

Dedicated to Our Fellow Workers in the Armed Forces



TO OUR FELLOW WORKERS IN THE ARMED FORCES . . .



When the snow sparkles and dances under the cold winter moon, and the warm glow of candlelight outlines the holly wreaths in the windows, it means Christmas is in the air. The thought conjures up visions of past Christmases, with the family Christmas tree in the spotlight, and the children gaily ruling the domestic scene for the day . . . an old-fashioned holiday crammed full of brotherly love and good fellowship, with the family circle drawn more closely together by the spirit of Christmas.

As these words are written, all the signs of Christmas are again appearing. To all outward appearances, it will be Christmas as usual. But if we look behind the scenes, we know that this war-time Christmas will be cut from a different pattern. There's an underlying current of somberness that cannot be obscured by the glitter of tinsel. There will be too many empty chairs around the dinner tables this Christmas.

You men and women who have left Scintilla to serve your country, know that nothing could bring more pleasure to your loved ones than your presence at home this Christmas. And we here know that "Christmas at home" would be the finest gift you could receive . . . but Uncle Sam's requirements come first.

We all recognize the fact that we still have a big job to do. And when it's done, we may hope that "peace on earth" will become a reality . . . that future Christmases will find the family circle intact once more, with the spectre of war banished from the earth.

No matter where you spend this Christmas . . . whether it be in a training camp, a steaming tropical jungle, on the high seas, in the air, or wherever you may be . . . we want you to know that we are thinking of you. We are fully aware of our mutual responsibility in achieving final victory. We shall continue to work together . . . you on the fighting front, we on the home front . . . until the goal has been reached, until our far-flung forces may be re-united in victory, and peace for the generations to come.

"Whys" and "Wherefores" of This Issue

For several months we have talked about this "Service Issue" of the Scintillator. As you read through it, we are sure you'll agree that it is overwhelmingly "Armed Forces" from cover to cover!

From the standpoint of art and layout, there is much to be desired. But because of the great number of photos and letters received especially for this issue, we felt it advisable to stick to the most practical methods of presenting the material . . . a simple, easy-to-read layout.

In order to print as many photos as possible, we accepted a number that came in several days beyond the deadline. However, we had to draw the line eventually, therefore those that arrived too late could not be included. We're sorry, but it had to be that way.

We had planned to include Depart-

mental News this month, but a last minute survey revealed that the twenty-four pages allotted to this issue would barely accommodate the Service material. So, under the circumstances, we felt justified in omitting the usual items in favor of the men and women whom we are honoring this month. Bear with us, Departmental Correspondents, your cooperation is appreciated and we hope you'll come back in full force for the January issue.

A big vote of thanks goes to the Service men and women who so generously cooperated in furnishing photos and letters. Many of them undoubtedly went to some trouble to comply with our request. We are indeed highly gratified by the response, and hope they will continue to keep in touch with us.

Our Christmas greetings to each and every one of you fighting Scintillites wherever you may be.

The Editor

Supervisor of Safety

On December 1, 1943, John C. Clemens joined Scintilla Magneto Division as Supervisor of Safety.

Mr. Clemens was born in Cuba City, Wisconsin. He attended Wisconsin State Teachers College; the Winconsin State School of Technology at Platteville, Wisconsin; Madison College, Madison, Wisconsin; and the University of Kansas City, Missouri.

He earned his machine shop apprenticeship with the C., B. and Q. R. R. and the Fuller Johnson Co. In the field of Safety Engineering, he has been associated with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, covering the construction of the Pratt & Whitney engine plant at Kansas City,



John C. Clemens

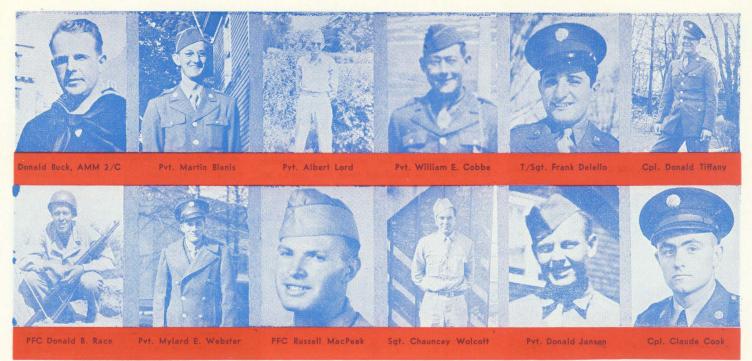
Missouri. He also has seen experience in Fleet Safety and Industrial Safety work in New York City, and was Assistant Supervisor of Safety at the Lamp Division of Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Bloomfield, N. J. His record also includes twelve years of fire department experience in Wisconsin.

He is a member of the Industrial Committee of the Newark Safety Council, and of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Newark Chapter.

On the lighter side of life, he expresses a preference for hunting, fishing, and bowling.

"Radio is a great thing. I think it will be very prominent in the future. At least that seems to be the humorous conviction of those of us in the service who are taking the radio mechanics course here at Truax Field. I expect to graduate from it within a week and maybe go to an advanced school. I've only spent thirty weeks at it now in two different schools. It's fun chasing electrons all over the crazy circuits in commercial and Army radio sets, even more interesting than finding the closest tolerances in a magneto and reading the closest measuring instruments."

PFC Stanley R. Barber



"Scintilla Has Plenty to be Proud of", says Berdanier



Cpl. John Berdanier

"I am in a heavy bomb squadron. We have the B-17 or Flying Fortress. Our job is to train men for combat. These men that we train leave us and go overseas. Our base is their last phase of training before the big fight. We live

and carry on our duties the same as we would at the fighting front. The only drawback to our job is not getting into the fight

ourselves. It is hard to watch men you have trained for months go and get all the fun.

"My part of the teaching is lower ball turret gunnery. I and several others train all the ball gunners that come through our base.

"I want to take this time to thank all the people at the Plant for the good work they have been doing. I have been flying for over a year now and the good old Scintilla Mag has been turning out the juice all the time. The people of the Scintilla sure have plenty to be proud of. The men of the Army Air Force will swear by our Mag."

Cpl. John H. Berdanier



PFC Allen Arno

"I'm in the badlands of South Datoka where it really gets cold. We're going to radio school, learning to be radio operators and mechanics. When we leave here, we'll go to gunnery school. Then we'll be ready to take our places in

the crew of a bomber.

"I'm planning very much on being back with the old gang some day. It's a swell gang to work with."

PFC Allen C. Arno



Pvt. James Bartz

"Since leaving Scintilla last January I have been at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. Here we are pursuing a course in premeteorology.

"Many of the men here will be assigned to further training in meteorology up-

on completion of the course here. Those who are not so assigned will have advantages for a commission in other branches of technical training.

"Hamilton College is almost all taken over by the Army. Only 26 freshmen are registered this year. The two Army groups and the civilian group see little of each other except on the last bus to Clinton on Saturday night.

"Soon all of us will be out in combat service and we know that you of Scintilla will back us with the best in magnetos and ignition equipment. You can be sure that the men of the Air Corps are particularly proud of Scintilla's slogan . . . OUR BONUS . . . FREEDOM."

Pvt. James Bartz

"Most of my time since entering the service has been spent at Keesler Field, Miss., which is the location of one of the Army Air Forces largest technical training schools. Here the ground crews which keep our B-24's or Liberator bombers flying are trained. After completing the extensive twenty-week course I was assigned to the school as an instructor in which capacity I am still carrying on."

Sgt. Ralph Axtell



Cpl. Herbert Anthony

"I have been in the Army since January 28, 1943. We were stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., where we received our basic training. We moved to Camp Polk, La., on the 6th of July and entered maneuvers on the 12th of July.

"I am in the Medical Detachment which is attached to an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion."

Cpl. Herbert Anthony



Frank M. Bell, MM 2/C

"I have graduated from steam school and received a second class petty officer's rating. I was home on leave last month and visited some of the gang at the plant. Most of the fellows that I worked with have gone to work for

Uncle Sam. He really is a good boss to work for. After the war is over I hope that we will all be back to work for you as you are a good boss, too.

"I am going to Ford's diesel school right now. Our group has been working on a 200 horse-power General Motors Diesel engine. I have four weeks more out here, then I expect to be shipped out to sea. I really want sea duty cause I've been a dry land sailor for eight months now!"

Frank M. Bell, MM 2/C

"Many thanks for sending me a copy of the Scintillator every month. Reading it gives me the feeling that I am once more working for Scintilla, and I hope the day isn't far off that I will be able to."

Pvt. Joseph Antal





Herbert S. Weber PFC Frank A. Race



me Mertz MoMM 2/C Cpl. James E. Slavin



Robert Veit, AMM 3/C Sgt. Robert Riley



PFC Charles Ackley George A. Bennett

PVT. BOGART REPORTS . . .

"After four months training in Virginia, Louisiana and California, my outfit crossed the Pacific to Iran. We stopped at Pearl Harbor, New Zealand, Australia and Bombay. We finally reached our destination on the Persian Gulf, after a trip of nearly two months on the water. From Iran I had an eight hour plane trip to Africa, where I was stationed for about two months. From there to England took two weeks by boat, including a day spent at Gibraltar.

"My untimely return to the States was made for treatment of an injury. I hope to be fixed up and back to work again soon.

"In England I often heard the roar of hundreds of planes passing over on their nightly missions against the European fortress. All of you at Sidney must be doing a swell job of turning out the parts to keep so many thousands of planes flying."

Pvt. Harrison Bogart



"I have been here in England for some time now but if they have any intention of making me a confirmed "Limie," they will have to change the weather. The annual precipitation here must be measured in feet rather than in inches. Too bad it couldn't be tanked up and sent to some of the fellows in the desert regions.

"I am constantly coming in contact with your products over here and every time I see one of your name plates, I can't help but wonder if I had anything to do with the manufacture of the part, and, at the same time, I can't help but wish I were back there."

Cpl. Grant A. Bacon



"After a long tiresome journey, we reached our destination somewhere in India. There is much to be said about India, the customs and places of interest. I didn't believe many things, but the seeing is believing. The place here is different than the states. I haven't met anybody from home yet. I miss receiving mail - I'll have plenty when I do get some. I must close now. The time goes so fast here that one forgets what day it is. Happy Holidays to all."

