



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.



FROM FIELDS AFAR

On Midway

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Respectfully yours, Ziba E. Martin, EM 3/C Somewhere on Midway. It's men like Tom Neyhardt and Bob Girvan and yourself, Ziba, that we're thinking about this week, as well as the kids that are growing up to fill your places in the line. We're raising the money for a Back Mountain Library to make this a better place to come home to and a better place for boys and girls to grow up in. No kiddin' that library is as good as open already. —Editor.

Close To Frisco

Dear Mr. Risley: Just a word as I promised. Received my last two papers about two weeks behind because of the transferring, but ordinarily mail takes about eight days to reach me.

PUT THESE IN YOUR BIRTHDAY BOOK!

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California may be paradise for some, but I would rather be on the East Coast. San Francisco is only ten miles away. Several descriptions have been given of it, but personally the only difference I see from any large city is that it is strictly Navy and as hard and rough as the men it represents. Don't get me wrong, Navy men are perfect and as mild as gentlemen until someone crosses them. The city is the same, having sections where decent clean fun can be had, or sections where fights and murders can be had for the asking. My sincere appreciation to the entire staff of the Post for their undying efforts put into the paper for us of the Armed Services.

Donald C. Smith MM 3/C F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. Don, you'll be proud, I know, to learn that the Back Mountain Region is establishing a library as a permanent memorial to all the men and women in armed service. Watch the Post for developments.—Editor.

With An Old Outfit

Dear Sir: Just a few lines to let you know where I am, and my new address. I'm sorry I didn't write before, but I just couldn't find time. They sure are keeping us busy over here trying to get this mess over a good home.

Well, first of all, as you know by the address, I'm in Sgt. York's old outfit and the fellows here are glad to be in it. It sure is something to be proud of. They are one great bunch of C. M. and officers and they treat us swell.

Well, must close now and run along. I hope I see the paper soon. Yours truly, Pvt. Allen Pritchard Somewhere in France. Don't blame me, Allen, if my answer is brief. We're out this week to raise \$5,000, just a beginning, for a Back Mountain Memorial Library that all of you guys can be proud of.—Editor.

Just Before Christmas

Dear Editor: It seems that the only time I write is when I hit another country. It's Germany now, making it a total of seven countries I've been in since being overseas; I'd say that's getting around. I don't believe Christmas will be a very pleasant one here. About all we can hope for is that we can eat our Christmas dinner without the "Jerries" shelling us.

At the present I'm sweating it out on the front lines and believe me, it's rugged. I thought it was bad in France but it's much worse here. The Germans are fighting harder now that we are in their back yard.

I received the Post today, the first in sometime, a little old but very much enjoyed; thanks a million. Well, guess I'd better close and crawl out of this hole and see what's for supper.

As ever, S/Sgt. Emory Kitchen Somewhere in Germany P. S. Enclosed you will find some German money and some photos taken in France. I'd like to tell you where they were taken but certain censor regulations won't permit it.

That was quite a wad of money, Emory. I know a guy who is going to match it with real American bills to establish a Back Mountain Memorial Library "dedicated as a perpetual, living memorial to the Back Mountain Men and Women who have served in all wars to preserve the American ideal." —Editor.

Will Go To Extremes

Dear Sir: I regret to inform you that I haven't received one copy of the (Continued on Page Six)

CONTACT

For Service Men



Awarded Air Medal

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The Air Medal has been awarded Sgt. Kenneth D. Baldwin, Shavertown, B-17 Flying Fortress radio operator with the 351st Bombardment Group, for "meritorious achievement" on six combat missions over Europe.

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Sgt. Baldwin, 22 years old, worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York before entering the army September 24, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Wilma A. Baldwin, lives at 49 Pioneer Ave.

Wins Citation

Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division—Sgt. Ernest M. Culp, Lehman Ave., Dallas Pa. has received a certificate personally signed by his commanding general honoring him for fighting with the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo.

The honor is a personal salute from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and the Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle.

