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For Members of Our Organization in the Service of the Nation

To You, Our Members, Throughout the World:

When peace arrives, we, at Rochester Trust, plan to welcome you back as members bearing gifts to us -

GIFTS of increased knowledge, of greater poise, of developed personalities, of broadened outlooks, and of sacrifice we at home cannot begin to evaluate. Living, fighting, sharing confidences with men of all classes and of all sections of our country, will give you an understanding of our returning veterans we shall need and value.



Fortunate indeed we shall be to have men and women of military training in our organization, who will have a realistic appraisal of the work we must do in the post-war world.

And may I add a special Home Office message to you: We, here in Rochester, believe that the quickest way to end this war is to stay with it, right up to the moment our enemies surrender. To our utmost capacity we intend to carry on.

If you get a bit of enjoyment and a moment's relaxation out of this little home-made magazine of ours designed to give you the office news, we shall be happy indeed.

Greetings to you all. And my best wishes.

John Craig Powers

Chairman of Board

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Behind the Scenes

WITH ROCHESTER TRUST MEMBERS IN THE

1945 Red Cross Campaign

WITH PHOTOS BY JAMES L. ANGLE

WHEN on March 21, notices went up on all Rochester Trust Bulletin Boards reading, "No help needed at Red Cross Campaign Headquarters tonight", some 35 Rochester Trust members had completed in part, 14 evening, afternoon or noon assignments of voluntary auditing work - to show their appreciation of the wonderful work of the American Red Cross by having a very personal part in it.

With President George H. Hawks as Chairman of Rochester Chapter, A.R.C. and with Treasurer Harry L. Edgerton as chairman of the auditing committee, with our own tellers as official cashiers, (as in previous years) and with our bookkeepers as auditors, (along with those of other banks and of the local Red Cross Chapter) the background work kept pace with the fast moving tempo of the successful campaign solicitations, which resulted in the raising of \$1,483,687. - 20% above the quota. For here, indeed, (in the auditing division) was the very work which the good people of the banking field could do best - and did!

Here, is the background, without the enthusiasm of campaign fanfare, the

spirited competition of team progress or the acclaim of associates, so integral and enjoyable a part of campaign dinner -- report meetings, the auditors toiled on, often far into the night, "unseen and unsung".

That our boys in the armed services who are thousands of miles away, at home or abroad may better picture the part which home office members played in the campaign, we asked one of our most interested volunteers, Marian E. Schaefer, of Central File, to describe the scene. Sitting down at her typewriter, here is what she pounded out - just for you boys:-

RED CROSS ACCOUNTING WORK

"While some of our members worked at the Chamber of Commerce listing the Red Cross returns as they came in, over at 34 Exchange Street in the former Consolidated Ticket Office, the tellers and bookkeepers from the various banks slaved away trying to make the cash returns balance with the pledge cards. And some times there could be heard muffled groans because someone's cash wouldn't balance.

"For the benefit of those of you who have never had the opportunity to work at the Red Cross during a drive, I'll try to give you some idea of what goes on.

"To begin with, you go to Red Cross Headquarters in the best of spirits, confident that the work will be a cinch. You find yourself a good adding machine and arm yourself with some nice sharp red pencils and two sheets of paper - one sheet for listing all checks over \$100, and the other, to list all cash, checks and silver received during the evening as it comes to you in individual envelopes. And, if you make a mistake, its just too bad, 'cause they have your name signed on all the sheets you have, and also on the work you do.

"Then someone comes along and hands you a big bag full of money and pledge cards, and from there on its up to you to make everything balance. You now separate your cash from your checks making separate piles of \$1.-\$5.-\$10. bills etc. You also keep the pledge cards with no money by themselves. Now you turn to your trusty adding machine and add all the figures on your cards to which cash has been attached, sub-total; add in cards with checks attached, sub-total again; and add in pledges to be paid at a future date; shut your eyes and pull the total! Now you stop for two minutes, bow your head and pray hard that the figures on the machine check with the actual cash and checks you have in front of you. Next you count your cash and checks and if you didn't stick any money in your pockets, it should balance. If it doesn't balance, just start at the beginning and check back to find your error.

