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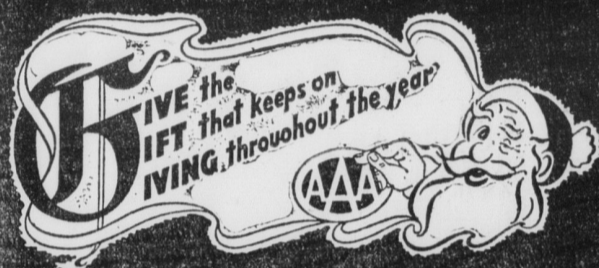
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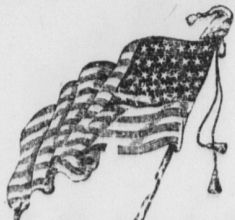
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NEWS about those IN THE SERVICE



Dear Mr. Schroll: I have been receiving the Bulletin regularly for the past year, and have enjoyed it a lot. It keeps a fellow up with the local news in general. I notice there is nearly an entire page devoted to the boys in the service. I was wondering if you would be kind enough to publish this letter for me and a lot of boys in the service who feel the same as I do.

Today I received your paper of Sept. 14th, so you can see it takes quite a while for any news to reach us, and often it is an old story to the folks back home while it is still fresh to us. So, I will cut out and return to you the article I am referring to refresh your memory.

The headlines this week were, "Borough Council Makes Plans For V-Day. Just what is V-Day? As we understand it, it is the day when all fighting stops and all hostilities ends. And it will certainly be a great day. The bands were playing and the crowds cheering when we left, and we would sure like to hear it when we get back. But don't let the people at home think it is still a good way off, and aren't they quite early for such plans. Sure the day is coming without a doubt, but we still have many miles to go for it.

According to the news we get, the Army is doing mighty good in Europe but we have heard nothing of Germany's surrender, and after they are out we still have Japan. The people in the States seem to forget about them and think after the war will just completed an armament course be over. But that is only the half of it, and if you remember arrived at Tyndall Field, Fla. for Gunnery School. Upon completing Gunnery we will receive a corporals rating, wings and a delay enroute.

On the back page of your paper was a picture of some of our wounded men, and the heading of the picture was "They Need Your Blood." They certainly did need blood plasma. That is one of the greatest things of this war. I have seen it given to a lot of men and know it is the only thing that saved their lives. But I hope you and the rest of the people back there realize why plasma is given to a man. It is only given after a wound, and for nearly always a major wound, such as an arm, leg, or shrapnel wound of the size of your fist. So don't let people at home think that it would be better to make plans of how to stop the need for blood, waste time, and will play marching down Main St. If they can figure on how to stop this war five minutes earlier, and save the time on plans for V-Day of all hostilities seem so far off, I will be satisfied if there isn't any celebration, and I think millions of others feel the same way.

All we read in any paper is post-war plans, V-Day plans, and musing of a shortening of the war plans. There will be years and years after the war for all kinds of plans. So why don't the people snap out of it, and end this thing first and then make all the plans you like.

I am not crabbing or complaining. If I had it to do over again I would do it the same way. I am just trying to remind the people that "Nero of Fiddled While Rome Burned."

Pfc. Clay Reisinger, USMC

Smith, India; Benj. H. Stahl Sr., SK First Class, Overseas; Cpl. Clair D. Eshleman APO San Francisco, Calif.

Somewhere in Germany 25 Nov. 1944

Editor: Mount Joy Bulletin

Dear Sir: I have been receiving the Bulletin regular for a few years and enjoy reading of the happenings back home.

We sure are grateful to you and the remembrance committee for the fine work you are doing.

And also to the people of Mt. Joy we thank them for the blood they have donated and for filling their War Bond Quota, some day soon, it will pay dividends.

Please donate this gift of two dollars to the American Red Cross, for they are also doing a very good job.

My address remains the same. S/Sgt. Q. R. Williams

Germany, November 29, 1944

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am very grateful to the Mt. Joy Bulletin for sending me the paper from my home town, and to let me know what is happening around home.

I cannot write very much about what I am doing or where I am as it would only be censored. I will say this, Since I came back from Panama, I have been in England, France, Belgium, Holland and now Germany. While in France I was at Brest and stayed till the city was captured.

The weather here is getting cold and it looks like snow every day, but it just rains out.

Thanking you again for the paper even if I do only get it once a month, it's worth waiting for.

Sincerely, Charles Pennell

Tyndall Field, Florida

Kind Sirs: I have been getting the Mount Joy Bulletin and really appreciate it. It lets me know what is cooking with my old friends and the other interests of the home town. I have just completed an armament course at Lowry Field, Colo. and have just arrived at Tyndall Field, Fla. for Gunnery School. Upon completing Gunnery we will receive a corporals rating, wings and a delay enroute. So I am anxious to finish school and come back home and see old friends and good old Mount Joy.

Pvt. Robert Bergman

8th AF Station, England

Dear Mr. Editor:

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Community Remembrance Committee, and the residents of Mount Joy for the generous Christmas gifts I received from you. It is indeed gratifying to know that you are thinking about us at the time when we would like so very much to be in your presence and that our small efforts are so greatly appreciated.