The Army reckons the Normandy fighting as one campaign, which entitles participants to one star on their theater ribbons, but General Gerhardt's certificate recognizes the unusual toughness of the fighting.

The "Blue and Grey" Division has won two unit citations and its members have been awarded 4,629 personal decorations since the outfit stormed the invasion beaches. The 118th Infantry Regiment was cited for being the first unit into St. Lo.

Ralph Coolbaugh of Endicott, N. Y., former resident of Noxen, has received word that his son, Leland has been missing in action in Germany since December 16. Leland has been overseas since October.

Bombs Them Up

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England—Private First Class Albert Garinger, R.D. 1, Dallas, Pa., an Eighth Air Force ordnance worker, has received the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior and fidelity in the service of the United States."

Pfc. Garinger is a member of the 78th Fighter Group, commanded by Colonel Frederic C. Gray, Abilene, Tex. This group flies P-51 Mustangs escorting heavy bombers and dive bombing and strafing Nazi bridges, airfields, and marshalling yards.

The Pennsylvanian has the responsibility of handling, storing and loading bombs and ammunition for the Mustang fighter-bombers. For safe handling, this requires a thorough knowledge of all characteristics of the bombs and ammunition.

Pfc. Garinger was educated at Lehman High School. His mother, Mrs. Frances Garinger, lives in Dallas.

Wins DSC

With the 2nd Infantry Division in the Siegfried Line—K Company of the 23rd Infantry Regiment lays its claims to fame among other things to the fact that it has three Distinguished Service Cross winners out of the total of nine for the 2nd Infantry Division. Besides this the company has two sergeants who have been commissioned on the field and two men recommended for the Croix de Guerre.

The first to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross was Capt. George R. Mitchell of Luzerne, who went ahead of his assault platoons and wiped out two German

Letter Of The Week

Dear Mother and Dad: Hello, and how are you all? I haven't had any mail from you since I left the states. I guess the Christmas rush, along with moving about as we do, has slowed up the mail service considerably. I certainly hope it will improve after Christmas, for I feel slighted with the meager few letters I have received to date.

Well, Christmas is less than a week away now and I hope you all have a happy holiday. For us over here Christmas is going to be another day of war, and, weather permitting, we will be over Germany with bombs as usual.

Last week I lost my bombardier; Lt. (deleted). It was on December 15th, and we were on a mission southeast of Aachen. He was on his first mission and I was on my second. We were both flying in the same flight, but in different planes with experienced crews. Over the target we dropped our bombs and a bomb from one of our own planes in a higher flight hit his plane and exploded. I was flying quite close to the plane when it was hit, and the explosion hurled bomb fragments, hitting my plane very hard and causing quite a bit of damage. The good Lord was riding with us that day and no one in my plane was hurt much. His plane went down, and I hope, by some miracle they all got out. We made an emergency landing in our plane somewhere in France and got back to our base a few hours before dawn the next morning. The whole thing was a freak accident that never should have happened, but so go the fortunes of war—and war is hell. It's a grim, dirty business, but no matter what comes, we've got to keep going and make the best of it. Don't worry about me for it isn't always so rough, in fact, we have plenty of "milk runs"—our name for a mission when no flak is encountered. We worry more about the weather than we do about being shot at by the Germans.

I've this to say about the war though, the people back in the states will never realize the hardships the boys over here have to go through. I didn't myself, till I got over here and saw for myself. When a G.I. over here picks up a paper and reads about strikes in war plants back in the states, he has every right to feel bitter, and he does.

I'm spending the winter in a tent, but I'm not complaining—I have it soft compared to the boys up on the front lines living in mud. There's still plenty of this war to be fought yet, too. After flying over the front lines I've seen what difficult obstacles our boys have to overcome. Believe I've chattered enough for one evening, so I'll close and write again soon.

Love, Your Son France.

machine-gun crews with his rifle, and 2nd Lt. Ewell L. Smith Jr., 21, Dallas, Texas, who took and objective with six men though wounded and held it till help came.

