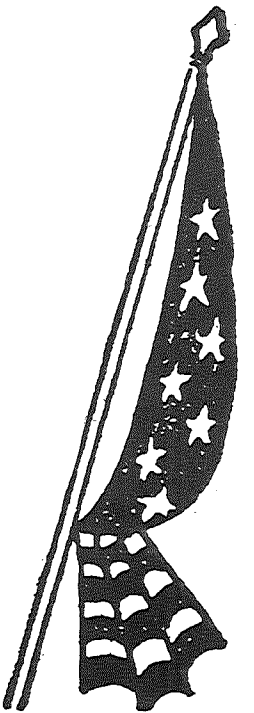
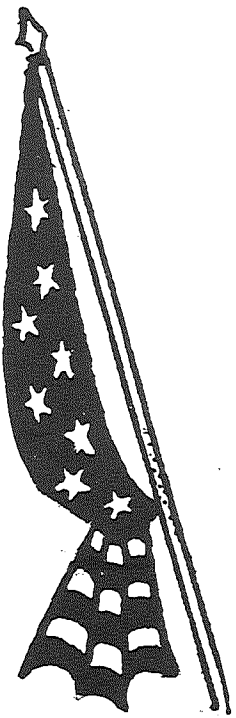


GREETINGS TO YOU MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES



Christmas 1943

I LOVE YOU TRULY

I love you truly, truly, dear,
Life with its sorrow,
Life with its tear,
Fades into dreams when I feel
you are near,
For I love you truly, truly
dear.
Ah! love, 'tis something to
feel your kind hand,
Ah! yes, 'tis something by
your side to stand;
Gone is the sorrow,
Gone doubt and fear,
For you love me truly, truly,
dear.



To John Thomas from Grace

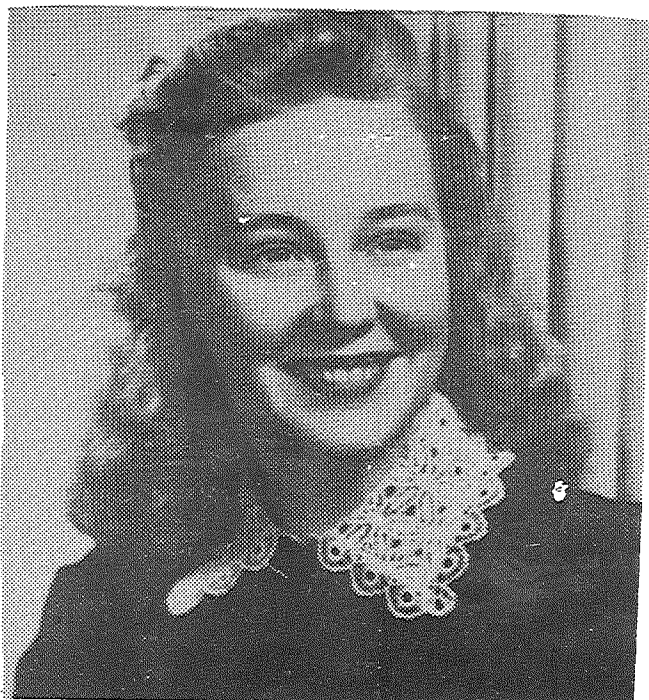


To Bob Stryker from "Swatty"



Midnight December 24th, 1818,
Father Joseph Mohr, after
attending a child birth to a
young woman who lived on one
of the highest peaks of the
Alps, was reminded of the
manger in the City of David.
He put his thoughts into
verse and, next day, Franz
Xavier Gruber, village music
teacher put the verse to
music.
The four Strasser children
sang the song at the annual
Trade Fair at Leipzig. Their
parents were glove makers.
The King and Queen of Saxony
were present and were so
pleased with the Tyrolean
"Song from Heaven" they asked
the four children to come to
the Palace on Xmas Eve. And
so the song now called "Silent
Night" started around the
world.

Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother
and Child;
Holy Infant, so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace.



To George Apgar from Shirley

WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a white
Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to
know,
Where the tree tops glisten
and children listen,
To hear sleigh bells in the
snow,
I'm dreaming of a white
Christmas,
With every Christmas card I
write,
May your days be merry and
bright,
And may all your Christmases
be white.



To Lew Hoffman from Mary



To Ken Dean from Myrtle

4/10/44

In a letter from Karl Budd, he says that you can bet your bottom dollar when he gets out of the Army he won't go back to Florida for a vacation. Its colder there than it is up here. Early in October, he was standing plane guard and he had to wear heavy under-wear sheep lined leather jacket and boots in order to keep warm. His address is:
Cpl. Karl Budd
497 Bomb Squad
344 Bomb Grp.
Drane Field,
Lakeland, Fla.

John Steinberg was growing a mustache, but discontinued it due to popular demand.

Daddy Budd was home on a furlough and was in town with his Mother for a very short visit. It was his first furlough in 18 mos.

Eugene Mills' car, the old one in which he carries picks and shovels and such things had a fracas with a railroad train over at Four Bridges on the Central RR track. The car stalled on the track, Gene jumped out and the train moved the car for him.

Fred Schaefer is at Pope Field, No. Carolina finishing his training in aerial photography. He passed among the first four in the camp in a special health test and is doing considerable boxing at this camp.

Mickey Murchison was home on leave.

Howard Robinson's new address is:
Station Hospital #1
Ward #9,
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
He has been hospitalized since Oct. 21 and Marion has been able to be with him for a couple of weeks.

Charles Robinson was home on a 3 day furlough from Utica.

Edith Sturzenegger has started for Oklahoma to spend the winter with Greg.

Fred Klintworth has been home on leave. He and Betty were hitting the high spots in New York for a bit while he was home.

Gert Dean was addressing letters to you guys and worked too hard or something Anyway, she had an attack of appendicitis. The next attack means--hospital.

Doc Fry and Bob Call got their usual killing--a rabbit, each, as a reward for three days' hunting.

Frank Van Alen got home on leave very providential at hunting time.

The Forsythe boy who worked up to Larison's, and Barney Apgar went into New York to join the Navy. All went well for both until they found out that Barney is 1A. Forsythe is in, but Barney is in the Army.

J. Wesley Bartow is out of the army on Medical discharge.

Joe Rosko was given a Farewell party just before his induction into the Marines.

Sarah Catherine Seals of Flanders was married to Cpl. Robert Matches of Paterson.

Jesse Webb of Flanders was married to Rose Costello of Trenton.

Lorraine Emmons has been a surgical patient at Somerset Hospital. She is now doing fine.

Mrs. Robert Morton attended the P.T.A. Convention in New York.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Lewis are occupying the Sutton Apt., Main St. Mrs. Lewis is the kindergarten and first grade teacher and Mr. Lewis is in the armed services.

The Congregational Church served its usual turkey supper in the form of a chicken pie supper as the turkey is too hard to get.

Don Manning wrote some news. Wally Wrede from Ironia is in Air cadet training in Florida. He and Don met in Norfolk. Walt Kozlowsky seems to be following Don around. They were in Newport and Norfolk together. Don's address is:
B.D. Manning-H A 2/C
Norfolk N. Hospital 315
Portsmouth, Va.

Pete Stewart will be in service three years in March '44 - now a Corporal

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Tredway entertained at their home 7 soldiers, a few weeks ago. The lads, from all reports had a mighty good time, as did the Tredways when entertaining them. The soldiers came at 2 P.M. and listened to the ball game. After this was over they looked at the trophies, etc., in the party house, after which they had supper.

Andy Drysdale moved again:
Cpl. Andrew Drysdale,
12164633
Hq. & Hq. XI Corps.
APO 471, c/o Postmaster
Nashville, Tenn.