"When you've finished checking the work allotted to you, you proceed with your shoe-box full of money and checks to the cashiers' window where Carroll Yauch, Johnny Bond, and Margaret Rosengreen double-check your money and see that you've counted right before you can go home.

"When the evening is finished, you're tired and bleary-eyed but you enjoyed the evening so thoroughly that you are eager to come again the next night.

"On some nights the place looked like it was a Rochester Trust party in progress. With Willard Lascher, Joe Marts, Grove Brewer and Rose Doyle in a huddle at one end of the long table, Beryl Schelter seated at the other end and Clair Breese wandering around and finally ending up in the cashiers' cage stamping checks. While about the middle of the table was yours truly and directly back, at a desk, was Harry Edgerton, helping one of the regular Red Cross workers. Bill and Bernice Underwood had the distinction of sitting at a private desk. Ruth Boldt also had a

desk all to herself, while Margaret Rosengreen, when not working in the cashiers' cage, could be seen going from place to place counting money for different people.

"On Friday night, March 9th, James L. Angle, of the Red Cross came over and took the pictures which accompany this recital, but unfortunately some of our members had left earlier.

"Meanwhile at the four noon meetings at the Chamber of Commerce, March 7, 9, 14 and 16 Arline A. Korth and Doris J. Smith aided in processing the pledge cards, tabulating the number of cards and the amounts, while the following eight of our members did similar work at three evening meetings at the Chamber, March 5, 12, 19: - Shirley E. Ross, Jeanne Buck, Margaret E. Rosengreen, Marion E. Jackson, Arline A. Korth, Eve H. Schafer, Doris J. Smith and Ruth A. Boldt!"

The following Rochester Trust members assisted in auditing the work at Red Cross Campaign Headquarters the number of nights indicated below: -

11 nights: M. Carroll Yauch, John E. Bond;
9 nights: Harry L. Edgerton, Margaret E. Rosengreen; 6 nights: Clair Breese, William H. Underwood; 5 nights: Franklin R. Earle, Eve H. Schafer, Bernice H. Underwood; 4 nights: Ruth A. Boldt, G. Wallace Noth; 3 nights: Marian E. Schaefer, Grove B. Brewer, Joseph B. Marts, Willard I. Luescher, Beryl J. Schelter, Marjorie Pultz, Rose M. Doyle, Clara M. Thompson, George J. Schwab, Willis P. Martin; 2 nights: Antoinette B. Ferranti, Marion L. VanLare, Sadie M. Miller, Clair Howard; 1 night: Howard Hilliker, Shirley E. Ross, A. Lee Longyear, Jeanne C. Gilzow.

INTERESTING RED CROSS CAMPAIGN DATA

Honorary Campaign Chairman, Frank E. Gannett, Publisher. Campaign Chairman, Thomas J. Hargrave, President Eastman Kodak Co. Campaign Director, A. E. Metzdorf. Downtown Division Chief, Harry P. Ruppert, Realtor. Chairman Special Gifts Committee, Bernard E. Finucane, President Security Trust Co. Campaign dates, March 2-19 (17 days) Campaign Headquarters, 34 Exchange St. (operated on seven day schedule). Report meetings held at Chamber of Commerce Banquet

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INSIDE FRONT COVER

Red Cross Photos (by James L. Angle, ARC)

1. Official cashiers at campaign headquarters who burned the midnight oil many nights (1 to r) Franklin R. Earle, John E. Bond, M. Carroll Yauch and Margaret E. Rosengreen, tellers.
2. Three of the many auditors at headquarters (1 to r) A. Lee Longyear, Clair A. Breese (seated) Harry L. Edgerton, chairman.
3. Grove B. Brewer turns over his evenings receipts and records to cashier M. Carroll Yauch for recheck and approval.
4. Joseph B. Marts, William H. Underwood and Bernice H. Underwood, checking, sorting, listing payments and subscriptions.
5. View of the accounting tables at campaign headquarters showing Rochester Trust folks standing at rear.
6. Willard I. Luescher, Beryl J. Schelter, Eve H. Schafer labor at accounting table.