Men of the company tell the story of a German counter-attack on October 14 in the Siegfried Line which ended in 37 casualties among the defenders.

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One sergeant said, "I guess they didn't know it was K Company or they never would have done it."

Enlists In Navy

Edwin H. Kern, Jr. 18, enlisted in the Navy on January 5th and reported to Sampson for boot-training on the 13th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Sr., of Idetown.

Before enlisting this month, "Bubbe", as he is known to his friends, attended school at St. Mary's, where he was a varsity player on the basketball team. "Bubbe" is well-known through the Back-Mountain region as he drove trucks for his father, a distributor for Bartels' beer. He is next to the oldest of eleven children.

Joseph Girvan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Girvan of Lake street has been promoted to sergeant. Joe is top turret gunner on a B-24. He has completed 14% of his missions.

Joseph Anthony has been honorable discharged from the United States Navy and has returned to his home in Wilkes-Barre.

Pvt. Merle R. Condon husband of Mrs. Merle R. Condon of RFD 1, Dallas, recently completed an intensive course in radio operator-mechanics at the AAF Training Command Radio School, Sioux Falls Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D.

He is now prepared to join the crew of a bomber, or to take up any other radio duties to which the AAF Training Command may assign him.

RUGGLES

An old fashioned sleighride party called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kocher on Sunday afternoon. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brokenshire and son Jimmy, of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Buseck, Mrs. Larry Cornell and sons Dick and Don, Gerry and Carl Smith and Corey Kocher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Kocher and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Nick Cisco on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emory Church of Beech Haven was here to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Etta Shand held at the home of Walter Sorber at Outlet.

Mrs. Harry Jones has returned to her home after spending sometime at Endicott, N.Y. with her son James and family.

FROM CAMPS AT HOME

Meets Friends

Mr. Risley: Just a few lines to let you know my new change of address. Since then I was transferred out of the Armed Guard into the fleet and I am now awaiting reassignment. So far it's not too bad. I ran into Bob McCarty and Harold Dymond a couple of days ago. I thought I was still dreaming. First time I ever ran into anyone from the back mountain since I have been in. Well, I guess I will close now, as I heard chow call and I didn't eat anything this morning.

So Long, Ed Cundiff, S 1/c Shoemaker, Calif.

Remember that night you were in to see me, Ed, and said you wished there was a place in Dallas where you could meet your old friends? Well we're going to have such a place. The ball is rolling for a Back Mountain Memorial Library dedicated to all you boys and girls in service, and next Friday's Post is going to say that \$5,000, enough to buy and renovate a building, has been raised.—Editor.

In Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Risley: I just received my first copy of the Post and it was just like receiving a long letter from home. Words cannot express to you just how much moral lifting your wonderful newspaper brings to me, as well as all the service men and women stationed all over the world. I completed boot-training two months ago. I was fortunate enough to be stationed in the wonderful state of Pennsylvania.

We certainly did learn the Navy way while in boot. It really was a wonderful experience and I will try my utmost to serve my country to the best of my ability by carrying out the Navy rules and regulations. After two weeks at I B M school in New York, I was sent to Philadelphia where I am now doing key punch work. I haven't been home since I've been here, but expect to go there some week end, very soon.

I sincerely appreciate and thank you for the opportunity of receiving your most welcomed newspaper.

Sincerely, Bernadine J. Prushko S 2/c Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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In New Unit

Dear Editor: I wrote to you in December about my change of address. Since then I have received only one paper with my old address on it. I enjoy reading the Post and hope you continue to send it. I will appreciate your changing of my address.

I am still in the same camp, but in a different unit and my rate has also changed. That must be the reason I have not been receiving the Post, so I thought I would write and let you know about it.

Sincerely yours, Edward Owens, S.C. 2/c Shelton U. S. 60 Galley, Norfolk, Va.

Haven't got much time to write this week, Ed. We're out to raise \$5,000, from a hundred men in the Back Mountain Region as a starter toward a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Library in the Back Mountain Region.—Editor.

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