Pvt. Lewis H. Hoffman, Jr.
42006123
302 Tech. School Squad, BK 14
Kessler Field, Mississippi,
Box 558

Work is being done on the new Post office which will be located in the Mack's store, Austin Thompson expects to move between Christmas and New Years.

Bill Snipes has been made an instructor with a Corporal's rating. He, Beulah and the baby are living at a trailer camp about 5 miles from the camp.
Cpl. Wm. J. Snipes,
Co. B 15th Bn 4th Plat.
Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Morton D. Benton who was the previous owner of the "T" Other Farm now owned by the Mennen Company is now in service.
Morton D. Benton, 32924139
Co. D. 1st Bat.
Barracks 106
Normoyle Ordinance Depot
San Antonio, Tex.

The addresses of the Thomson Boys:
Harry Thomson S 1/C
Armed Guard Center
52nd st. 1st Ave.
South Brooklyn, N.Y.
Harry has just returned from So. America, for coffee. Now he is in Houston, Tex. He was in Rio, the same place as Bob is but Harry did not know that Bob was there. He was also in Santos and Victoria and on the island of Trinidad.

Bobby's address is:
R. Thomson,
Texas Co.
c/o Postmaster, New York
Lawrence Thomson, A.S.
Co. 307-E4
U.S.N.T.S.
Sampson, New York

Sgt. George Thomson
17 Airdrome Squad,
Scott Field, Ill.

The Tuckerman's gave a sizeable donation to the Scouts so that there isn't but about \$25. left to be paid on the Scout Cabin.

Dick Abeles was bitten by a dog and was laid up for a week.

Mary Hoffman, (Mrs. Lewis) and Betty Amerman Brown, (Mrs. Paul) went to Greensboro, No. Carolina to visit with their husbands, they left Friday and came back on Tuesday. Mary has moved from her home in Chester in the Wyckoff House and will live for a while with the Hoffmans on the Parker Road.

A blackout in Wallace Hoffman's V letter crossed out the information whether or not he got to see his brother Charles in some town in No. Africa. At any rate we know that both he and Charles are in Africa.

A letter from Ellsworth Masker's wife says that he is in Camp Claiborne, La. Ellsworth is expecting a furlough at Christmas when he and his wife are planning to come to Chester to see Ellsworth's people.
Pvt. Ellsworth Masker,
32461997
Casual Regt. E.N.T.C. Co. B
Camp Claiborne, La.

Andy Rady was home on a furlough.

Ralph Smith is a surgical patient at Fort Jay. He had his appendix removed.

John Wyckoff's address has changed again:
Pvt. John T. Wyckoff,
Hdqtrs. Btry. 2nd Bn.
74th Coast Art. (AA)
APO 512 c/o Postmaster
New York City, N.Y.

Fred Hennig, John Mansfield from Newark and another hunter arrived at Dean's for a pickup at 2 PM, the first day of hunting. A chicken was roasting in the oven, at home. At 2 AM, 12 hours later, they decided to go home. That bird was well roasted. They couldn't find the darn thing in the oven it had curled up and disappeared.

Walter Patrey is now at home on a Medical discharge.

Grace Barkman was soaping cars, the day after Halloween. The boys got rough and took her shoes away. Grace was seen running down the road in her stocking feet despite the stocking shortage.

Hank Lee was at Moses Lake with Mahlon Smalley but they never met until they were both bound for Florida on the same train. Here is how Mahlon describes their meeting. "Somewheres out in So. Dakota, while on the troop train, I spied Hank at the other end of the car. "Well you old son of a *!?!%*" was the greeting. Of course, tall tales and truthful stories of the grandest and prettiest town in the whole world followed. The entire train soon learned of Chester-- after all there was 2 of us, so now Hank and I are raising all kinds of hell in Florida. It's the best squadron too! 593rd."

