

OUR FIGHTING MEN

surely would like to have them. As yet I haven't met anyone from town, who is overseas where I've been stationed."

(NOTE TO G Is.) (We have had several requests such as this for addresses in India, or England or some other location. If you will give us the APO address numbers in which you are interested, we will be able to give you the desired information. Our address files don't show disposition by countries - only by APO numbers).

S/Sgt. F. L. Bardolf (3220412 20th Sqdn., 2nd Bomb Gp., APO 520, c/o P.M., New York, tells us that

"After I put in a few months basic training in the infantry, I went to the Armored Command where I spent a year and a half. Finally I ended up with the AAF here in Italy to do my bit of fighting as a gunner on one of our large bombers."

Frank's brother, Pfc. Dan Bardolf, is also attached to the AAF. He is stationed at SAAF - Section B, Warrensburg, Mo. and writes us:

"I know all us guys and gals in the service really appreciate the paper. It lets us know where and what our pals are doing and what's what in good old Scotch Plains.

"I have just returned to camp after a fifteen day furlough which I spent visiting my parents. Now I am back to work again here at the airfield. I am a crew-chief on a C47A."

Pfc. John Kocher (32909919), HQ Co.H, 1st ECA Regt., APO 658, c/o P. M., New York, takes time out from the job he is doing in France to say:

"I would like to express my thanks for your kind consideration, and thoughtfulness, in sending me the Scotch Plainsman. I can truthfully say that I have enjoyed myself immensely reading it. I, like many, many other GI's find myself in France busy doing a job I am called upon to do so that I can come home with the other millions of men that are participating in this war of interests. The work has proven to be of interest here and the cities that I have seen would be beautiful if our bombers had not done such a thorough job on them. I sincerely hope that I may be able to receive more editions of The Scotch Plainsman, as you know news from home is just as essential as food to the men overseas."

Pvt. John Cirioli (32452599), - 78th Airdrome Sqdn. APO 503, Unit 1, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif., says

"I arrived here in New Guinea on July 3, 1944 and really like it very much. I am driving a gasoline trailer and it isn't bad at all. I had one go up in flames the other day but I was able to drive it out from under the aeroplane we were loading and also was able to save the tractor. The trailer sure was burned up. Well I'll close now as chow call is about to be sounded.

Many of you will remember Cpl. Henry E. Blum, who is now stationed at the Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., who writes:

"Just a few lines of appreciation to the men who are responsible for The Scotch Plainsman. You are doing a splendid job and I want to add my 'vote of approval' to the many you have already received. While I am one of the more fortunate ones who can get home occasionally, still your paper is a great treat to me. How much more it must be enjoyed by the boys in foreign lands.

"In the event you have an office in which to prepare the paper, it might be interesting to have a collection of the insignia from the various branches of the services represented in the town. I am enclosing two that I have been assigned to. The AA is for anti-aircraft - and the star is for the Army Service Forces.

(Our contemporary -- GARWORDS -- servicemens' paper for the boys of nearby Garwood has already started a collection such as Hank proposes - maybe, they'll call us copy-cats.)

From the Pacific area Pfc. Peter Holowka (32240159) HQ Co. 706 Tank Bn., APO 77, c/o P.M. San Francisco, sends these greetings:

"I've been through the battle of Guam since the start and I am happy to say that I'm safe. **** I am in a tank battalion and I am very proud of our tanks. They have proven to be 'superior in this battle.'"

Two of the four Holowka boys in service favor us with letters in this issue.

Sgt. John Holowka (32302838) HQ & Serv. Co., 831 Engr. Avn. Bn., APO 634 c/o P.M. New York, writes:

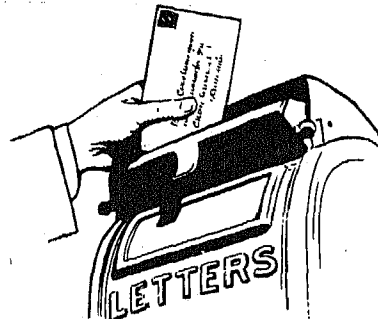
"Have received a few copies of The Scotch Plainsman and sure enjoy getting them as it keeps me in touch with the news back home. My brother Paul has written me that he has received the paper too. He surely is pleased as being out to sea most of the time he now gets the news from back home. I have been overseas in the British Isles for two years now and have married over here as have a few of the boys from Plainfield and Westfield."



"I HAVE MARRIED OVER HERE"

From his base somewhere in England Lt.L.F.Thompson (0765754) APO 16135 BU 35, c/o P.M. New York, writes:

"They say in the army that next to chow-call, mail-call is the most welcome. I say mail-call rates number one on the hit parade when it delivers my 'Scotch Plainsman'."



WHY NOT DROP THE BOYS A LINE?

"Congratulations to each and every citizen who made it possible for us to go over the top in the 5th War Loan. It's a great feeling when a buddy looks at my copy of the Plainsman and comments, 'Say your hometown must be on the ball'. Yes, I'm not the only one who reads my issue. Many of the other fliers enjoy it. Since reading material is limited here, I'm going to donate my copy to the day-room library after I have read it. It will take its place alongside 'The Star and Stripes' and other service papers.

"In the last issue, I thought the section 'Our Fighting Men' was comparable to several letters from fellows whom I've wondered about."

We are sorry that limited space restricts the number of letters from which we may quote. During the past month letters have been received also from the following fellows. We enjoyed each and every one and thank you for them.

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| Charles W. Adam S 2/c | Florid |
| S/Sgt F.L. Bardolf APO 520 | N Y |
| Cpl. B.W.Beach Jr. APO 468 | SanFr. |
| Pfc. Langston Booth FPO | SanFr. |
| Pvt. Chas. R. Dawson APO 648 | N Y |
| Cpl. John DiPace APO 713-1 | San F |
| Sgt. Philip DeQuollo | Calif. |
| Pfc. Paul Ferrara | Ariz. |
| Cpl. Ken. J. Gellner APO 886 | N Y |
| Pfc. W. Gellner APO 4 | N Y |
| Pfc. Paul J. Green APO 93 | SanFr. |
| Sgt. Adolf Hauck APO 322 | SanFr. |
| Pfc. Peter Holowka APO 77 | SanFr. |
| Cpl. Fred. Johnson APO 464 | N.Y. |
| Cpl. Henry Kaufmann APO 322 | SanFr. |
| Pfc. John Kocher APO 658 | N Y |
| Pfc. Jos. A. Krempa APO 471-1 | SanFr. |
| Cpl. Art. W. Leitner APO 494 | N Y |
| Pfc. John B. Long Jr. APO 396 | N Y |
| S/Sgt Louis Mason | Ill. |
| Cpl. Nowell Mason APO 350 | N Y |
| H. Mattox | Ala. |
| Paul Munkel FPO | SanFr. |
| Pfc. Wm. A. Nichols FPO | SanFr. |
| Lt. H.C. Nolte APO 503 | SanFr. |
| Cpl. Ben Steward APO 350. | N Y |
| Pvt. James Strond APO 350 | N Y |
| Lt. L.F. Thompson APO 559 | N Y |
| Pvt. Howard VanDuyne APO 93 | SanFr. |

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