



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

Really Hot
Dear Sir,
I am writing to thank you for sending me the Dallas Post. I have just begun to receive several copies. Of course it has taken several months to get here, but I

PUT THESE IN YOUR BIRTHDAY BOOK!

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- Edwin R. Delaney June 16
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- James A. Oliver July 15
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do get a lot of pleasure reading it. It's unhappy, too, when I read of those killed and missing in action in this terrible conflict. Boys, and the best friends that I grew up with, went through school with, really the best of pals. May we all say a prayer for those they left behind and give them strength to carry on.

I have been out here in the Pacific and have sure hit a good many ports in the last eight or nine months; Colon, Cuba, Panama, New Guinea, Admiral Islands, Manus, Hollandia, Humbolt Bay, Leyte. This tropical weather sure is hot and it really gets me down at times. We have been busy 24 hours a day seven days a week. Got a chance to go to the big city for a 48-hour pass and really felt so sorry, for the people have lost everything.

Will close thanking you again. As ever, Robert Prynne
Philippines Area
Temperature 116 degrees
● Ran your brother Dick's picture in the Post a few weeks ago. Hope you get the issue that it's in. Weather has been very unseasonable here at home. In March we had June weather and in May and June we got the March weather with interest. The wet season has retarded farm crops and gardens and from the looks of things —shortages in meats and other foodstuffs—the fellow who doesn't plant a Victory Garden this season is going to be out of luck. Write when you have time. Good Luck. —Editor.

Kraut Wakes Up
Dear Mr. Risley,
Today I received the April 20 edition of the Dallas Post and only wish I could express my feelings to you for it. After reading it several times it is usually passed around by the boys in my section, and they also enjoy it even though they are not from Pennsylvania; most of them are from New York.
How did the people back there take the great news? Or should I know better than to ask?
Things have slowed up a little over here now, and we have been spending our time cleaning trucks, guns etc., and playing some sports, including softball and volley ball, but so far no football, darn it.
Enclosed is a picture of Bob Pritchard and myself taken last winter in Belgium during the German counter-offensive. It was taken near La Gleigs, Belgium. It's a rather poor one but at present it is all I have had developed.
You will see a slight change in my APO number. Why, I can't say at present. Maybe at a later date I can tell you about it.
I had a rare privilege on V-E Day. You see we were transporting P.W.'s when we got the glad news, and my luck was with me for on my truck was a Kraut that could speak perfect English. So I asked him if he knew the war was over. At first he laughed and said no. He also said it was impossible, but when I showed it to him in black and white (a copy of Stars and Stripes), then is when he woke up out of a nice dream. Later he confessed and said he was rather glad because he had had enough of war. So now he is just another of our P.W.'s.
Well, Mr. Risley, I guess I'll close for now. Thanks again for the Post. I sure enjoy it a lot.
A loyal reader,
Dave Evans
Germany.

● Good work, Dave. Enjoyed your letter a lot and know that the boys down at Coal-O-Matic will get a kick out of it, too. I'm going to see if the engraver can make a good cut out of the picture and if he can we'll use it in the paper. Lots of Luck.—Editor.

Honorably Discharged

Pfc. John McCulloch, son of Mrs. Darl Moore of Jackson street, Dallas, was discharged from the Army on May 14, after four years of service. He lost his right leg as a result of wounds received at St. Lo, France, on July 31, 1944.

CONTACT

For Service Men



Rudolph Baloga Made Private First Class

CALCUTTA, India—Rudolph J. Baloga, son of John Baloga, R.D. 1, Dallas, Pa., has been promoted from private to private first class, it has been announced by his commanding officer.
He has been in the army since September, 1942, and is a long-shoreman. In civilian life, he was a student. His wife is living at 10 Sycamore St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
He has been in the India-Burma theater since November, 1943, serving with a unit of Base Section No. 2. This is the organization which leads military port installations throughout the world in the handling of vitally needed materials of war and is commanded by Brig. Gen. R. R. Neyland.

Wins Advancement

Robert Michael Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patrick, R. D. 3, Dallas, has been advanced to fireman, first class, aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic Fleet. He is a graduate of Dallas Township High School and before entering the Navy he was employed by the Army Engineers at Philadelphia.

With Bombardment Group

Sgt. Charles S. Nicol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Nicol of 90 Center Street, Shavertown, has

To Gold Star Fathers on Fathers' Day

This is to you,
You who have offered up your stalwart sons,
A living sacrifice upon the greedy altar of a Martian god;
To you who go about your daily unremitting toil
In mines, on farms, in offices and shops,
Too proud to weep, but with a certain numbness in your hearts;
This is to you.