The choice of gifts is excellent and I, for one, think the Committee members are to be congratulated. As time passes and the cessation of all hostilities seem so far off, I am more anxious to keep in contact with happenings in and around Mount Joy and more anxious than words can describe to return there.

May the day be soon here when we can all do that at will. Please note my change in APO to 558 I haven't received a Bulletin in the war for all kinds of plans. So more than 9 weeks and I miss them very much. Perhaps the use of my correct address will insure a speedier delivery of my main source of Mt. Joy news.

Thank you again for the gifts and the very best of Xmas Days to all to "Nero of Fiddled While Rome Burned."

Earl F. Koehenour Major AC

Thursday, Dec. 7th, 1944, Cuddihy Field, Texas.

Dear Mr. Schroll:

I received my gift from the Remembrance Committee today, Dec. 4. Thanks very much, it's the first you for the paper, and the Remembrance Committee, for the Xmas have left the States in July. It sure gift. It surely was appreciated. I've been receiving the paper regularly since I've been a member of the Armed Forces, and surely look forward to receiving it at mail-call. I first read the "News of the Boys in the Service," then the "Owl Laffs". I've visited Lt. "Joe" Moore several times, and we always wind up for Christmas from home, but we talking about the "old home town," never get much mail anymore. It I guess quite a few of the nimrods takes over a month for our Air-Mail have their buck by now. I've been letters to arrive here. We look for trying to obtain a rifle and some shells, as the season is also open.

Thanks again for remembering me here. As you know I'm attached to a "Pre-Operational Unit," consisting of SBD's (scout bombers). My duties consist of checking, and maintaining the radio gear, in the Merry Xmas.

Sgt. Ernest L. Herr planes. I've had quite a few "hops" and some "flying time," and many

The Editor thanks these service thrills. Four of us were on a cross-country hop, sometime ago, to Fort Worth, Texas, and ran into a heavy

fog, and for awhile I had the feeling I "shoulda stayed in bed". When we finally arrived at Fort Worth we had but 7 gallons of gas left, so you know what I mean by thrills. We have a bowling league on the base, and while we probably couldn't be called good, we do manage to have a lot of fun, and after all, that's what really matters. We've had cld rainy weather for almost a week, and on Saturday a flock of ducks landed on one of the runways. I've never seen so many ducks and geese, as I've seen in Texas, but still, I'd rather roam the hills of good old Pa. with a good dog, and a gun. I know I'm not alone in that desire, as almost all the boys are looking forward to the same thing. One thing I miss here in Texas is snow. Now I know you'll probably say I can have it, I felt that way too, but this will be my second Xmas in the Navy, and it would seem more like Xmas if I could only see some. Last year, at Xmas, the people were walking around town, without coats. Imagine doing that in Mt. Joy.

Well, I see it's almost time to go to choir practice, so I'll bring this to a close, again I want to thank both you and the Remembrance for your kindness and consideration.

James R. Leib, ARM 3/c

Mr. Schroll: Here's an article that appeared in the "Bainbridge Md. Mainsheet" our center paper that the people of Mount Joy can be proud of. You don't often hear of people doing these little favors for the servicemen.

I think it would be a good item to print in the "Bulletin" to show people why we are all proud of Mt. Joy and its people.

You can't imagine how proud you feel to see articles like this, especially when you know him personally.

George H. Brown S 2-c.

Bainbridge Salutes

"In the little town of Mount Joy, Pa., there's a fellow by the name of Tyndall who operates a drug store there. For the past two years, or perhaps longer, he has been passing "cokes" and "cigs" across the counter to servicemen, and absolutely refuses to accept any medium of exchange.

From reliable sources comes the story of a convoy which stopped in one day and ordered up cokes for the entire crew of 35 men. When money was refused, the captain in charge jokingly replied, "Well, well, we'll have to stop here on the way back tonight." But Tyndall wasn't to be kidded; he waited long past (Turn to page 7)

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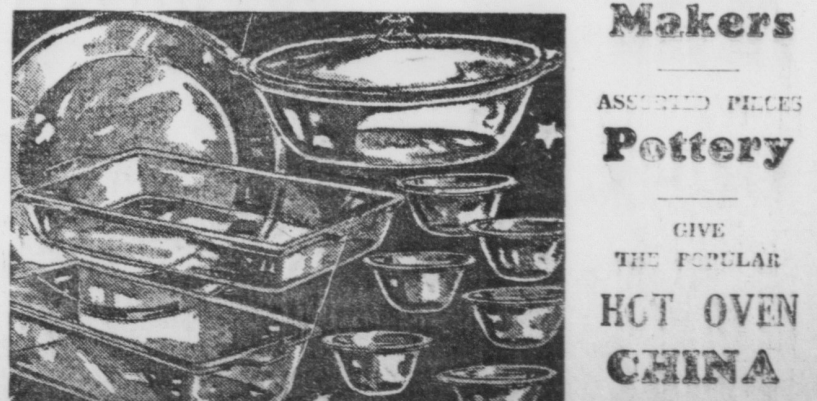
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