Somebody got football scars without actually playing in the game. The night before the Dover game, Jack Hayes, Joe Rosko and a few other fellows were driving around Dover looking for excitement. Well, they got it in the form of a watermelon, or cabbage, or tomato or something-- and right through the windshield, too. It broke the windshield and the glass cut Jack's head so that he had to go to the hospital and have half dozen or so stitches in his head.

Fred Budd was home on a furlough. He's doing fine in the Marine Corp. He's in the Engineer's Co., Field Electricity and expects to do some boxing again later on. Says "There's nothing like being a marine."

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Henderson, the newleyweds. Harry married Dorothy Irene Sawyer of Far Hills, Oct. 15th at her home. A reception was held at Bernards Inn. Dot teaches school in So. Orange and Maplewood school district. Harry is a radio operator with the 77th Div. and is now attending radio repair school at Camp Pickett, Va.

PFC John E. Moore, better known as "Dusty" has been promoted to Corporal. Keep up the good work, "Dusty".

I've been promised a picture of Teddy Barnhart but ut hasn't come yet.

The radio school at Madison, Wis. has closed and all the instructors have been shipped to various camps or other fields. Joe Rockefeller has been shipped to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., He was put through a test for overseas combat duty and was qualified as a skilled radio operator. He will go through a toughening up program and then to POE and over the waves all within a month. Joe became engaged to a teacher at the University of Wis. Her Dad is a professor there. He was supposed to be married last week, but had to postpone the wedding because of shipping out. He will probably become hitched in the next week. Good Luck, Joe.

Russell Beavers is again with his wife at Lexington, Ky. Russell has been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Pvt. George J. Kellett, Co.D. 236th Bn. 69th Regt. I.R.T.C. Camp Blanding, Fla.

Bob Wright had a big night in the State capital of No. Carolina.

Halloween at Dean's this year. There were not so many but what there was! Woo! Woo!. Mr. and Mrs. Kibbee were made up into something that nobody would ever want to own. It took Irv. a good half hour to unloosen the strappings.

A long and interesting letter from Bob Minard gives us the following news. He sees Fred and Frank Markiewicz and John Minard who pass through Wash., now and again. He says he ran into an old shipmate of Dave Willahan's who says that Dave is in a hospital in San Diego. Dave has one youngster now, married a gal from Seattle back in '40. He hopes to get more dope on Dave and we'd be mighty glad to hear it. Bob's wife expects to "launch" a bit of new constitution in mid-February and he will let us know more about the type of craft when the time comes. Bob is no longer a gunner, he's been demoted to ensign since the 15th of July. Good for him, What?

Bob's address is: Robert K. Minard Ens. USN Production Division, P.S.N.Y. Bremerton, Washington.

Fred's address is Fred Markewicz F 1/C U.S.S. Wyman DE 38 c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Ardith Wyckoff arrived in La., and is staying for a while with her husband, Lew.

Lonny Thomson must have that false tooth as he is now in the Navy.

Repercussions of Grady's piggy roast. Doc Fry cancelled all appointments the next day.

College Grid Results

Navy 13	Army 0
Great Lakes 19	Notre Dame 14
Brooklyn 12	Rutgers 6
Lafayette 58	Lehigh 0
Iowa Pre-Flight 32	Minnesota 0
Oklahoma 26	Nebraska 7
Georgia Tech 48	Georgia 0
SMU 20	TCU 0
No. Carolina 54	Virginia 0
West La. Inst. 6	Randolph Field 0
Southwestern (Tex.) 21	Rice 0
Camp Lejeune 13	Jacksonville N. 6
Del Monte N. 47	California 8
Southern Cal. 26	UCLA 13

THE PARATROOPERS PRAYER:

Our ALMIGHTY FATHER, who dwelleth in Washington, immersed in Service Records, Requisitions, T.S. Slips, Red Tape and other impedimenta which surroundeth the Army both in times of Peace and in times of War, Hallowed be thy name.