Cpl. Thomas Benenati



"I left Scintilla in December, 1942, and joined our United States Army. Since then my luck has been exceptional. I advanced from buck private on up the ladder to my present rank of Staff Sergeant. Of course this took a lot of cooperation and studying but I always felt it was my duty to be of the best service I could to Uncle

"This is supposed to be the best outfit in the 14th Armored Division. We are from Battery C of the 500th Armored Field Artillery and proud of it. If Hitler ever sees us coming, he'll run."

S/Sgt. William Cluff



Pvt. Ernest Barth



Leon Wormuth, AMM 2/C Cpl Albert Colon





Pvt. Clyde Wood PFC Gerald Bank



Sgt. Paul Sherwood Pvt. Charles Lathrop

"IT'S GOOD TO COME BACK"...



"If you will coninue to send us
your monthly issue
of the good old Scinillator, I'm sure we
can get all the news
on how you people
here at Scintilla
ure doing your share
by backing us, who
have joined Uncle

Henry J. Cenzano, GM 3/C Sam's armed forces 100%. I know you are all doing a great job . . . keep it up.

"I am now a Gunner's Mate 3/C Petty Officer, and now wear the Eagle, and am proud to wear it. I have been a U. S. Naval Gunner aboard our large Cargo Vessels which carry supplies to help win this war, and I'll try to keep them sailing. I have spent time overseas and have just got back from making a trip to London. I hope to be making many more soon, but I can assure you that it is always good to come back to the good old U. S. A."

Henry J. Cenzano, GM 3/C

"Every time I see a Scintilla product
I think of the whole Scintilla. We cannot

lose with such a backing.

"I have left the good old U. S. A. and when I do get back no one will appreciate it as I will. I am in the Engineers and even though it is not like the work I used to do, I do like it.

"It is good to hear that production is up. When we hear that, we know that the Soldier and the working Soldier are working as one. Victory is certain."

PFC Edward Church

"The places I have been ... people and things I have seen only confirm my original belief that America and home are wonderful places to be and well worth any sacrifice they may call forth. Let's all keep in there pitching for all we're worth." Gotfred Christensen, MM 2/C



all started on Cape Cod, Mass. I arrived at Camp Edwards Feb. 1, 1943. The night was cold, a heavy damp snow was falling. To get something to eat and a little sleep was my main worry.

"To begin with it

Cpl. Arthur Bonker We were fed . . . hot dogs (we're still eating them).

"The following day we were informed that we were attached to a medical unit which was in turn attached to an Anti-Aircraft outfit.

"On the 11th of July we came out on maneuvers where we have been ever since, except for a ten day furlough back in good old New York State.

Cpl. Arthur Bonker



"PRISONERS ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE". . .

"I am stationed at a prisoner of war camp down here in Louisiana and it is our duty to see to it that the Huns don't escape once they are captured.

"After I was inducted last March I was sent to the induction center at Fort Niagara. From there I was sent to Fort Custer, Michigan for training as an M.P. While I was at Custer, my company was sent to the east coast to pick up some prisoners. We took them to a prisoner of war camp in Texas. About the first of July we were sent down here to Lousiana to take over the prisoner of war camp.

"As for the prisoners, they are just ordinary people as far as I can see. For the most part, they have had enough war. Most of them believe that it will be over

"Before they were captured, they were given the impression that New York, Boston, Detroit, and several other large cities had been bombed by Hitler. They were quite surprised to find out that they hadn't been.

"The fellows across the pond are doing a great job and if we over here do as well, it will be over soon and we can all live normally again." PFC Harold A. Church



William Berger, CBM

"My first assignment was guard duty at the naval base in Station Island, then I was on a patrol boat operating from the base. Later I was transferred to a ship building yard to take care of the crews of ships that

were being built there. I had as many as 250 men to look out for. My job there was Chief Master at Arms, Now I am stationed in New York City.

"Well, things are looking better for cur side in the war because of the vast production which I hope will continue until this war is won."

William Berger, CBM

"I was a member of the Military Police Organization, stationed at Atlantic City, N. J., until last September 23. On that date I was sent to the Santa Ana Army Air Base in Santa Ana, California. While there I was reclassified and sent to my present station arriving on the 9th of October

"At the present time I'm a crew member of a B-24 Liberator bomber. I work

as a mechanic when my plane is on the ground. When the plane is in the air I fly with it and study aerial engineering. I hope to be classified as an aerial engineer some time in the near future.

"This is the first opportunity that I've had to be near any of the planes. I must say that my chest sort of expanded with pride when I saw all the "Bendix" accessories on the plane that I am assigned to. It is a hard job to look at the inside of the plane or the engines and not find something right away that is made by "Bendix."

Pvt. Sheldon L. Bump, Jr.



"Scintilla magnetos really go over big on our planes, and I haven't seen one flare out yet. That should make you people feel that you are doing your part as production soldiers on the home front.

Harold R. Beggs, FC 3/C "Since I have been in the Navy, I have spent one month in Boot Training at Newport, Rhode Island, one month in Range Finders' School, and the rest aboard the "...."

Harold R. Beggs, FC 3/C

"Keeping Production 'Up There' Inspires All of Us". .



PFC Donald Palmer

"We in the service of Uncle Sam's forces are always happy to hear from friends at home, especially former working colleagues. Your important mission on the home front, of keeping production 'up there,' is inspiring to all of us in uniform.

"My duties in the Military Police are varied and interesting. Assignments on ships of many lands have given me opportunities of meeting with natives from

practically all the countries engaged in fighting the Axis. Recently I observed Hindus from India going about their daily tasks aboard ship, eating with their hands, without utensils, squatting on the floor, and other rituals so strange to us. Although their customs, dress, and language seem strange, they form a common bond with us in the war, determined to win it as speedily as possible.

"Protecting the security and safety of our buddies, guarding troop ships and supplies constitute only a few of the duties we hold sacred to our country."

PFC Donald Palmer



Maurice A. Perkins, F 1/C

"The training here isn't so bad. Maybe it's because they're making a real man of me. I am attending a firefighting school. When we reach Island X, the battalion will have its own fire company.

"Last week while passing through one of the school shops I

noticed a motor all torn down on a bench. While I was observing the different parts of the motor I spied a magneto. You could imagine my surprise when I picked it up to find it was a Scintilla magneto. I could not find out what type of motor it was in or the type of mag it was, but anyway, I was certainly surprised."

Maurice A. Perkins, F 1/C





Cpl. Louis Rogers

"I entered the service at Camp Upton August 6, 1942 and received basic training at Miami Beach, Florida. Then I attended the Aviation Institute of Technology in Long · Island City. Upon graduating, I went to the 393 Base Hq.

and Air Base Sqdn. in Syracuse. I attended the Pratt-Whitney Engine Specialist School in Detroit, Michigan and was later transferred into the Air Transport at Alpena, Michigan, I was sent to Kansas City, Missouri for transport transition training with the Mid-Continent Airlines. Then I returned to A. T. C. Hdqs. at Billy Mitchell Field, Wisconsin for classification. I was classified as an aerial engineer and am now at Rosecrans Field, Missouri undergoing operational training." Cpl. Louis Rogers



M/Sgt. H. W. DeVoe

"It certainly is nice to hear of you every now and then. It's a marvelous thing to know your former employer thinks of every one of us, no matter how far away we are. Some day soon we all hope to be back again.

"When I was up on my furlough to see you all not so long ago, it was really grand to see the marvelous changes that have been made since I left in 1941 . . . and the wonderful job Scintilla is doing to help win this war."

M/Sgt. Harold DeVoe.





















Cpl. Gertrude Nichols

Sat. Wilfred Lee

S/Sgt. Norman Anderson Walter E. Lees, Lt. Comd

McCUMBER SEES STARVATION IN INDIA



T/5 Leon J. McCumber

"You are reading much about the people of India starving. I have seen them lying in the stations and along the roads, and they don't seem to think anything of it. They make no effort to get the bodies out of the way.

"There are plenty

of sacred cows that just wander around and you don't dare touch them.

"I have seen plenty of country, as we crossed the States twice and ended up here, but the good old U. S. A. is the best by far.

"There must be plenty of your magnetos in use here as there are lots of planes, and we are glad.

'There are a great many faults to find with this country, but we can stand them all just to keep the good ones we have back home. If there is anyone there that doesn't think our country is the best, I hope they end up in India!"

T/5 Leon McCumber

"I've just completed the aviation machinist mate's course at NATTC, Memphis, and also a two-week course of Radar there. I was one of the top 50 per cent to get a rate, so now I am a third class petty officer.

"At the present I am going to the air gunner's school. After I complete this I hope to be flying in a patrol plane or blimp as a flying 'gunner-mech.'

"It's been almost a year that I've been in, and it doesn't seem that long. I guess time really does fly. I hope it goes a lot faster, so the war will be over and all the boys can get home. I don't care where you go, there is still no place like home."

Louis R. Mazzarella, AMM 3/C

Charles Root, MoMM 2/C



Sat. Arthur Pickens

"On September 5, 1942 I left for Camp Upton, where we learned some of the fundamentals of drill by a tough drill sergeant.

"On September 8, I arrived at Miami Beach, Florida, for my basic training. There we received a

week's training in the manual of arms and drill. I was unfortunate in drawing one day of K. P., and I had to peel one hundred pounds of onions. I never saw so many big soldier boys cry before.

"After being interviewed by my commanding officer they discovered I could do clerical work, and I was placed in the Classification Section in Wing Headquarters and have been there ever since. I started out as a clerk typist.

"I have been in the Army now for one year and four weeks and still like it as much as ever."

Sgt. Arthur Pickens

"My outfit is now stationed in England. We find life here real pleasant. The people are friendly and there are many interesting things to see in England, if one has the time.

"The camps we have are very comfortable and the food is very good. Our work takes up most of our time, but we do have some time for recreation.

"The boys in the armed forces certainly appreciate the excellent work that is being done on the production front. Scintilla products are considered the best and are praised very highly."