INSIDE BACK COVER

Trust Department Bowling Party-

7. (1 to r) Gloria Gangross, Irene M. Hetzler, Florence H. Schmidt, Burch W. Munderback and Marion E. Jackson about to start the rolling.
8. Frances F. Powers and Terence S. Riley chalk up the scores.
9. Dorothy A. Paulus, Leona H. Roth and Arline A. Korth (1 to r) study the score board.
10. Albert D. Stewart, Jr., Betty M. Van Houte, Sallie Dunn, Marjorie L. Pultz and Virginia A. Wiley pick their favorite bowling balls.

Hall. Speakers at Report Meetings: Veterans, Servicemen Fliers, Army Nurses, Red Cross workers recently returned from theatres of action.

Number of canvassers: 6,000. Number of key workers: 800. Quota: \$1,232,000.

First Honors: Downtown wards division: Harry P. Ruppert, chairman, raised \$45,312.57 - 141.7% of quota.

Rochester Clearing House Association Contribution \$18,000.
Final Result, March 19 - \$1,483,687. - 120%

Bombardment of Iwo Jima PREPARATORY TO LANDINGS MADE FEB. 16 TO 19

As told by our own
LT. (jg) JOHN P. BAUMER

Aboard the U.S.S. Tennessee
(2-23-45)

AS Admiral Nimitz has announced, we bombarded Iwo Jima, preparatory to the landings, on February 16, 17, 18, 19. We averaged 13 hours per day at battle station and these hours, added to the old axiom that night watches like Roosevelt, go on tirelessly, mercilessly, everyday and you only get one night's full sleep out of 4, made the days pretty long. But the times passes quickly and as it all helps to hasten the end of the war, we don't complain too much. We were left alone, for a change, by the Jap air force who had their hands full elsewhere but we did have some trouble from coast defense guns. If you thought I used to move fast (until I got to Longyear's cage) picking up slip in the afternoon, you should have seen me hit the deck when that 6 inch shore battery straddled us with about 10 shells. It sure sounds nice to hear them whistle overhead, tho, 'cause that means they missed. We were lucky again and didn't take any hits.

In Which the Author tells

....Averaged 13 hours per day at battle station.

....Moved faster than his home office record when 6 inch shore battery straddled ship with 10 shells.

....Also aboard ship during all the earlier operations and battles listed in accompanying ship's memorandum.

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum the ship put out for the crew, containing the speech Admiral Nimitz made to us last November in Pearl, plus several newspaper interviews which our Captain gave concerning the Battle of Surigao Straits. I have been aboard during all the operations and battles listed in the memorandum. I thought you might be interested to know how I have been spending my time, now they'll finally let me tell.

U.S.S. TENNESSEE (BB 43)

7 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CREW:

Subject: Newspaper accounts of Admiral Nimitz's speech on board and of the battle of Surigao Strait.

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(A) On Sunday morning, 19 November, the following appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser:

NIMITZ LAUDS USS TENNESSEE FOR ACTION FROM KISKA TO PI

The USS TENNESSEE, Captain John B. Heffernan, USN, was singled out by Admiral C.W. Nimitz in a talk delivered to officers and men of the battleship Friday for special commendation, in which the commander in chief reviewed the brilliant record of the warship following her damage suffered at Pearl Harbor.

The record was a testimony to the part her personnel have played in the Pacific War, and a "well done" from the Admiral. In particular, emphasis was laid in the TENNESSEE's work in the current Philippines campaign, where she participated

in the battle of Surigao Strait before dawn on October 25. The performance of her big guns was not revealed but her group of battleships, cruisers and destroyers assisted by valiant little PT boats sank two enemy battleships, two cruisers and four destroyers.