Give us this day our partial way, and forgive us of our Company Bills. Guide us on the Path of Righteousness by thy Allknowing Articles of War, and Rules and Regulations. Approve our Passes and Furloughs, for thou knowest ours is not an easy lot to bear without leisure time.

Deliver us from the hands of Non-jumping Military Police, for thou knowest our burdens are manifold. Yea, even though by Divers devices are these yellow-livered Sons of Satans Concubines, these Gutless Washouts from the Parachute school, after having been thrice beaten about the head with a shot-bag, allowed to don the hated white cap and belt of the Ersatz Gestapo, they falsely cry that they are thy chosen children. We cannot contain ourselves in their presence and assault and Mayhem shall abound.

Guide our pleasure bent footsteps from the lower regions of Sin and Iniquity, known locally as Phenix City, lest we should go astray and Contract certain social uncleanness which thou so forcefully describeth in thy Sex Hygiene Training Film. Unhook not our static lines, nor yet blow panels in our canopies, Cut not our breast cords, and drift us clear of cactus hill. Strike with relentlessly swift and horrible death the Company Clerk who Red-lineth our payroll, and the Mess Sergeant who robbeth our empty bellies.

By the ghosts of those who have preceded us to the Arving Pan, and the Alabama Area, We Pray Thee, Amen.

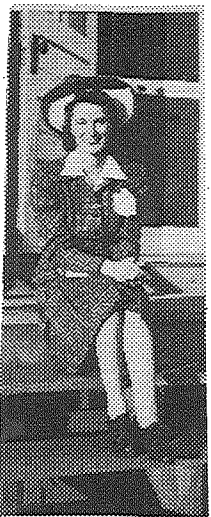
PVT. JOSEPH SCHECK, Service Co. 515th Pr. Inf. Fort Benning. Ga.

Al Crammer is no longer in the hospital with that sore on his "Career". He has been discharged honorably. The last hospital he was in was at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. He is now working in a defense plant and so ends the saga of Private Al Crammer. He certainly was a good one to keep me informed of his whereabouts. I wish there were more like him. Without your news, there can be no paper.

More about the wedding of PFC Fred W. Apgar, Roxbury 1941. Margaret Slater of Mt. Freedom is the bride. Fred is in the Air Corps, Medical at Salina, Kan.

Hockey Standing

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Canadiens	8	0	2	18
Chicago	6	4	2	12
Toronto	4	3	3	10
Detroit	4	4	2	10
Boston	4	4	0	8
RANGERS	0	10	0	0



