

OUR FIGHTING MEN

Young Dick Abbiate on the back of his envelope admonished the postal authorities to "RUSH LIKE (?)", a letter from Replacement Group 110, Davisville, R. I., reading,

"To a Swell Bunch of Men.

"It has been very fine getting your paper each month. When I would get it back home it was nice, but now it has even greater meaning to me. It makes me feel as though I were at home. This "seabee" life is pretty tough and rough but it is okay. I like where I am based now; it's pretty close to home.

Getting the paper is also nice because most of the fellows get a home town paper and it makes me feel good to know, even though my town is small they are thinking of us no matter where we go. I guess that's all for now. Just keep the paper coming."

(Editor's note: Some gold braid must have read Dick's letter before it was mailed because he has since been shifted to California on his way across the blue waters of the Pacific).

Appropos "gold braid", and this may be a good tip to other guys returning from overseas duty, Charlie Posposil, of Old Raritan Road, reached California after a 26 month spell in the Pacific. They asked him where he would like to be stationed after his leave. Seemingly, they gave him first, second and third choice for as first choice he said he would like to go to the Brooklyn Navy Yard; as second choice, he would like the Philadelphia Yard and for third choice he named Norfolk. So where does he get shipped??? You guessed it - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA!!

SAVE WASTEPAPER

Theodore C. Richter, S 1/C, USS PCS 1460, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif., has shifted his scene of operations from France to the Pacific from where he writes:

"Have been receiving the Plainsman for some time now. Sorry I haven't answered it sooner. I did write when I was in France and this is my first chance since I've been in the Pacific. Guess it's because I've been on the go all the time.

One of the boys wrote and told me about Harold Debbie being home after two years. What a feeling! Well I think my leave will be up soon so maybe I'll have a chance to say hello again.

My biggest thrill down here was seeing my brother Ernest. Boy, did we go to town! We had our picture taken and will send one in soon.

I sure do enjoy the Plainsman. I just can't tell you how it does things to me - takes me right back to Scotch Plains. I do miss that place.

'Don't you think for a minute the boys from Scotch Plains aren't doing a good job of it. I suppose, you've read about the (censored) the boys and I were (censored). We are all back in port now safe and sound. Thank God, no one was hurt. Boy, do we need a rest.

I see by the Plainsman there will be a police dance. See, I'd give my right arm to be there just dancing. To tell you the truth, I think I've forgotten how to dance. I know they will have a good time on April 6th they always do. There isn't much more to write about. I hope this letter finds everyone in the best of health."

SAVE WASTEPAPER

M/Sgt. Alexander (Bud) Muir Jr., is attached to the Engineer Sect., Com. Z, APO 887, c/o PM, New York, and writes of a well-attended Scotch Plains reunion in Paris.

"Thought you might be interested in hearing about a little Scotch Plains reunion held here in Paris on Wednesday night (April 4). Those present were Mr. Andy Loeffler Sr., Sgt. Frank Delnero, Sgt. Lew Coxe and myself.

Frank was host for the evening and we journeyed over to his messhall. Frank was a good host as he is the mess sgt. and had a delicious steak dinner waiting for us.

After dinner we went over to their recreation hall and caught up on the latest home town news, while we consumed some gin, cognac and scotch. It was a very pleasant evening, seeing old friends and talking about people we all knew.

In the last few days I have had letters from Robert Meyer and Herb Keevil. They are both doing fine.

Recently I had the opportunity to spend a few weeks on the southern coast of France. It was much warmer there and very pretty along the shore. I took a boat ride out to visit the Chateau d'If and at the same time I saw how blue the Mediterranean really is. The trip back to Paris was very enjoyable as I visited several cities and passed through the famous vineyard and mustard producing sections. The mountains look very pretty at this time of the year. I also saw some of the old Roman ruins which stretch across France.

I have a few copies of the Stars and Stripes to send to you as soon as I get around to doing it.

Best wishes to everyone at home.
Bud Muir."



Alexander Muir, at 444 Park Avenue. His brother, Sgt. James Muir, was killed in action in Italy on February 23rd, 1945.



1st Lt. Robert L. Buttle, of 407 Union Avenue, and a Chinese Army technician inspect an aerial camera at headquarters of the 14th Air Force's hard-hitting Chinese-American Composite Wing. The Chinese-American Wing of which Lt. Buttle is now a member is a unique organization being composed of both Chinese and Americans. Bob is an aerial photographic officer.

Sgt. Woodrow W. Womack, USMCR, H & S Btry., 51st Defense Bn., FMF, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif., says

"I shall make no attempt to express how much I enjoy receiving and reading your paper, because words would be inadequate and would do you a gross injustice. Therefore, I shall merely say, thanks a million and I hope my name will remain on your mailing list.

From your paper, I was able to learn much about former members of SPHS, including students and members of the faculty. May I take this opportunity to express through your paper, my sincere wishes for a successful tour of their respective branches of the service.

At this time, I am unable to give an account of any hair-raising or breath-taking experiences of mine, because, since I have been in the service, I have been working in one office or another. At Present, I am working in the Paymaster Department attached to a Special Disbursing Agent serving this particular outfit.

It really made me feel good when, in the January issue, I came across the name of 1st Lt. Edward Beams of the Marine Corps. Of the three issues I have received, I haven't as yet come across many who are in the Marine Corps, although the Army and Navy are well represented.

All in all, when I can run across such names as Lts. George and Robert Buttle, Lt. Beams, S/Sgt Carl Bomhoff, Corp. Henry E. Blumh and Opl. R. K. Swetland of the WAGs, I can honestly say I enjoy your paper. Those names mentioned were either of my graduating class or in the neighborhood or members of the faculty.

I shall close hoping to continue reading the splendid articles of the Scotch Plainsman. I remain, A Member of Our Vast Army, Sgt. Woodrow W. Womack, USMCR."

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