The TENNESSEE was repaired after Pearl Harbor and returned to service, rejoining the fleet in the Aleutians and taking part in the Kiska campaign. A year ago she was in on the Central Pacific "curtain raiser" at Tarawa, and a year after that she was 3,000 miles farther west at Leyte. During this time, Admiral Nimitz pointed out, most Central and Western Pacific islands had been captured or blockaded; the Japanese fleet had been reduced "to a point of ineffectiveness," and enemy air strength had been severely damaged.

In the Gilberts campaign the TENNESSEE supported Marine landings at Tarawa, then escorted transports from these dangerous waters. Likewise in the Marshalls she supported landings at Kwajalein and Eniwetok, at the latter objective being the leading heavy ship to enter the unfamiliar lagoon and anchoring close inshore.

HIT AT SAIPAN

In the Marianas she supported landings on Saipan, Tinian and Guam, and on Saipan's D-Day was struck by three enemy shells from a shore battery on Tinian, suffering several personnel casualties and damage. She completed her mission, however, and then proceeded to Eniwetok for repairs, after which she returned to Guam. At Palau she supported the Angaur landings, and later the landings at Dulag in the Philippines. In addition to this, last March she was with the South Pacific forces bombarding Kavieng during the assault on Emirau.

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(Note: Admiral Nimitz had addressed the crew on board at 1600, Friday, 17 November 1944) * * * *

(B) On Sunday, 19 November 1944, the following appeared in the New York Times:

NAVY USING ENIWETOK AS SHIP REPAIR BASE

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 18 (AP) - Eniwetok Atoll in the western Marshall group is being used by the United States Navy as a ship repair base.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz made the disclosure yesterday when he boarded the battleship TENNESSEE to praise her personnel for their year-long action in the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, Palaus and at Kavieng and in the Leyte campaign, including the Leyte Gulf night battle in which he said eight Japanese ships were sunk.

"In the Marianas campaign," he said, "the TENNESSEE furnished gunfire support for landings made on each of the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

"On D-Day at Saipan she was struck by three enemy shells from a shore battery on Tinian. She suffered personnel casualties and damage.

"She completed her assigned missions, however, then proceeded to Eniwetok for emergency repairs, including renewal of one five-inch gun."

Admiral Nimitz recalled that the TENNESSEE was damaged at Pearl Harbor but was repaired and joined the fleet in the Aleutians. She has since bombarded many other places.

"I salute each of you on your fine record. - - Well done," the Admiral
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told the ship's company, skippered by Captain John B. Heffernan of Washington, Indiana. * * * *

(Note: On Friday, 17 November 1944, at 1400, the Captain and Executive Officer were interviewed at CinCPac Headquarters. Newspaper stories of the interview were passed by CincCPac Public Relations Office.)

(C)The following account, by the United Press, appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser on Saturday, November 18, 1944:

JAP TASK FORCE MET SURIGAO IN 15 MINUTE HOLOCAUST

- By Frank Tremaine -

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 17 (UP) - It took less than 15 minutes for Rear Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf's American naval force to knock out two Jap battleships, two heavy cruisers and four destroyers in Surigao Gulf with one of the heaviest concentrations of gunfire in naval history, Captain John B. Heffernan, who commanded the battleship TENNESSEE said tonight.

Heffernan, whose home is in Washington, Ind., revealed the Japs steamed directly into a fateful position where deadly American gunfire left them helpless hulks in the dark morning hours of October 25. The exact time required to accomplish this feat cannot be disclosed, but it can be said it was under a quarter of an hour.

Oldendorf's force included five battleship veterans of Pearl Harbor, plus the pre-war dreadnaught MISSISSIPPI, which was disposed across the northern end of the strait with a cruiser and destroyer force on each flank.

Heffernan said:

"We didn't have to cross their T. They politely came up to our cross. If we'd asked them to do what we wanted them to, we couldn't have improved on what they did."