PFC Wendell Wrench

S/Sqt. William Cluff



Pyt. Frederick Schrader

terested to know what I consider my biggest thrill since joining this Army. I have had the pleasure of traveling over almost two thousand miles of our beautiful country. As we rolled over the rails on

"You might be in-

these troop trains, many people greeted us with a friendly wave. Seems rather simple, doesn't it? But it means an awful lot to the boys.

"In conclusion I say, keep waving, keep saving, buy War Bonds."

Pvt. Frederick W. Schrader



Cpl. Fred Clayton

Robert Neish, GM 3/C



Pvt. Charles Moss

Cpl. Leonard Price

PFC Joseph Andresen



S/Sgt. Allan Winans

Cpl. Joseph Cycon









Cpl. Charles Beach

C T/5 Gordon Timmer

Pvt. Dermuid Casey

Elmer J. Clark, AM 2/C

Major Harold Brockel

Pvt. William French



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st Sqt. L. C. Wart Floyd Clum, S.2/C



PFC Leland Miller Pyt. Armold Zurbragg



Cpl. Donald Johnson Lt. John O'Rourke



PFC Donald Butler Cpl. Richard Arrandale

"Great to See Scintilla Production So High"

"I had a few months training out in California, mostly at Camp Haan, which was not bad as it was close to Los Angeles and Hollywood. Some of the training in California was in the Mojave Desert, which was not so good being close to mostly nothing but desert.

"Following that I spent three months sweating out an officer candidate course at Camp Davis, N. C. Camp Davis is better off not being described; ditto for O. C. S. Somehow or other they made me a shavetail. Since that time I've been down here in the wide-open spaces of Southwest Texas. Texas may be all right for Texans, but as for me I've had too much Texas; take me back to New York.

"While you're making parts so airplanes can fly, I'm learning how to shoot them down. Our main weapon is the Bofors 40 MM anti-aircraft cannon, supplemented with the very capable .50 calibre machine guns. The unit as a whole is quite an effective combination which is proving its worth in many a forward area.

"As you all know, equipment and supplies are as important and necessary as soldiers or sailors, and it's great to see that Scintilla production is so high. Keep it up."

2nd Lt. Harold Dromgoole

"It's a pretty tough fight, and will no doubt gothe limit. But, with the punch that we have we're bound to come out on top.

"I am glad to hear that the gang is doing such a swell job in buying bonds.

Believe me, it's be-John W. Simpson, SC 3/C ing put to work and the job is well done. We, too, over here are buying bonds, all that we can. We figure it's a pretty cheap price for freedom and that what's worth having is worth fighting and paying for.

"I've seen and talked with some of the magneto mechanics over here, and they certainly have high praise for Scintilla. It's a swell feeling to know that my friends back home are taking such an important part. I hope they realize that and bear down just that much more in their work." John W. Simpson, SC 3/C



"I have been in the Army over a year. I am here in Camp Edwards, Mass., with an Anti-Aircraft unit.

"I'll admit I'm not doing much good on this side, but if or when we get over there, we will do our

Pvt. Richard Standish part and a bit extra for the fine job all of you have done pushing equipment out to the Armed Forces.

"I'm not bragging, but our outfit is pretty rugged. In fact, it is so tough if your hat isn't on straight, you may just as well plan on being in for the week-end drilling. I found that out pretty quick."

Pvt. Richard Standish

"I entered the service two and a half years ago at Maxwell Field, Alabama. My first duty was as cook. Then I worked on the line as an airplane mechanic. I didn't care much for cooking. I liked being a mechanic, but they needed a carpenter, so I worked as carpenter for a while, then I was made Supply Sergeant. This I considered the best job on the field.

"Then I was shipped to George Field, Illinois, where I am stationed at present. Here I started drilling 'rookies.' I took sick then and was in the hospital off and on all winter including Christmas. Then I was sent to Billings General Hospital, Indiana where I remained for three months.

"Then I was sent back to George Field where I am working as an airplane sheet metal worker. I like this work very much.

"I would like to get into combat duty, but it seems impossible at present."

Sgt. John Weisshaupt

"At present I am driving trucks that service planes. It is very interesting, as all types of planes stop for refueling, from training planes to the largest bombers. At times bombers just returned from foreign missions stop here, and their crews speak a little of places they have been.

"I am looking forward, as are all the rest of us, to the day when we will all be back among families and friends. Until that day I will do my best to help keep them flying."

Cpl. Neil E. Stoddard

"THANKS A LOT FOR KEEPING ME UP" SAYS A/C CHARLIE DUNN



A/C Charles W. Dunn

"There isn't much to say, aside from the fact that it's a lot of hard work lasting from 5 in the morning till 7:30 at night. But I like every bit of it . . . especially the flying part, because up in the air there is no one to bother one

(at present, who knows about later). It also think of the fact that Scintilla magnetos and harnesses are keeping me up. It gives me something to brag my home town up for, as most of the fellows are from large cities.

"I'm now in basic training and have a little over three and a half more months to go."

"I'm wishing everybody at Scintilla the best of luck and thanks a lot for keeping me up." A/C Charles W. Dunn

"Everyone knows of the sub-tropical climate of Florida, of its beaches and palm trees, the everglades, and the splendor of its lavish estates where people can burn in the sizzling sun and forget about snow and ice. Such has been my environment for the past year and a half.



"For 17 months I was stationed at Miami Beach; first at basic training center where I completed a one-month course at Drill Instructors School, served in the capacity of an instructor for five months, then transferred to a new basic training center when it was initiated in November, 1942, being there throughout its duration. The next seven months I was Chief Clerk at the NCO School, then went back to train Aviation Cadets.

"On October 4 of this year I left Miami with the impression that my destination was to be California, but I'm still here in Florida near Sebring, at Hendricks Field, a school where officers learn to handle Flying Fortresses. My job is in Technical Supply, and I can truthfully say that I help to 'Keep 'Em Flying,' for Supply furnishes the parts and pieces which put together can be called an airplane."

S/Sgt. Allan R. Winans

"My outfit, the Anti-Tank Co., is down here in the hills of Tennessee playing war. It is as realistic as can be, to the extent of having the simulated wounded carried off in stretchers and into ambulances to the Regimental Aid Station. There is no one killed as we use blank ammunition.

"Our job here in the Anti-Tank Co. is to hunt out enemy tanks and half tracks and to put them out of action. We have had plenty of excitement here."

Cpl. Frank Provenzon

"I will attempt to give you a rough idea of what goes on in 'Churchill-Land.'

"As most of you already know, the English drive on the wrong side of the road, in our estimation. The coinage system was hard to catch on to at first. If you want to learn in a hurry, just get in a few poker games. Believe me, you catch on to the the money situation in a hurry.

"I had a short pass to visit London. I saw Westminister Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, towers of London, Buckingham Palace, and the changing of the Royal Guard. It's really quite an impressive ceremony. I also saw something of what the "Blitz" did. They have done remarkably well in cleaning up the debris.

"I've also been fortunate enough to meet someone from my home town. All in all, it's not such a bad life, so far."

PFC Willis R. Marks

Christmas cheer for Service Men from Dept. 23! Upper left—Wrapping packages are Doris Cumber, John Osier, Arthur Rudolph, Theo Cole and Betty O'Hara. Lower left—Betty O'Hara, Theo Cole and Doris Cumber tackle the job of preparing candy for packaging. Lower right—KP duty on the Home Front! Theo Cole and Martha Dwyer (Scintilla Nurse) keep the candy production line humming.

Photo by Harry Earl







MORE LETTERS FOR PVT.THAYER.PLEASE!

Pvt. Hope Watson

Pvt. David Hoy

"I am in the Infantry division here at Camp Adair, but am also in the stock room part of the time, and after basic training is over, I will be in the stock room all of the time. This is practically the same work as I was doing when I left the employ of good old Scintilla.

"No matter where we are in this world we still know the people that are back home are still keeping up the battle on the production front. We need all the production that is possible, so we can make all possible use of the best equipment in cur battles against the enemy. We know we will win, and hope to hasten that day. Keep up the good work on the home front and we will do our very best on the battlefront.

"One thing that would help very much in the service is to have more letters from the home production lines. We still leve to hear of new methods and changes for better production, so let's have all the letters time will permit. Here's wishing you the best of luck at home until it's home for all of us again."

Pvt. Orlo Thayer



"I am now stationed in the desert of Southern California, undergoing training in desert warfare, and inasmuch as we would all rather be home, we intend to see this thing through, and make sure that,

Cpl. Harold C. Smith when we come home this time it will be for good, and we can continue to live as free people in a free country."

Cpl. Harold C. Smith

"It's been nearly 15 months since I shed a tear at leaving Sidney, and a lot of things have happened, but if we all do our share, you with production and me, doing as I'm told, a lot more things will happen and for the best.

Harold Wenck,

Pvt. Morris Horton

"While I'd like to write and tell you of exciting adventures and killed Japs, I can't because I'm still here in the U. S. A. in training. At this station I'm learning aerial gunnery and it's mighty interesting. We have range work with caliber 22 shotgun firing at skeet and also 4 weeks of firing the .30 caliber and .50 caliber machine guns. Then we finish up with a week of air to air firing from the turret of a bomber at a sleeve target being towed along. I'll be leaving here for Bombardier school in a few weeks."

A/C Martin Guhin

"When I first entered the service I was stationed with the 628th Engineers at Plattsburg, New York. During my basic training I won the expert's rifle medal, using the Army's M-1 Model Garand rifle. After my basic training I was selected to attend a gasoline and Diesel engine mechanics school in Baltimore, Maryland. While there I noticed that there was an Aviation Cadet Examining board on the post, and being very much interested in aviation, I applied. I passed my examination and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas where I am now located.

"For the past ten days all I have been doing is taking more physical and mental examinations. Some of them have lasted all day. Today we took our final physical before being sent to college, and at least ten doctors examined us. I don't want to see another doctor for ten years.

"I expect soon to be sent to some college for five months, after which we will start our actual flight training.

"I wish you would tell the men and women at Scintilla that Scintilla's products, especially the magneto, are 'tops' with the Army Air Corps."