Oh think not that the price you paid was dear enough
To guarantee the kind of peace you want;
Think not that fascism lies crushed on Europe's battleground
Because the soil is saturate with the blood of your dear sons.
For fascism is a rampant weed which grows as lushly
Fed by the flesh of free men's sons as from any grosser nutriment;
Remember noxious plants can grow among your victory garden rows,
Nourished by the same nitrate which you sprinkled around your corn.
Nor are these rank intruders native to a foreign soil alone,
But nurtured by the dung of human bitterness and greed,
They may spring up by your own doorstep or in the lot across the way,
And once cut down, if just one living root remains,
A hundred lusty shoots can sucker into being.

Oh, I beg of you, take up this task which they have left to you,
Yours is a sacred trust to keep this garden free from tares,
This is the crop that you must grow, these beautiful flowers,
Freedom from Want,
Freedom from Fear,
Freedom of Speech,
Freedom to Worship God as each may choose.
Oh guard these tender seedlings which they planted with their toil,
And watered freely, gladly, with their blood and sweat and tears.

—Catharine W. Birth
Muhlenburg, Pennsylvania

joined the veteran 457th Heavy Bombardment Group of the Eighth Air Force, somewhere in England. He is completing his training as ball turret gunner of a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Sgt. Nicol is a graduate of Kingston High School. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy L. Nicol, lives in Forty Fort. His brother Robert is serving with the United States Merchant Marine.
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SAFETY VALVE

Regarding Prisoners of War
Editor The Post:

In sending you a copy of the June 1945 issue of "Prisoners of War Bulletin," which for the past two years has been published monthly by national headquarters of the American Red Cross for the benefit of families of American prisoners of war, we invite your attention to the following background information:

1. According to a recent statement made by Carl J. Burckhardt, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in Geneva, Switzerland, Adolf Hitler late in March 1945 gave orders to execute all American and British airmen held captive in Germany. This statement has been substantiated by American prisoners of war, recently liberated and returned by air from Germany, who were in a position to know the facts. Hitler's order was in revenge for the bombing of German cities, particularly Dresden. One important reason why the order was not carried out by German army commanders was because they knew that the American and British governments had faithfully endeavored to carry out their obligations under the Geneva Convention toward enemy prisoners of war.

2. After all the hardships of incarceration in Germany, and apart from normal mortality, over 99 percent of American prisoners of war will return home.

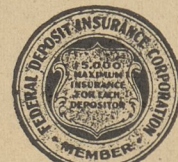
3. Much anxiety appears to have been caused in the United States by the lack of understanding of the difference between concentration camps and prisoners of war camps. The latter, so far as American and other Allied prisoners of war (except Soviet Russian) were concerned, enjoyed the protection of the Geneva Convention. In spite of all their efforts, Swiss delegates

of the International Red Cross were not permitted to visit the concentration camps for German and other European political prisoners and slave laborers. But they regularly visited prisoner of war camps.

4. The fact that over 99 percent of our American prisoners captured by Germany are now returning home, and that the American Red Cross has been able to get to American and other Allied prisoners of war, is due in great part to the correct observance by the
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FROM CAMPS AT HOME

Writes From Blanding
Dear Sir,
I'm writing this letter to thank you for sending me the Post; I have been receiving it very regularly. When I receive it the fellows fight to read it next. I have met some fellows from the Dallas area that are stationed here. I have met Harry Martin, Melvin Compton and many others. The weather is very hot and dry. I'm sorry I haven't written sooner but training has kept me from doing so.

I have finished my 17 weeks basic training here at Blanding. I get a ten-day furlough, then go to Camp Rutgers, Alabama, for advanced training. I am writing this

letter also to let you know that I'm being transferred. I'll be in and see you when I get home. I was glad to see in the Post that Sgt. Louis Achuff is safe and sound.

Well, I'd better tell you who I am. I graduated from Dallas Township in 1944. I was also Master of Ceremonies at the first annual banquet of the Anthracite Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. I also held secretary, treasurer and president of the Future Farmers. My name is Paul Carlin.

I'm very glad to hear that the Back Mountain Library is coming along so well.
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Attention Servicemen!

It is important that you notify The Dallas Post at once if you are discharged from service, win military awards special citations or are wounded. When sending this information will you be sure to specify dates and place where the event took place. The Post's Service File is the only complete community record of the Back Mountain Region's contribution during World War II. It will become invaluable as the years pass as a permanent historical record. You owe it to yourself to have a complete record in that file. Use the coupon below.

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