SHARP-SHOOTING TENNESSEE

Heffernan said the TENNESSEE fired 13 salvos from her 14-inch guns in less than 15 minutes, beginning at 3:55 a.m., and scored hits with 12 of them. The TENNESSEE fired 69 14-inch shells; the WEST VIRGINIA fired 90 16-inchers, compared to the 40 heavy caliber shells which was the maximum fired by any British battleship in the Battle of Jutland.

Heffernan and his Executive Officer, Commander Stirling P. Smith of Washington, D.C., gave the first clear-out description of the Surigao Gulf phase of the Second Battle of the Philippines Sea.

Heffernan said that two Jap forces - one proceeding through the Sulu Sea and the other through the Sibuyan Sea - apparently intended to reach the Leyte Gulf area together where they would have had a superior force of seven battleships, 12 cruisers and 19 to 20 destroyers against Oldendorf's force of six battleships and supporting cruisers and destroyers.

However, an air attack against the northern force the afternoon of October 24 apparently delayed it, so it did not appear east of Samar until the morning of October 25 when it was again attacked by aircraft and retired.

VETERANS COME ALONG

Meanwhile, Oldendorf's force, including the TENNESSEE, WEST VIRGINIA and

CALIFORNIA - all raised from the mud of Pearl Harbor - and the PENNSYLVANIA and MISSISSIPPI, plus cruisers and destroyers, including an Australian cruiser, were patrolling the north end of Surigao Gulf the night of October 24-25 with PT boats 30 miles below at the south end.

As the Japs advanced into Surigao Gulf the PT boats attacked and damaged them, suffering some damage themselves.

The Japs apparently not slowed down, continued northward with two battleships, the Fuso and Yamashiro, in one column and two cruisers and four destroyers in a second column to the right slightly behind the battleships.

Heffernan said:

"As the Japs continued to advance at about 16 knots, Admiral Oldendorf ordered destroyers down each side of the strait to attack with torpedoes. As they approached the Jap ships, the Japs fired star shells to illuminate the scene. A few minutes after this in order to coordinate the attack with the torpedoes, Oldendorf, in one of our cruisers, opened fire, whereupon the battleships and other cruisers opened up. Our range was 20,500 yards (slightly under 12 miles). The elapsed time from the first salvo until 'cease fire' was (four words censored but it was under 15 minutes.) The range then was 18,000 yards. From the bridge I saw two large explosions. It was the most remarkable exhibition of fireworks I have ever seen.

JAPS SMOTHERED

"I could see tracers from the cruisers on both sides of the straits and six battleships at the end of the strait converging on the Japs. The Japs were literally smothered under that fire. As dawn approached, Oldendorf, with cruisers and destroyers, steamed south to where the Japs were burning. None had sunk but virtually all in a sinking condition were abandoned and undoubtedly would have sunken shortly. However, in order to make sure, destroyers fired shells into the hulks until all eight were sunk. Eight ships had entered Surigao Strait and eight were sunk.

Heffernan said the Americans fired first, then the Japs started firing heavily but tapered off almost immediately. They apparently turned left, attempting to reverse course, but were badly disorganized, although there is no reason to think that they were surprised. None of our battleships and cruisers were hit. One of our destroyers was dead in the water for a while but left the scene under its own power.

(Similar accounts, or briefer ones, by U.P. appeared in various newspapers on Saturday afternoon, November 18, and Sunday, November 19, 1944.

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(D)The following account by the Associated Press appeared in the Long Beach Press Telegram, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and other papers on 18 November 1944. Shorter versions of this A.P. article appeared in various other newspapers on 18 and 19 November 1944.

JAP FLEET SET OWN FATAL BATTLE TRAP IN SURIGAO STRAITS

By Charles McMurtry

U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 18, (AP) A skipper of one of the United States elderly battleships blames the Japanese defeat in Surigao Straits - when eight enemy vessels came through and eight were sunk -

on the incredible cooperation of the Japanese commander in bringing his ships exactly where the Americans thought he would bring them,

The American skipper, Captain John B. Heffernan, of Washington, Ind., was in command of the old battleship TENNESSEE, one of the six which sank the enemy fleet, with the aid of smaller vessels, in just 15 minutes.