A/C Herbert Weber, Jr.



"This camp used to be a dreamy old southern plantation. In fact, it was one of the most beautiful plantations in this section of Virginia, but now instead of the lazy old negro singing spirituals at all hours of the day, you find Joe Smith and Peter Jackson from Iowa; Art Brown from Washington, Jerry Conlon from Florida, and several guys from good old New York, all doing their little bit to win the war in a hurry. We fellows have nicknamed it "The Country Club" as it has some very quiet and restful moments.

"I hear that you put the bond drives way over the top and that production is way up. Good for you! It's sure a swell thing. You'd be surprised to see how it makes us feel to know that our little old home town is doing its share and that the people back home are doing more than their share. Believe me, we'll always remember it. It shows that you all appreciate what a grand job those fellows overseas are doing. I don't have to say keep it up or keep 'em flying, because I know you folks will, until we have reached our goal . . . victory and peace."

PFC Otis Norton



"Like most fellows, I got the urge to get into the fight so I joined the Navy. They started me off in a boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. From there I was sent to an Aviation Machinists Mate school in Tennessee. Upon the completion of my course of study I received the rate of AMM 3/C.

"Giving more physical and mental examinations, they selected men who were qualified for aerial gunners. I was one of those who qualified. I was sent to Pensacola for this course of study. When I had this course of study completed, I was sent to a receiving ship. Finally I came to North Africa. My activities here are just those the Navy has trained me for. Just recently I was recommended for AMM 2/C. Passing all of my examinations, I was advanced in rate."

Leon S. Wormuth, AMM 2/C



"This Fellow Is No Good," Says Collings

"This picture shows one of our pets which make their home with us. He goes by the name of "Bushmaster" which he holds up in fine shape. But here is a little tip. This fellow is no good. So if you should run into him

some day just call him pet, but don't try to make friends with him. It just doesn't work. Take it from me, I know.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the Inspection Department for the kindness they have shown me. Thanks a million." Sgt. Ralph Collings

"Since I came in the Army, I have seen plenty of airplanes (even though I am in the Infantry) that are equipped with magnetos from good old Sidney. Without a doubt I will see plenty more before this war is over.

"The time has gone by very fast since I checked out of Scintilla on December 19, 1942. I often think of Scintilla and sure wish I could be back. I never fully realized how well off I was there.

"I see by the Scintillator that you are doing a good job on buying bonds. That is doing the job double as we do. We fight and buy bonds also. Every one counts, and the more we buy the quicker this will end. Let's hope it's soon.

"I can't tell you what I have done, where I am or what we will be doing, but as yet I am alive and feeling fine. Have lost over 50 lbs. since I left but those who remember me back there will say I can stand it."

Pvt. Earl Clark

"My present duty is as Material Officer for the Navy's Instrument Flight Instructor's School located here at Atlanta and reputed to be the finest instrument instructor's squadron in the world. My main task is to procure the aircraft parts to keep "out-of-commission" tags off squadron airplanes, and when they do get on to get them off in a hell of a hurry. It is fascinating work, keeps me on the go all the time especially when one stops to consider the various nuts, bolts, etc. that go into the mechanisms of these modern day aircraft.

"I am leaving soon for Hartford, Conn., to attend a two-months course at the Army-Navy Engine School located at Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Corp. there."

Lt./JG E. W. Baker

Scintilla Magneto Gives Confidence

"I am now located just over the Washington line in Virginia on detached service, and this is a swell location here. I can see the monument from here very clearly, and the large Army airport is situated just a little bit across the river, so you can imagine the noise of the bombers and transports that come over here to land.

"The beauty of this place is that there is no drilling while I am here, no reveille, no retreat or no inspections, but have been through plenty of the latter when I was with my other outfit. I also had plenty of the drilling back there, so I know what it is

"This post has practically everything on it. There is a post theater, a large gymnasium, a couple of PX's, a post tap room, a post office, three or four mess halls and the WACS are situated on the hill just above us."

Pvt. Reginald Beebe



Sgt. Robert Burnside

"We are training very hard for the day when we go to the front, and you can depend on the 66th Panther Division to live up to their name.

"We are doing our share buying war bonds and getting ready to go to combat.

"So keep the machines running and we will keep the JAPS and NAZIS running when the time comes.

"I hope when I pay my next visit to Scintilla the war will be over and hope that will be soon. So until then, I remain one of the men fighting to the end."

Sgt. Robert Burnside



Cpl. Martin J. Dermody I am the only in-

"I've been down at Fort Dix since February where I'm an instrument mechanic at the air base.

"Since that time I've been transferred from the 355th to a new outfit, the 414th. Here

strument man, so it keeps me busy repairing instruments on the ships. Before a ship can be released for flight it must have my o.k. on it as far as instruments are concerned. I also go on test hops, to see that the instrument works in flight as well as when on the ground before the ship can be released for duty.

"When up in the air I aways feel confident because I know that I'm flying in a ship containing a Scintilla magneto.

"Just recently I've been promoted to corporal and hope to make sergeant by the 15th. I've also been selected to take a cadet examination, and if I pass I'll be qualified for cadet school."

Cpl. Martin J. Dermody

"I don't have too much to say. You do your part on the production lines and we will hold our own on the battlelines.

"I am in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery. The battalion I am in has been transferred to the Fourth Air Force in California where we have been in training with the Air Corps working out more headaches for Hitler & Co.

"I have been assigned to the fire control section of our 90 MM gun battery. The work is hard and interesting.

"During my Army career I have seen several states but none of them can compare with good old New York State."

PFC Joseph Andresen



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Sgf. Louis LaBar (Died out of service)



"Army life is some change from civilian life, but I do not know whether I would go back now sometimes or not, because there is something about the Army that fascinates me even if I am not too crazy about it.

"I am sure this training will benefit me in more than one way. I think it will build me up physically, and I already appreciate the things in civilian life that one does not get here.

"I have had plenty of marching, drilling, educational movies, calisthenics, and other things. We have been out on the rifle range shooting the rifle. The Army rifle is really quite a piece of machinery.

"About eight weeks from now we will find out what specialized training we will get . . . perhaps for a tank driver, mechanic, radioman, or a cook or baker . . . of all things." Pvt. MacDonald L. Grant

Tough Work, But Fun...



PEC Charles Esoles

"I left your employment the last week in November, 1942 and entered the service December 2, 1942 at Camp Upton, Long Island. From there I was sent to Fort Meyers, Virginia. At that time the 176 Infantry was on guard

duty in the Nation's Capitol across the river. Next we were sent to Fredericksburg, Virginia for further field training. It was tough but it was fun.

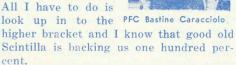
"After a few months of this work, the 176 Infantry Regiment was selected by the Eastern Defense Command to be attached to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"Our job here at Benning is that of teaching or instructing Officer Candidates the infantry weapons. We also have regular Officer classes as well as Officer Candidate classes. This is one time and about the only time a private can tell a Major or Colonel what to do and get away with it.

"I'd like to say hello to all my friends in Scintilla and to the boys who have left for the Service." PFC Charles Esolen

"I received your much appreciated letter. It makes a fellow feel very good to know that all you people back home are really pulling for us.

"You mentioned the high brackets. All I have to do is look up in to the



"I've seen plenty of country but none of it can compare with good old Sidney."

PFC Bastine Caracciolo

"After being in the Army nine months, I'm finally through my first step in getting my Silver Wings.

"As of now I have had 10 hours of dual instruction in a "Piper Cub" (equipped with Scintilla magnetos) at the College Training Detachment at Springfield, Massachusetts. I am now getting a greater part of my ground school training at Maxwell Field, Alabama Pre-Flight School for Pilots. My training here is nearly completed and by Christmas I should have several hours of solo (if everything goes along as smoothly as it has so far). If it continues to be that way, I have hopes of being one of our fighter pilots by next June, ready to go into action to do my part in knocking out the Axis."

A/C Lloyd C. Johnson



"When I received your letter I was at Flight Preparatory school in Louisiana, I left there about October 26 and came here to Texas Christian University. This is a much more interesting school, mainly because we receive our first flying experience. We are flying Waco's which are a good plane. I soloed about 10 days ago, and it was really a thrill. We will get around 45 hours of flying and then go to pre-flight school which consists of mostly physical training.

"I enjoy flying very much, but am looking forward to the time when this war is over and we will all be able to come back home."

Sgt. Derwin B. Anderson

"I have done nothing very commendable, except try to learn to be a soldier, a soldier that all my friends would be proud of. I was inducted at Fort Niagara, New York, and sent to Atlantic City, New Jersey for my basic training. My appointment as Private First Class came July 28, 1942, and I was sent to Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado. State Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota, was my next stop, where I attended and graduated from Administration Technical School. From there I was sent to my present base in North Carolina. What I have learned, what I am doing now, and what I will do in the future, are naturally secret items. I haven't done much yet but, as I said, learn to be a soldier, and I intend to be a good one when I finish." PFC Kenneth C. Gage

"We have all striven for the same goal, for greater planes, ships and tanks, for a better Army, Navy, and Marines.

"I have seen quite a bit of the Scintilla magneto since I have been in the Army. I was amazed as well as astonished to find so many tanks with radial engines. Of course, there were the Scintilla magnetos that took my eye at first sight. The Army thinks they are great."

T/5 Seward Gilbert

PFC. Oles Learning Air Corps Camera Gunnery



PFC John D. Oles

"Since September 3, 1942, when I went into one door of the processing building at Camp Upton as a civilian, and came out another as a soldier, I've found life far from boring. Basic training at Grenier Field, New Hamp-

shire, followed by intense ordnance training at Bradley Field, Connecticut, kept me plenty busy for about seven months. Then, just when my outfit was ready for overseas duty, I found myself transferred into the Air Corps at Syracuse. After that, starting April 1, my training as an aerial photographer began. As a graduate of the Lowry Field Technical School of Photography, I am now classified as an aerial photographer-lab technician. Recently I was sent to the Waycross Army Air Base here in Georgia, where I am attached to the 449th Fighter Bomber Squadron, where I am to do gun camera work. With intense maneuvers in what the fliers term "Horse's Neck," about 60 miles from Waycross coming up, I shall have my hands full.

