE DONALD KOCHER

Ensign Harold W. Kocher and Pri- | brough Seminary, North Chili, N. Lexington. It is just the type of to for a week or so. Feb. 12 vate Donald Kocher, both sons of Y., Bloomsburg State Teachers' Col- weather that makes a fellow wish I'm jumping into maneuvers to-Feb. 14 Mrs. Laura Kocher and the late lege and, before entering the service, that he was back home playing morrow night or sooner, and it Feb. 14 Wallace Kocher, of Lehman, have was employed as Junior Merchan-hockey out on Posten's or Johnson's promises to be full of excitement. We Feb. 15 returned to their duties after short diser by Montgomery Ward and Co., pond. Oh well, maybe we'll be able have actual enemy, and Gen. Arn-Feb. 16 leaves with their mother, being Baltimore. He was stationed at to have some good games next win-old, Gen. Marshall and men from Feb. 16 called home by the sudden death of Quonset Point, R. I., until September | ter. Let's all hope so anyway. Feb. 16 their grandfather, Harry B. Hoover. 6th, 1943, when he entered Harvard When a person starts writing here in these parts of the wilds to

FROM CAMPS AT HOME

On New Ship

Dear Sir: and sure was glad to get it.

You have been having a pretty hard time keeping up to me with all my moving around. I have another new address now which I should on for a while anyway.

would have stuck up their nose and walked away. Enough of that.

I have been working pretty hard the last two weeks, the hardest Dear Editor: Editor's Note: Carl Kasper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles since I've been in this outfit. I've Well, here goes. I finally got Kasper, of Northampton street, Wilkes-Barre. He has a young been cleaning guns, storing ammu- around to dropping you all a line. ing and things like that. I'll be glad | myself for not writing to you more when everything is aboard and the often. I receive the Post every week ship is all set to sail.

Someone told me this place had read every word in it from front to nice sunny days. It has rained every back. day but two since I've been here. The weather has been very Those two days were really hot changeable down here in Norfolk, ones. The land is level as far as one | cold one day and warm the next. all swamp and mud.

It is rather dirty and wrinkled from life sure is grand. carrying it around.

the Post again soon. Thanks again,

Ted Schwartz, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

put 'em back in. If those are mili- field the ball and knock home runs. tary secrets we'll both be hanged. T/Sgt. Kenneth E. Davis and Pfc. when last heard from had complet- ship which sounds like a dandy. -Editor.

Down South In Kentucky

excuse, but I'll try to do better in say right now, except to wish you

the service. it's not original).

town I have wondered where all the soon.—Editor. old gang are now: Irv, Bud, Frank, Ted, Joe, Jack, Lorey, Bob, Al, Vince, Paul, Ed, Jim, Melvy, Ben, Dear Howard: Johnny and all the rest. To many I've just finished reading the Post of the folks this may seem like just which arrived in tonight's mail call. a list of names, but I'm sure that It sure was great getting the home each of the fellows will know who I news after being without it for sevmean.

Feb. 16 Ensign Harold W. Kocher at- University, where he recently grad- about the weather, that means that watch action. It's been all excite-

about, doesn't it? That's just about what I've done. . . . In signing off, I guess I'll start the New Year out I hope all the folks back home had right by writing to you and thank- a very Merry Christmas and the ing you for the Post. I received the happiest of New Years. Thanks paper for the week of December 17th again for the Post, it's really swell.

Respectfully, Pfc. Milt J. Evans, Co. C, 1548th S. U., Box 2038, U. of Ky., Lexington, Kentucky.

keep for the duration. I hope. I'm . Nice to hear from you, Milt. on board ship now and hope to stay We've been having lots of cold weather so that the snow hasn't I have been in Texas two weeks melted for the past three weeks, all now, having left Norfolk two weeks of which has spoiled some of the ago today. I sure was glad to get best skating in years. Just the other out of there. I am in a little town day I got a swell new travel booklet of Orange, only 65,000 population. on Kentucky from the Motor Club, The people are very nice to the with many fine pictures of Lexingservicemen. It sure is nice the way ton and the blue grass country. It's they treat you here, compared with one of the many states I've never Norfolk. They will talk to you and visited, but one that is going to be tell of points of interest, amuse- a "must" on my list after the war ment centers and things like that. is over. Here's hoping you get a If I would have asked anyone in chance to see the historic spots as Norfolk of any place to go, they well as some of the thoroughbreds.

Married Life Is Great

nition, taking stores aboard, paint- I will admit that I feel ashamed of and enjoy it very, very much. I

can see. Around the docks here it is I spend most of my time down here with my wife—that is besides I enclose a story of the ship I am working hours. I got married when on and the officers and crew names. I was home in September. Married

We have a basketball team out at I'll sign off now and hope to get the Depot. As yet our league hasn't started, but we hope to get going right after the first of the year) I think we will have a very good team. I will let you know how it turns out later.

• Ted, we thoroughly enjoyed the We had a championship softball program of the commissioning of team at the depot this year. We your ship which you included in won the trophy. Our record was your letter. The girls here in the thirty-five wins against one loss. office insist on keeping the ship's Not bad for amateurs, eh! We had name secret or I'd publish it for all some very good players on our team the folks to see. They are worse -Tom Hanley, who played third than the army and navy censors, base for the San Rrancisco Seals they even cut Texas and the town last year was our individual star. I of Orange out of your letter, but I've really wish that you all could see him

We also have a great basketball Good luck to you boy, and to your player on our team-Guilbert Streng, who hails from Kingston. He played with the Wilkes-Barre Professional team. What a player! Do you remember Crossin who played for Luzerne in 1941. Well, he has

I am afraid that this note of nothing over this man. What a wow! Corp. L. E. Williams,

> U. S. M. C., 352 Princess Anne Road. Norfolk, Va.

forward to the Post every week, as ing letter, I said to Martha, "Gee, I I'm sure do many other fellows in can't find an L. E. Williams on our mailing list, where does this boy As for myself, and what I have come from?" Martha had all the been doing, I'm afraid that I can't dope at her finger tips. "Mr. Risley", say much. One thing though, life she said, "don't tell me you don't here on the campus is very much know Lem Williams and his twin different than it was back in Camp brother, Harry, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne, La. I have a poem about Edward Williams, of Trucksville. Claiborne around somewhere. I'd They enlisted in the Marine Corps like to send it to you, but I'm together on December 9, 1942. afraid many parts of it would be Harry's in the Canal Zone and Lem unprintable. Here is a poem about and his wife are in Norfolk and I Texas; I'm sure any fellow who has had a nice letter and card from ever been stationed there will them at Christmas". Then it all agree with its sentiments. I clipped dawned on me. Of course I know it out of the school paper here, so the Williams boys and their folks, too. Good luck to both of you and Many times since leaving Shaver- we'll look forward to more letters

Jeronimo

eral weeks. I thought I'd drop you a The last few days it has been line and thank you because if I rather crisp and cool down here in don't do it tonight, I won't be able