

# OUR FIGHTING MEN

and would like some of them to write to me while I am overseas here. If you don't mind, I wish you could put my address in the next issue if it gets there in time.

"Tell my friend John Andrews to drop me a line and another favor I want you to do me is give my regards to the PIC club on Hunter Avenue."

We've passed the word along to John Andrews and to the PICs to drop you a line - and thanks for the Jap money, Stanley. We hope you get lots of letters.

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Wesley Yourth, A.M. 1/C, CASU#39, c/o PPO, San Francisco, California is another fellow who writes that

"It has been a long time since I have been home and I will be glad to get there whenever the Navy releases me. When I do come home, I'm proud to announce that I will be bringing a bride with me."

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Quite a few servicemen whose families have moved into Scotch Plains since the boys left for service, are getting their first impressions of the Township's neighborliness - and personalities through "The Scotch Plainsman". But let Sgt. Richard H. Tims, 1st AAF BU - C Sqdn., Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., describe a typical reaction in his own words.

"Howdy Neighbor:

Greetings from Capitol Hill and Bolling Field. Many thanks for the past few copies of "The Scotch Plainsman" - a swell paper and chock full of news and stuff. As a new comer and future resident of our fair city, I'm beginning to almost know everyone by reading about them in said publication. Here's looking to a happy future and meeting all of you soon."

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Sgt. Anthony Puchel (32603312), Ser.Co. 747th Bn., APO 230, c/o P.M. New York, wrote that he is enjoying good health in Normandy, France and asks us to say hello to his brothers and the boys.

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And Corp. Robert L. Siar after telling us that he is managing a P X somewhere in Great Britain and indicating his pleasure and interest in The Scotch Plainsman, adds a post-script asking us to "SAY HELLO TO MY WIFE FOR ME."

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We'll do that little thing right now and say "HELLO" to Mrs. Siar for Corporal Robert and another HELLO to Sgt. Puchel's brothers and friends.

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Adding to the sum total of our knowledge of the habits and customs of the South Sea Islanders is a most interesting letter from Richard G. Preussner, EM 1/C, 21st Spec. Bn. HQ Co., Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Cal.

"To-nite as I was reading carefully your most enjoyable and interesting edition of The Scotch Plainsman, I suddenly realized how far off from civilization I really am and how welcome the news from home can be. (Wait a minute while I light my pipe). We do not receive any news papers or reading matter at all from the States.

"The natives here are friendly and delight in trading shells for - "lob-lob" (mattress covers). This is the usual procedure when meeting a native. First he salutes you in an off-hand, casual manner saying 'HOW DO'. If you do not return the salutation, he will continue on his way. ----

---- If it is returned however, he will smile, hold out a straw woven basket of shells and say 'You got lob-lob? If the answer is in the affirmative, you have made a deal. If in the negative, he will ask for a cigarette and go on his way. One day I gave one of them a cigar. His face lit up in a grin a mile long and after thanking me with more grins and fidgeting of the feet, he turned and walked out followed by great clouds of smoke.

"The native women dress the same as the men - wearing just a wrap-around cloth skirt. They are not allowed to roam around for obvious reasons, but are kept within their own villages.

"I hope this letter proves as interesting to you as your paper has been to me."



"YOU GOT LOB-LOB?"

Pfc. Wm. M. Foxx (42011288), H. Q. Co., 3rd Bn. 150 Inf. APO 829 c/o P. M., New Orleans, La. tells us -

"Just received my second copy of "The Scotch Plainsman" and was very happy to receive it together with all the local news. I recognized many of the names mentioned and it brought back many happy moments of other days. With the war progressing as it is for our side, I hope to be one of the many who will return home soon and take up our duties of becoming a civilian again in our community. On the other hand, I am undergoing an experience as a soldier in Panama that I will always cherish for the education I have gained in travel and the many friends I have found in the Army.

"One of my duties here in my company is that of mail-clerk and handing out mail from home is a source of pleasure to see all the happy faces when their names are called. If the folks back home could only know of this (and many of them do), they would write as often as possible. That is why The Scotch Plainsman is doing such a wonderful service to those in uniform and I say sincerely many, many thanks."

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This issue finds us acknowledging second letters from several of the boys, among them Pvt. J. Bangma Smith (32566352) whose new address is Sec. S, 3705th AAF BU (TS), Lowry

Field, Colo. This excerpt from his latest letter makes interesting reading.

"When I last wrote I was in Harlingen, Texas, but since have been sent to my present station to study our very effective gun turrets and bomb sights more intensively. Ha - if Adolf only could guess what was in store for him, he'd beg for mercy and peace would be immediate!!"

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Cpl. Jack Millwater (32158052), Btry. A, 27th Armd. FA Bn., APO 251, New York, tells us about his experiences:

"After being overseas 28 months I lost contact with many friends and from your second edition I found a few addresses of friends I really wanted to write to. I've been through the African campaign and after a short rest we took part in the landing at Salerno, fought up to Cassino and then took part at the Anzio landing. We had a major role in the taking of Rome. Right now I can't say exactly where we are but we are still hot on the kraut's tail.

"I was glad to get out of Anzio as it was a hot spot at times. I didn't want to give you my life history but thought some would be interested in knowing where I am. It is getting warm here, also very dusty, as the rain does not amount to much this time of year. Say hello to all my friends."

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When we started The Scotch Plainsman, we contemplated with misgiving our ability to fill four pages with news. Now we are concerned with the problem of squeezing all the news available into eight pages. Service-folks are doing a swell job in sending us letters and while we can't find room to print all those which we receive, we will always acknowledge their arrival. We have heard from

Dana Barker	F 2/C	FPO	New York
Zoronna Bernardo			Iowa
Ed. Bogan			Alabama
John W. Conk		APO	San Fran.
Cpl. Donald J. Cowan			Texas
Cpl. Bill Delnero			Arkansas
S/Sgt. Jos. Denizio		APO	New York
Pfc. Wally DiDonato			New York
Mauro Donatelli		FPO	San Fran.
Tom Donatelli			Admiralty Isl.
John J. Flynn			France
Pfc. James Foster			Italy
Paul Holowka		FPO	San Fran.
Cpl. John Irby (2nd)			India
S/Sgt. Wm. Irby (2nd)			India
S/Sgt. D.F. Johnston			Calif.
George Keck	SK 3/C	FPO	San Fran.
Pfc. J.A. Krempa		APO	San Fran.
Jos. V. Long		APO	San Fran.
Sgt. Lou Masino			Arizona
G. Olive Munkel			Wash. D.C.
Robert Parsons		FPO	New York
Michael Perretti			Alaska
John Poznanski		APO	San Fran.
Cpl. Andrew C. Smith			England
Ben Steward			France
J. J. Stromick		FPO	New Orleans

Thanks fellers and gals - keep 'em coming.

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