"The Air Corps uses a system of 'harmonizing' the machine guns with a gun camera in the wing, using 16 M.M. film to record hits on the targets during aerial target practice. This proves a 'sure-fire' method of proving how each pilot's aim is developing.

"Keep producing!"

PFC John Oles

"As I was working on machines in the plant I learned quite a bit, and from what I learned I am now in the Army as a machinist. The outfit I am in is a brand new one. We are the first to start it. We salvage and repair, so we have all kinds of workers in the company. We do our work from a boat that our company has. We are called G.I. sailors. Boy, do we have swell equipment to work with. There are four machinists and in our spare time we are mechanics. I really like it and I am Sgt. Wilfred M. Lee going places."

"I have been in the Army nine months and have had most of my training in the south. I have had an opportunity to look over airplane motors and talk to men who really know about them. All of them say Scintilla magnetos are considered the best in the world. It sure makes me feel proud to know that at one time I was on your assembly line. In closing, let me say that with people like you backing us on the home front, we will surely come out tops on the battlefront."

Cpl. Leo Kurkowski









PFC George Olmsted

PFC Bruce Silvernail

Sgt. Stanley Ryar

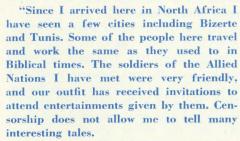


"I was inducted into the service on the 21st day of September, 1942 and had my physical exam and took the oath of allegiance at Utica. From there I was sent to the reception center at Camp Upton. I was here for two days and was sent to Miami Meach, Florida for basic training. I was there for only ten days and was sent to Amarillo Field, Texas for four months of airplane mechanics training. I completed a six weeks' electrical specialist course and was classified as an electrical specialist. Next our outfit was sent te Ardmore, Oklahoma and two weeks later we moved here to Kellogg Field. After two weeks here we went on maneuvers down to Columbus, Indiana for a month and then returned here.

"I have been around the country some. and it sure makes you want to get in there and fight when you see what you have to fight for.

"Remember, we boys are counting on you all to keep us flying."

Pvt. Harland B. Payne



"All of we fellows who have left the plant are looking foward to the day we can all be together again."

PFC Frederic McGill







C James VanValkenburg Bernard McGinnis, F 1,

"I have been taking a regular infantry basic and upon completion of it, started on glider training, which comsists of all uses of the glider, We have to learn how to load and balance our equipment within the cargo compartment. Of course there are many other things we must learn about the glider which I can not tell.

"The major part of our time is spent living in the field. We have a great deal of night work, as our division is like a commando group, and we work at night a great deal. We go out over night a lot and sometimes we stay from three to ten days before returning to camp. When we do this we live under regular combat conditions." Pvt. Morris Horton

"Because of my recent transfer into the Ordnance Bn., I'm unable to remark about it, although the fellows and officers seem to be a good bunch to be with. One thing that I can say is that California is really tops. A famous slogan for it is, 'The Place where the sunshine spends the winter.'

"Since I've been stationed here, I've had many exciting and interesting experiences such as: attending the 1943 Rose Bowl Football Game, attending world-wide broadcasts; and, being stationed only 20 miles from Hollywood, I've seen many popular movie stars (Dorothy Lamour, etc.)!"

Cpl. Albert Colone







Pvt. Warren Haskins



Sgt. Scott Cleveland

"I'll never forget the time we were bivouacing in Carolina. It was along about 3 in the morning (incidentally, we were sleeping in pup tents), I was awakened by wet feet, then my head felt wet, and then I discovered I was all wet (sounds like an insult). Well, I pulled myself up in the tent, and striking my lighter I discovered we were lying in three inches of water. My buddy slept right on. I heard the boys start cursing, but I felt so silly I just laughed. You can bet there wasn't any more sleep that night. Incidentally, my buddy woke up, and he had dreamed he was swimming, which proved true.

"I've seen many beautiful sections of the country, and have been in the largest cities. I have wintered in 40 below zero and summered (maybe that should be simmered) in 125 above. Naturally, I've been in the in-betweens."

PFC Robert Searles

"I was inducted into the Army on March 30, and after a day of classification and one of K. P. I was sent to the Army Air Corps Basic Training Center at Miami Beach, Florida. Here I was classified as a radio mechanic and after four weeks of marching, singing, K. P., guard duty, and everything else the Army has to offer, I was sent to Scott Field, Illinois to begin my studies. After a month's struggle with code and fundamentals of radio, I was loaded on a troop train and sent here to Truax Field, Wisconsin to really get to the bottom of the whys and wherefores of radio, I have been here for 22 weeks and am about to be graduated as a radio mechanic. From here I hope to be sent to an advanced school at Tomah, Wisconsin to go deeper into the mystery of radio. These G. I. schools are very efficient and sure can teach you a lot in a very short time.

"I have seen many different kinds of planes, and never miss my chance to brag about the Scintilla magnetos.

"The food is very good in the Army. We can see the results of the great sacrifice that you are making back home, and I am sure that this is true throughout the entire Army."

PFC James McCleary

"I enlisted in the Navy September 19, 1942 and had my 'boot' training at Newport, Rhode Island. Then I started to train at the NATT Center at Jacksonville, Florida, October 30, 1942. I graduated from there as an Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd class in April, 1943. From April to mid-August I worked and trained in the assembly and repair shops at Norfolk, Virginia and Corpus Christi, Texas. Then I was assigned to duty with the Pacific Fleet where I have been a plane captain on a dive-bomber. On November 1st I was advanced to AMM 2/C. At present I am in Seattle, Washington.

"With you folks supplying the everneeded equipment, and the combat outfits throwing it all at Tojo and his heels, it won't be long before the Japs will regret Pearl Harbor."

Arno Uhlig, AMM 2/C



PFC Francis J. Ryan

"It has been nearly two years since I regretfully left Scintilla. Of that time, I have been overseas over a year and a half in the tropics. For all of this time my health is still in good condition, and I feel as well as ever. "We out here are

far from civilization. We have no music, no news or radios, but we do have plenty of fresh chow, even to 'home Navy grown watermelons.' We also have plenty of fresh fruit which grows at our doorsteps.

"All we have we built ourselves. A Marine here might be a cargenter, cement mixer, stevedore, or machinist today, and a dozen other things tomorrow."

PFC Francis J. Ryan

"I am located in a Medical Battalion which serves the 69th Infantry Division. I have received my training in Camp Shelby, Miss. My medical training has included everything a hospital interne should know. We are the second group of medical soldiers to give aid to the wounded, and being in this position requires us to have a broad knowledge of medicine and all the latest drugs." Pvt. Charles W. Hastings

PREFERS OLD NEW YORK

"I was sent to Fort Niagara, then a reception center, and after three days of processing I was attached to the Q.M. Co. and sent to Camp Sutton, North Carolina, for my basic and technical training. I was at Camp Sutton for four months and then was sent to Desert Training Center in California.

"I have been to two different camps since I have been out here, and the place where I am now located makes the third. We are right in the middle of maneuvers now, and I guess everyone will be glad when they are over. If anyone has any grand illusions about "Sunny California" then I would advise them to stay off the desert. It is generally fairly warm in the daytime, but it gets plenty cold out here at night.

"Of all the states I have seen so far, I'll take good old New York in preference to all of them."

Cpl. Charles Talmadge

"I was inducted at Fort Niagara into the Signal Corps. My first camp was Camp McCain, Miss., where I was stationed for nearly six months with the Signal Corps.

"We got our basic training and specialized training on Army teletypes. While down there, I visited the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and saw the Mississippi River for the first time. It was really an interesting sight. Last June my outfit went to Nashville, Tennessee for summer maneuvers. It was an experience I will never forget, seeing all the armored cars and tanks on actual practice maneuvers.

"In July I was transferred to the Air Corps as a cadet. After a few weeks' basic in Keesler Field I was sent here to Springfield College for aviation cadet training. I will be flying a plane one of these days."

A/S George Sprague



/Sgt. V. J. Starbird



Sgt. James Houghtaling



Cpl. Robert Wickham



Maj. Carl Cook











nd Lt. Howard Comfort

Pvt. Kenneth Secrest

Arno Uhiig, AMM 2/C

A/C James George

Pvt. Orlo Thayer

Pvt. H. Keith Wright













Pvt. Clifford Harper

Herbert Hoy, SC 3/C

A/C Harry Hurlburt

S/Sgt. John Scanlon, Jr.

PFC Stanley Barber

Pyt. Reginald Beeb

Rarick Longs for Letters and Home-Cooked Meals

"I have traveled over half way around the world since I saw you last, and wound up in the jungles of India, where we were given a royal reception by the Mosquito Squad and millions of other bugs and insects. I think they were anticipating a good meal, and since then, I have almost decided to share my meals with them, for a steady diet of canned corned beef, Spam, and Vienna sausages loses its appeal after a certain length of time. What I wouldn't

give for one good home-cooked meal.

"After a few months spent here in the jungles one certainly learns to appreciate the good old U. S. A. and I'm going to be mighty happy to get back there again.

"I can't tell you much of our life over here, but we find plenty to do, and the one thing we look for are the letters from home and friends, so just keep them coming." S/Sgt. Donald Rarick





Pvt. James Stafford

PFC Ralph Stafford

"At present I am an instructor in the Las Vegas Army Gunnery School. I instruct future gunners in air-to-air firing from the famous B-17 Flying Fortress.

"We get up in the morning at 5:00 and do our drill, clean up, etc. At 5:45 we report to operations and there find our ship and students for our first mission. We brief each student so that when we get to the plane they have an idea of what is expected of them. We go to our plane around 6:20 and familiarize the students with the plane itself, the parachute exits and the proper wearing of the parachute.

"There are three missions, each two hours in length. The most important, of course, is the air-to-air firing. Then, second is the high altitude and the third is the camera mission.

"It is up to the instructor to see that there are no accidents in the air and mainly to teach the students to fix malfunctions of the machine guns and turrets, and make them the best gunners there are.