To "Pike" Rockefeller
from Norma



To George Kellett
from June & Baby

Our Red Cross Mother Searles
And Daughter Olive



To John Drew
from Frances



To Clifton Waters
from Sister



To Ken Dean
from Gertrude



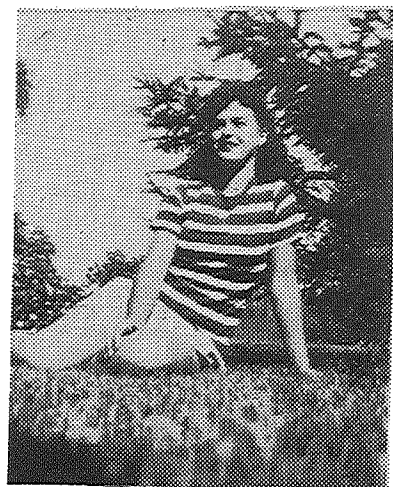
To Norman Muller
from Jeanette



To Bill Lutz & Clark from Eileen



To Clark Grady
from Jane



To Don Manning
from Betty



To Bill Cowie from Bea



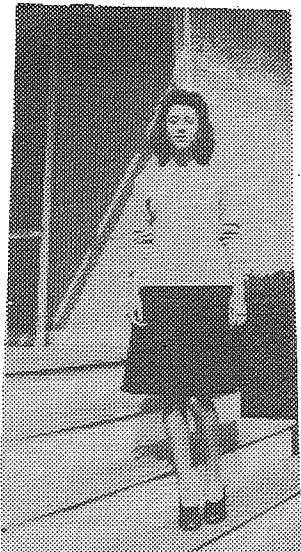
To John Wyckoff from Bea



To Vernon Stelce from Sisters



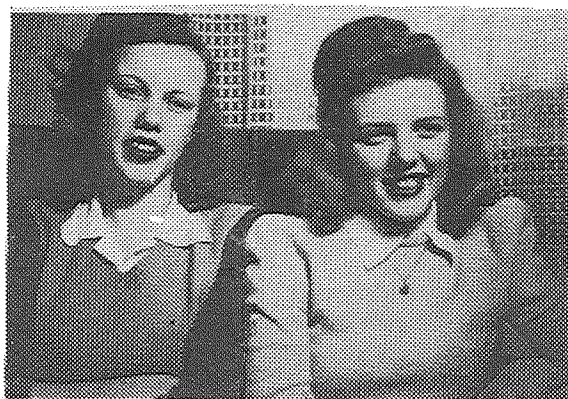
To Marion Thompson from Betty



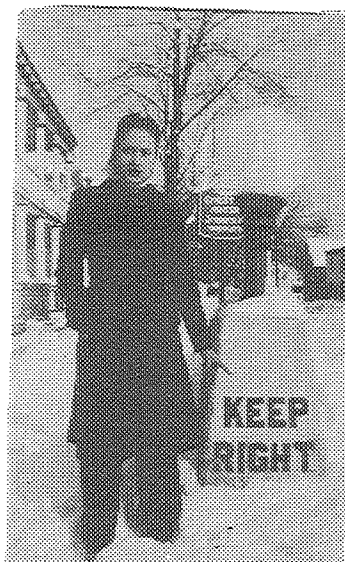
To Earl Jacobus
from Betty



To Edward Hayes
from Mother



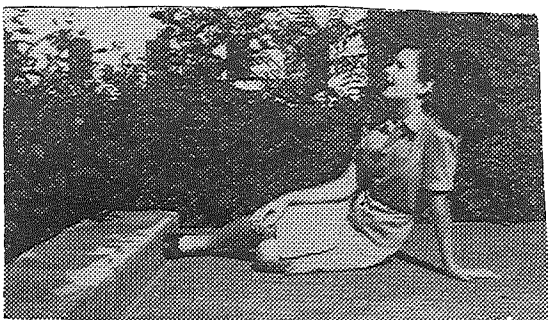
To John Wyckoff from Ann & Betty



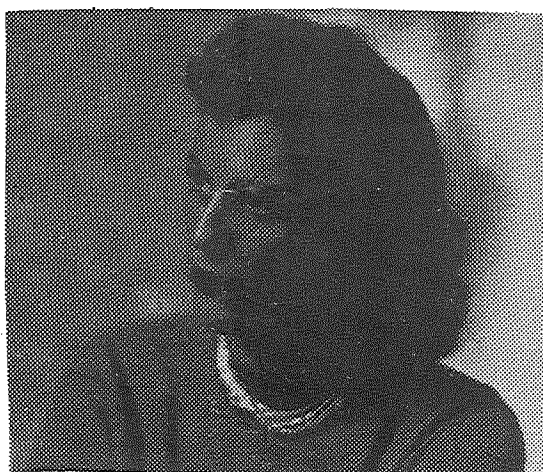
To Jim Tester
from Margaret



To Harry Thomson from
Wife & Babe



To Red Miles from Winnie



To Al Winkler from Catherine

And if your Mom or Sister or Sweetheart
is not shown here. she's wishing you
the best possible Christmas all the same.
I made a hurried canvas and gathered
all I could. Good luck to you.

Mal Call