"When we come in on the last mission it is 6:30 or dark. At 9:30 the lights go out . . . so you can see they use every minute of the day here,

"The B-17 is a good ship, and I come across Bendix equipment all over it."

PFC Myrlin Page

"I have been in the Air Corps for six months the sixth of October. I had two months of basic training at Miami Beach, Florida. We lived in hotels and had our two hours of physical training each day on the famous Miami Beach.

"After two months of stiff basic training, I was made Private First Class, and sent to aviation mechanic school at Gulfport Field, Miss. I am now about to graduate as aviation mechanic. While in school I became very much acquainted with the Scintilla magneto and all the rest of Bendix products. When I worked for you in Stock "C" handling stock, I often wondered where all the parts were used, and now I'm glad to say I know."

PFC Earl S. Fuller

"I completed my submarine course and also Diesel course on Diesel engines at Connecticult and was transferred to Manitowac, Wisconsin to wait for a new submarine.

"The past weeks we have been on trial runs, at the end of which we expect to go to New Orleans for a while. We expect to go from there to Panama for more trial

"I like the submarine service very much and these ships are really complete."

Charles A. Root, MoMM 2/C





rt. Kenneth Pickens

Lt. Clarence Stafford

"I'm just an ordinary soldier out to do my job the same as a few million other boys are doing, not looking for glory, but anxious to get the job over with and get back to a nice peaceful country. I've seen quite a bit of North Africa and a little of Italy, but so far all that I've seen together isn't worth as much to me as my one little acre of land back home with the little bungalow on it.

"I think I am permitted to say that I have seen a little action, just enough of it to make me more eager to down the Axis and make a safe world for the coming generations. It's not only the action, but other things that one sees that makes a man hate people like Hitler.

"I can't say that I'm sorry to be here, because it would be a lie. I'm glad. When it's all over with, and I get back home, I can hold my head high and shoulders back and say, 'I did my part.'"

PFC John Meve

"If they were over here, they could see where production counts"

"I can't tell you the exact spot I am in here in North Africa because the Army won't allow it, but I can tell this much, I am cooking in Officer's Mess and really have a nice group of officers to work for. I have full charge of my shift with about 25 men under men, not including the French waiters, so you see I have quite a

"The main occupation over here is vineyards. They raise acre after acre of blue grapes from which they make wine. They also have huge orchards of apricot and olive trees. There are large villas where the Arabs work for the rich French, raising large flocks of goats. The leather from their hides is made into pocketbooks, book covers, and many other useful items, all hand made.

"There are quite a few silversmiths here. If you give one a quarter he will make you a ring from it with only a hammer and a pocketknife for tools.

"Their architecture is further advanced than ours as far as the modernistic design is concerned. They have some very beautiful buildings here.

"I close, sending my best to all my friends at Scintilla, and asking them to keep up the good work. If they were over here, they could see where their production is counting." Sgt. Stanley Ryan



PFC Alex Panko PFC J. T. McCleary



Elwin Van Yalkenburg, PhM3/C Cpl. Henry R. Magee



"I have been transferred into the Air Corps as an aviation student. I have been in the Infantry for the past eight months and am very glad to get into a branch of the service that I like. I hear that the Scintilla is still on the job producing

the things that we need to service and replace the parts for airplanes. I was at Sheppard Field, Texas and saw the technical schools that are in progress there, and anyone can readily see that without the production of spare parts these schools could not operate.

"I am enrolled in the 77th CTD (Air Crew) where I am to take a five month course to prepare me for pre-flight."

A/S John W. Gonser



"This picture is a little out of my class, as I am in the medical department of the squadron, and we don't carry any weapons. Our job is to save and not take lives. But you can be sure that we know how to handle that gun.

"I have been overseas now quite some time, and have seen quite a bit. Although I won't be able to tell you much, I will say that people of America sure are lucky. You don't know what blackouts and rationing are really like till you are here in England. Rationing in America doesn't compare with rationing here. Uncle Sam's boys are getting the best, thanks to you all back home." Cpl. Harry Niles



"At the present time we are out on the rifle range from 6 in the morning until 6 at night. It is a long day but we have our share of fun too. Last week we were out for five days and nights. At night we dug slit trenches and slept in them. There were a few mornings when we awoke with snow on our blankets, but it has agreed with me as I have gained twenty-five pounds so far. We are to get snowshoe and ski training this winter in the state of Michigan. The people that live here say it only gets down to forty or fifty below zero.

"We have been in three different camps since a year ago and are on our third phase of training with still a couple more to go." Cpl. Henry R. Magee

"I received my basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. It sure was hard at first, especially the first 12 weeks of drilling. After I got through with basic training, they assigned me to the control station in serchlight outpt, where I am at present. We had to learn all about the guns, from 30 calibers to 50 caliber machine guns.

"It took us a little while to get used to the hot weather here in Florida. It's not bad now; the days are very warm and the nights quite cold.

"I think I have gained about ten pounds since I have been in the Army. I'm feeling fine and this Army life seems to agree with me."

Pvt. Basilius Salonich





Pvt. Morgan Light



Cpl. George Gregory



Pvt. Donald Pratt



PFC Myrlin Page Pvt. Charles Hastings



A/S Edward P. Fay



Cpl. Neil Stoddard



Pvt. Stanley Brown



Pvt. Burton Cole

'KEEP 'EM FLYING WITH THOSE MAGNETOS". .



PFC Herbert Darling

"I've been in the sunny south all the time since I left good old New York until a few days ago when we took a three - day trip to California. I was Deep in the Heart of Texas for a few months, then some Lousy-ana maneu-

vers, and now some desert training. This desert weather is just like you've heard . . real hot days and real cold nights. We are between mountains so it gets dark soon after sunset.

"The trip by Pullman was very interesting coming out here, seeing many new sights and terrain. The Rocky Mountains were really a sight! Although our camp is about 200 miles from Los Angeles, I've been in already on pass. I'd say Los Angeles is the most beautiful city I've ever seen. The palm trees with all the modern building are a real sight. Of course, there's no place like home!

"Keep them flying with those magnetos while I keep those G. I. trucks rolling." PFC Herbert Darling



A/C Harvey Storck

"I have only had ten hours of flying and I love it. I can hardly wait until I start flying again.

"The one thing that really sounds good is to hear the way you are buying War Bonds. Good work and keep it up.

"I've visited Hol-

lywood a couple of times, and find it a beautiful place.

"Keep those magnetos coming, as I'll need them when I get my P-38.

"Above all, everybody write."

A/C Harvey V. Storck

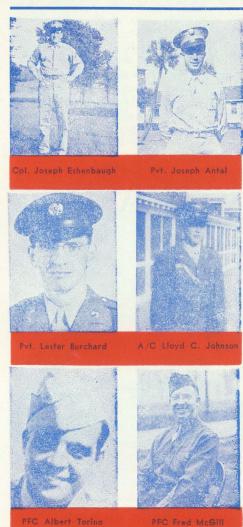
"I was in the shop when I was home on furlough in August and noted a good many changes since I worked there. For one thing, there are more pretty girls there now than then.

"I hold the world record for my speed and accuracy in setting up a machine gun and firing and hitting my target, sometimes nearly a mile away. I'm always first to get on my target and destroy it. I'm an instructor in a Tank Destroyer School, the Tank Destroyer Center of the world.

"I want to mention that some of the parts that I helped to make are being used in the big M-10's that we use here; parts that I helped to make that I never knew where they were used; little parts that I never thought could be used any-

"Let's hope you're all doing your hardest work possible so the rest of the fellows and I can come home for good."

Cpl. Merlyn Crawford



"Little do we realize what there is still ahead of us and what there is still to accomplish. We do realize that there is a pile of work to be done. We are giving the Japs the Heat Treatment, and we must make the heat more severe. Through you workers on the home front furnishing us with material, we can raise the blisters on the Japs.

"There are many jobs and each is mighty important. As for my fellow service men and myself, we can only do the jobs over here, and we know the jobs back home are in good hands.

"Materials, food, clothing, and letters are what we fight on and with, so keep them coming." Pvt. Mylard Webster

"I made photography school and now I am attached to the air force in Denver, Colorado. I am very happy here and hope to graduate very soon now and get to

"I have met many boys from the Scintilla in Massachusetts, Florida, Colorado, and California. It really is wonderful how we all have traveled all over the union.

"We get up at 4:30 in the morning and go to school at 5:15 and end at 1:30 after mess. School consists of lectures and developing and printing of negatives and pictures." Pvt. Hope Watson



PFC Harry Robbins

expected of the fellows in the Infantry. Retreat comes at 5 P.M., then supper at 6; after supper we have the evening off unless there is a night

"Usually our

daily routine is hiking, marching, ex-

ercises, bayoneting,

rifle practice, and

other drills that are

problem. "About a month ago we went on a 25 mile hike in about 6 hours. If only people could realize how our feet felt, they wouldn't complain about anything.

"All in all I enjoy Army life. Here's hoping that you can keep up the good work you're doing."

PFC Harry Robbins

"Since I have been over here in North Africa I have been attending an Engineer School. In this school I studied mine warfare, demolitions, and booby traps.

"I am glad to hear of the good work all of you are still doing back in Scintilla. Keep it up, for our sakes over here."

Pvt. Roland C. Pratt

"I am stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. It is a beautiful camp, quite new, and located near Augusta, one of the oldest cities in Georgia.

"I am working as a bookkeeper in the Camp Signal Office. Along with my bookkeeping work I am a platoon Sergeant, so between the two of them I keep very busy.

"Our living facilities are the same as the soldiers. We have our own barracks just like theirs, our own mess hall and orderly room. Our cooks and platoon sergeants are WACS and we have WAC officers in charge of the company.

"Best wishes to each and every one of you, and knowing Scintilla, I know that you will keep those lines rolling for a very Sgt. Judy Gurney quick victory.



Pvt. Kenneth North

"My training has taken me to four different camps and through sixteen states. After a short stay in Camp Upton, I was sent with a group as replacements in a heavy artillery outfit in Fort Ord, California. "Our basic train-

ing ended in May and we immediately convoyed to the Mojave Desert in Southern California where we participated in desert maneuvers. After four hot months of desert life we were shipped to Fort Leonard Wood, where I have been ever

"I am a machine gunner, and hope to get a crack at those Nazis soon."

Pvt. Kenneth North

Pvt. Henry Provenzon

"We are studying armament here. It's a course on how to repair and reassemble all types of machine guns and cannon used in bomber aircraft. We also study bombs, electricity, turrets, and sights. I have four more weeks of

schooling and one week of field exercises to go before graduating. Then we go to aerial gunnery school for about seven weeks.

"I hope I can do my bit 'over there' when the time comes, as I know you folks back at the plant are doing a splendid job toward making the magnetos that will carry us on many a successful Pvt. Henry Provenzon mission."





/Sgt. Byron Marble PFC Robert Searles



Col. William Price Grace Armstrong

HOME FRONT PRODUCTION AIDS ARMY'S MORALE

"I left the Scintilla April 10, 1942 for the Army, was at Fort Dix, N. J. and Fort Eustis, Va. before coming here to Camp Davis, N. C. I spent three days in Fort Dix, three months in Fort Eustis, where I took basic training on the 50 caliber machine gun, and then came to Camp Davis and was transferred to motor transportation, which I have been with for the past fifteen months."

Cpl. Horace D. Sperry



"The work I am now doing is in the Air Corps weather service with the particular duty of furnishing pilots with clearances and forecasts for flights from our field. So far I find the work very interesting, and feel that this little bit is at least in a small way bringing our side to the ultimate victory. Seeing these young pilots take off hourly and observing their attitude while off duty makes me realize just what a fine air force the nation is developing. There is nothing to worry about as far as the fliers are concerned. May I say that the every effort of the people in the war plants is very little to ask, when I see the things these boys must go through even before they arrive at the big show. It is because of this that they will do all right over there and no one should ever let them down."

2nd Lt. George B. Troup

"I am here in Dearborn, Michigan, now going to Ford's Diesel School for 2 months and then I will be qualified as a Motor Machinist's Mate to work on Diesel engines. The school is like a college education except there are only four weeks of theory and the rest of the time is actual experience. It is a lot of fun and the work is very interesting.

"I didn't realize the importance of the fuel injectors and fuel pumps the Scintilla makes until I started working in Diesel, and then I wished I had learned something about them when I was there."

Carl D. Hutchinson, MM 2/C



Col. Richard Horney

"I was happy to hear that Scintilla is doing so much to further the war effort and speed up victory. It's knowledge like that that helps keep up the morale of the armed forces.

"We're still training so that we can be

the best Army in the world, and we certainly are accomplishing this objective. The men work hard to reach this objective. but find their hard work is justified when they hear how the American people back home are behind them one hundred percent in production and the purchase of War Bonds." Cpl. Richard A. Horney



Cpl. Raymond Page

"I am classified as a dental technician attached to the Army Air Forces. It is my job to see that a soldier's teeth are o.k. when he is ready to be shipped overseas. I help make dentures to replace a fellow's missing teeth. It is

interesting work, and I am learning a trade that may be useful in civilian life after this war is over.

"We run our laboratory on a production line system and each man has a certain job to do in completing each denture. You see, it takes team work among we soldiers to build up production, just as it does to turn out magnetos. If we can keep up our team work in both places, maybe we soldier boys can be home a lot sooner.'

Cpl. Raymond Page



Cpl. Adah Briscoe

Cpl. Thomas J. Ryan,





A/C William Dana

Lt. Russell Rheubottom

SGT. FITZPATRICK ON THE BEAM'EVERY DAY

"Upon induction I found myself in the 77th Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, S. C. I was assigned to the Regimental Intelligence Platoon of HQ Company, and began training among the sand dunes of Carolina. Although the work was interesting, I found myself allergic to marching 25 miles with 70 pounds of equipment on my back, so I contrived to extricate myself, after six months.

"Thus, transferred to the Air Forces, I was sent to Chanute Field, to the Link Trainers Instructors School. Upon graduation, I was retained as an instructor and am still here. Work is extremely fascinating, teaching various phases of instrument flying and radio navigation. My own specialty is radio navigation, meaning that I literally spend my working day 'on the beam.'

"Your famous product, of course, is much in evidence here at Chanute."

Sgt. W. D. Fitzpatrick

"I also met George Simmison, my cousin, who used to work in the spark plug department, down here in another Marine Unit.

"I was glad to hear you were able to keep production up in the high brackets. Down here in the South Pacific we can all appreciate everything that can be done back there to speed up our return home. It is no fun down here; especially when we hear or read things that show that people are not doing their part to bring things to us."

PFC Claude M. Joslyn

"I am on maneuvers down here in the hills of Tennessee. Boy oh boy, what country! The division will be out here six more weeks, and then no one knows where we will go.

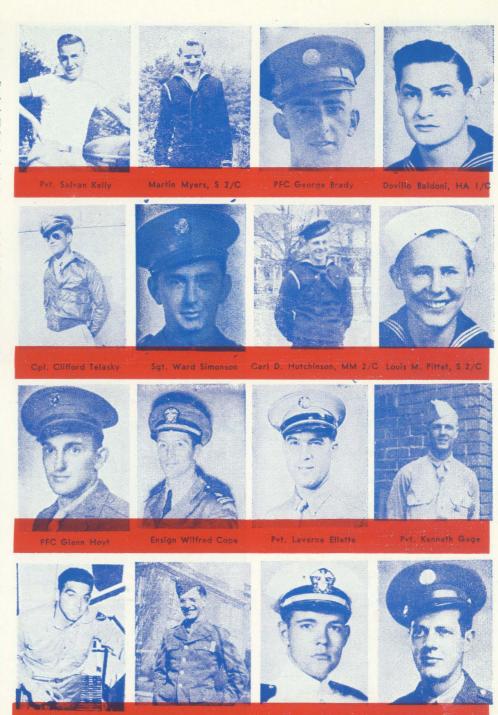
"On the 27th of next month I will have been in the Army one year. Since I came in I have seen quite a bit of the country, and will undoubtedly see some more of it before it is over with.

"I have learned quite a bit in a year's time. I have driven almost every kind of vehicle the Army has, including a tank, most of the magnetos on which are Scintilla's."

Cpl. Donald Tiffany

"I had a very nice trip across the ocean, but I never knew there was so much water as I saw. I arrived here in England quite some time ago and found out I liked it much better than I thought I would. You see but a very few cars here; they're all riding bicycles mostly. I visited London a short time ago and it's quite a large city after all. I saw the St. Paul's Cathedral and also saw where a bomb had struck it. It just missed the large dome on top. I also rode a long way on the subway for two pence."

Cpl. Leo W. Decker



"After leaving Scintilla last December, I went to Fort Niagara where I was processed, and at the same time, applied for aviation cadet training. I was then sent to Camp Mills, Long Island, where I received a small amount of basic training and was soon on my way to pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Soon after that I was on my way to start flying. I found this a lot of fun, but also hard work. I wasn't very successful, so I found myself in gunnery school about three months later. After completing gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Florida, I came to Santa Ana, California.

"From there I was sent to Victorville, where I have been in bombardier training. Today I have about five weeks left, so by Christmas I will be finished. Then I, too, will be ready for combat training, then combat."

A/C Harry Hurlburt

Pvt. Stanley Brown

"I am in the 557th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company Tank Repair. We are attached to the Second Armored Corps here at Camp Beale, California. My job in this company is supposed to be a turret mechanic, but I do all kinds of automotive repair work. At present we are working on modifications on half tracks.

"I have been here a little over two months and am getting along fine. Of course, we all have to do our turn at guard duty and K. P. About once a week I get it

"We have plenty of time after retreat (5:30) to write letters, play ping pong, baseball, basketball, volleyball, or horseshoes. We also have several theaters, post offices, and a field house where they put on plays.

"I like my work and am getting valuable experience from it."

Pvt. Clyde Wood

PFC Robert Hoyt



Lt. Robert Cros

"After leaving Scintilla and being sworn in as an Aviation Cadet, I was sent to Kelly Field for active service. At Kelly Field I had my pre-flight training, then was sent to Chickasha, Oklahoma for my primary flight training,

from there to Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas for my basic flight training, from there to Moore Field, Mission, Texas for my advanced flight training and graduation.

"I received my wings and commission on January 14, 1943 and received orders to report to the 2nd Ferrying Group, Wilmington, Delaware. From there I was transferred to the 7th Ferrying Group, Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana, where I am now stationed.

"We are flying all types of tactical aircraft and I find my work interesting."

Lt. Robert L. Cross

"During the time that I worked for Scintilla I got to like it a lot and I really hated to leave. I'm looking forward to the day when I can come back and work there again.

"I have been promoted from private to corporal and expect to stay here at Camp Robinson as part of a cadre to train new recruits when they come in.

"Up till now our training has been very rough, and we spend two weeks out of every three on maneuvers. I'm getting so used to sleeping on the hard ground that I can't sleep in bed."

Cpl. Joseph Cycon

"It might be of interest to you to know that in our tanks we use magnetos made at Scintilla. I never hesitate to remind my buddies, when we open up the engine compartment, that I used to make those mags.

"I am a radio-gunner in a tank. Each tank has a four man crew and each man knows all the positions so he could be substituted in an emergency.

"I guess you keep the employees pretty busy, and I hope it stays that way, because I want our tanks to keep rolling, and you can do your part. You've done a fine job so far for we fellows . . . when we get the chance, we'll work for you."

Cpl. James M. Panaro



PFC Henry Estle

Cpl. Paul C. Buck



Maj. Walter Koelliker



Cpl. Robert Carlson



S/Sgt. Dominick August



Lt. Robert H. Knapp



Cpl. Miles Potter



PFC Floyd Tuckey



Pvt. James Hornbeck



Cadet Guy Fitch

"I received my boot training at the Great Lakes Training Station, and after a week's leave was sent to the Air Base at Norfolk, Virginia, where, of course, were many planes of all sorts, assembled with Bendix 'mags.' From here I was transferred to my present base at Oceana, Virginia, where I am a ship cook.

"Navy life is exciting and time goes by so fast while we are just waiting to go and put an end to it all.

"I surely enjoy the letters and gifts from you folks back there, as mail from home means a lot to all of us.

"Keep them flying and we'll do our best." George Ruling, SC 3/C



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PFC John Wintsch

PFC Fred Townsend



Norman Tremper Znd. Lieut, Harry Barnh



s. W. Harrington, S 1/C



PFC Roger Potter



Pvt. Chas. MacGillivray



A/C Carlton Atkinson



PFC Ralph Huyck



A/C Frank Trinder



Sgt. Walter Trinder

FIII.I.ER IN HOT



"I have been in the Army since July 13, 1942 and have been overseas ten months. There have been lots of changes since then which can't be told.

"It's rather warm here in Iran in the summertime. The temperature rises to

around 170 in places. Every once in a while a sand storm blows up, and you can't see anything until it stops. It hasn't rained in six months.

"The majority of the people are poor and are always begging for something, if they can't steal it.

"Every once in a while we have fresh meat. Gazelles and wild boars are numerous in places.

"My job is patrolling the roads and keeping the convoys going and in line." PFC Floyd T. Fuller



PFC L. H. Houck

"We have been on maneuvers in Tennessee for more than two months and have just occupied Camp Rucker.

"After serving in the armed forces for a year, I learn that the Field Artillery is very hard to beat. I am a radio operator

and also have had experience in the 105 Howitzer, machine gun, laying of wire, and about all kitchen work.

"I'm sure that all of us who have left the plant are waiting for the day we might return, although we know that you who are now at Scintilla are doing everything possible to keep up the production scale to the highest. We are proud of the Scintilla crew." PFC Lloyd H. Houck



Pvt. Louis Dimicco

"When I entered the Army on December 2, 1942, I was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas in a tank destroyer outfit where I remained in basic training for thirteen weeks. From there we were sent to Camp Hood, Texas, to take our

advance training which lasted eighteen weeks. From there we were sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, to go on maneuvers. We have been there for three months and are ready to be moved elsewhere. Upon request I was transferred to the Army Air Forces to proceed with the work I had done for so many years (repairing magnetos).

"I am down here at Miami Beach, Florida, in a replacement center waiting to be sent to an air base. It is very nice down here, but it is real warm. The temperature is approximately 100° most of Pvt. Louis Dimicco the time."



PFC Barbara Coope

"From the sunny south, I'm now stationed out in the cold of the west. It's beautiful country here and from the field we can see the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, Pike's Peak being the most visible of all.

"I'm taking a 20weeks' course in Aerial Photography. It's very interesting; hard, of course, but it is giving me a chance to get up in the planes.

"Very few WACS get shipped here, but I found another employee of Department 15, Bernie Chase. When we discuss where we worked in civilian life, all of the follows who work around the planes say, 'Oh, sure, we work with Bendix products." PFC Barbara Cooper

"After being inducted I was sent to Camp Upton, where I remained for twenty days; thought they were saving me for the dance, or something. However, I eventually was shipped to Miami Beach, Florida to the Army Air Forces



Pvt. Chester Jewell

Technical Training Command for my basic training. During the first few days of processing and interviewing, I was assigned to a flight and scheduled for Administration School upon completing my basic training. Later, however, I was called for an interview and my school was by-passed, and I was made Permanent Party assigned to the Classification Division. Here the soldier is interviewed in his first few days of Army life, and it is determined as to what career he will follow in the Army. I expect to stay here for an indefinite period until the post breaks up."

Pvt. Chester W. Jewell

"To begin with I am now in England and it is really a nice country. The people are very kind and do anything to make a soldier's life more enjoyable.

"My branch of the service is the Eighth Air Force and I feel proud to



PFC Donald Cole

be in it. These boys are doing a great job ever here due to the great production by the folks back home. I know that the workers in Scintilla are doing more than their part in the war effort, and I know that every man in the Eighth Air Force would like to express his thankfulness for the great production."

PFC Donald Cole

Li. John A. Jenks



"Since leaving Scintilla I have been serving with an evacuation hospital unit. Our job is to receive sick and wounded from forward echelons working at the front lines, to treat them and send them back to duty or to evacuate them to other hospitals further back. We are a semimobile unit operating in tents. We have a fairly complete hospital equipped to do most any kind of medical or surgical work.

"My particular duty is that of a pharmacist. I received my training in Denver, Colorado. Our job is to compound and dispense all drugs and medications used in the hospital. We are responsible for the packing and transportation of same. We are, of course, required to know field work the same as an infantry soldier.

"The unit is at present somewhere in Tennessee taking part in maneuvers.

"We are glad to hear that you on the home front are maintaining production at a high level. With full cooperation of all groups we will surely blast the Hitler-Hirohito combination."

Sgt. Paul W. Race

Corporal Price Compares Australia and Home

"I am at present stationed in the Southwest Pacific. I have moved quite a bit and have seen a lot more of this old world than I expected. There are occasional bombing raids here but little damage is done. Of course, one must have a fox hole just in case.

"Hardly a day goes by that I am not reminded of Scintilla by the large bombers and fighting planes that fly overhead. We down here really appreciate the efforts of companies such as Scintilla. If it were not for your superior production we should not have superior air power, and this would cause we ground troops much more difficulty. About all I can say is 'Keep Them Coming'."

PFC LeRoy B. Hunter

"I have been a member of Uncle Sam's Army for over a year and a half and in that time I have traveled with the Army many thousands of miles. It seems ridiculous to say that I have seen more of Asia and Africa than of my own native land. However, that very fact gives me an added incentive to see much more of the States when I do return again.

"The imprint of your product has a very important place in the chain of operations in this theatre of the war. It is a constant reminder of the work which is being carried on by production soldiers who back up Uncle Sam's fighting forces all over the world. My work here is pretty much the same as it was when I worked at the plant.

"One thing I can boast of is that an excellent steak was enjoyed by all of our men at noon chow today. This was a little departure from the usual, but was certainly appreciated, considering the fact that it came direct from the States.

"Keep up the good work at home, and I promise I'll give my best here, which will hasten the day when we will all be permitted to return to peace time conditions again."

Sgt. Howard Loker

Cpl. Norman Loeffel

"You all can rest assured that all of my good friends who are still at their jobs in the plant and the others who, like myself, have left to do their share to help finish up this mess we have been forced into, have not been forgotten. Naturally,

we would all like to be back there again, but there is also an important job to do here and it must be done before we can return again, so we will stay by our duties here and hope it will soon be over.

"Keep up the good work there at the plant for we really do depend on your work there, and it sure means a good deal to us here." Cpl. Norman Loeffel



Cpl. Edwin Price

"Over here in Australia I meet a great many airplanemechanics who speak very highly of Scintilla magnetos, which I am proud of. I often wonder if I helped make that particular one.

"This country of Australia is a queer

country compared to U. S. A. It is far behind but is improving. Saturday afternoons they have dog races with a kangaroo as a leader. The sports here are swimming in the ocean, football, basketball, and boxing. Entertainment is very limited. The people back home don't realize what a wonderful country they are living in."

Cpl. Edwin W. Price



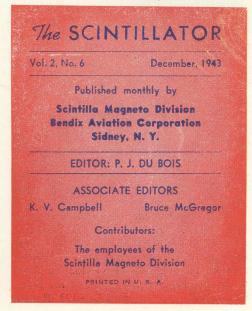
T/5 Wesley Howard

"I'm afraid that the people back home don't know what the Army is like and war is or they would make larger sacrifices and greater efforts to help the production of vital materials. There are too many working days lost by workers

in the war plants to keep at full production. Some people don't realize that there is a war.

"On January 29th I went to Camp Upton, Long Island. After about six days I was shipped to Camp Grant, Illinois. There I received my medical training. I was there for over five months and was shipped to Camp Forrest, Tennessee. I spent about two and a half months on maneuvers near Nashville, Tenn. We then went to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. Recently I was given a promotion from a private to a T/5 corporal. I am very proud of my new stripes and hope to do them justice."

T/5 Wesley M. Howard





ERNEST R. BREECH

LOOKING FORWARD

A New Year's Message from Ernest R. Breech

This message is written with Christmas, 1943, only a few days away, and the dawn of a New Year in the offing.

The wish that every employee of the Bendix Aviation Corporation and his loved ones have a Merry Christmas would be the normal thing at this time. However, I know how every one of you feel, as it is a certainty that at this Christmas we cannot have the light hearts and spirit of good cheer of Christmases of a few years ago. Our boys, our brothers, or others dear to each of us are not with us this year. They may be in strange and distant lands. Their Yule Log may be a fire in a foxhole, or the glare of an exploding shell or bomb. So at Christmas this year, the best that we can do is to offer a prayer that God will protect them, wherever they are, and that their sacrifices, necessary to protect our way of life from a few fanatical and misguided leaders of helpless people, will not be in vain.

We did not want this war. Our sons and brothers wanted it even less. Our national leaders did not want war. Yet, for reasons unknown to us, a destructive war is upon us. Our boys are dying in God-forsaken places. But with the firm determination of free men, the same God-fearing spirit that inspired our forefathers, we shall win!

We are informed that between midnight and the "Cease Firing" order at 11:00 a.m.

on November 11, 1918, 1327 American soldiers were killed or wounded. World War I was a street-brawl compared to World War II. For every hour that this war can be shortened, hundreds or even thousands of casualties can be prevented.

You can be proud of the job that, collectively, the Bendix organization has accomplished in the past year. Yet, a better job can be done. I know that there are times when pressing personal problems urge you to be late or absent from your work. Sometimes you cannot avoid being late, or skipping a day's work. But when it is not absolutely necessary for you to miss a day's work, think of those 1327 boys who missed the greatest parade of all, the parade of soldiers returning to American soil, those boys who died between midnight and 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918. Let us resolve that we shall do our part that thousands of boys in this war shall not sacrifice their lives due to our neglect or disinterest.

Thanks for the job you have done in 1943, and Best Wishes for Health, Happiness and *Victory* in 1944.

ERNEST R. BREECH, *President* Bendix Aviation Corporation