The enemy force in effect trapped itself, he said yesterday in an interview. "If we'd told them just what to do, we couldn't have improved on their disposition. It was as easy as playing a game on a board."

KNEW SIZE

For days, he said, the American fleet had been lying east of the straits which separate Leyte from Mindanao and Dinagat Islands. The Japanese must have known how big it was and where it was because their observation planes had been over it almost constantly.

Nevertheless, the Japanese commander obligingly brought his fleet in from the Sulu Sea, and put his two battleships in front as they entered the narrow waters of the strait.

The Americans were waiting. PT boats, lurking in the van of the American fleet, attacked first, doing some damage in the eerie predawn. They also suffered some.

The Japs still came on at 16 knots. American destroyers were waiting. When the enemy fleet was about 11 miles south of the American battleships, American destroyers fired torpedoes.

The Japanese replied with star shells, then opened up on the destroyers when the star shells revealed their whereabouts. One destroyer - the only Allied ship damaged in the entire action - was hit. It went dead in the water and began drifting toward the enemy ships. (It continued so to drift during the entire engagement, but later made repairs and retired under its own power.)

CRUISER OPENS FIRE

Rear Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf's force of cruisers was not far away off the southeast. At 3:55 a.m., less than four minutes after the opening of the destroyer attack, the cruisers opened fire.

By then, the opposing battleships were 20,500 yards (roughly 12 miles) apart. But there was one important difference. All the American battleships - the TENNESSEE, the WEST VIRGINIA, the MARYLAND, the MISSISSIPPI, the CALIFORNIA and the old fleet flagship, the PENNSYLVANIA - were in firing position. Only the two Japanese battleships - none of the supporting cruisers and destroyers - were within range. They were bottled up in the straits behind each other - and the Americans were the cross of the T, famous in naval strategy during the whole age of steam.

Thus almost all the American guns could fire - many of them firing for the first time in their long history against enemy naval vessels.

"It was murder in the first degree," said Commander S.P. Smith, Washington,

D.C., who was the TENNESSEE's executive office.

12 HITS IN 13

The TENNESSEE, Heffernan said, fired 13 salvos from its 14-inch guns and scored hits with 12 of them - a total of 69 shells from its forward batteries and three more salvos from its after guns as the battle line turned.

Other ships did as well or better. The WEST VIRGINIA got 90 16-inch shells away. (This contrasts with 40 shells fired by the busiest battleship at the battle of Jutland, which went on intermittently for hours.)

The TENNESSEE concentrated on the leading Japanese battlewagon, identified tentatively as the Fuso. Although not claiming exclusive credit for sinking her, the captain said his ship was able to send shells toward other Japanese battleships during the 15-minute battle.

"It was the most remarkable fireworks I ever saw," he said. "From the bridge, I saw two large explosions; although our destroyer smoke screen obscured the view to some extent. You could see tracers from the battleships and cruisers, all converging on the Japanese. The Japanese literally were smothered under our fire."

The drifting destroyer actually was the cause of ending the battle so quickly. This helpless ship, the captain said, kept drifting closer to the enemy fleet, which by this time had itself ceased fire. American battleships were afraid that their shells would hit it, so their commander ordered, "Cease fire."

It was just 15 minutes after the battle had begun.

The Japanese, Heffernan said, started out with heavy firing but were able to keep it up only a short time. When the Americans stopped firing - by this time, the range was down to 18,000 yards, (about $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles), no shells were coming from the Japanese ships, all then sinking or afire.

SHIPS FINISHED OFF

When dawn broke, Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf took his cruisers in close, found all the Japanese ships apparently abandoned and finished sinking them - two battleships, two heavy cruisers and four destroyers.

Captain Heffernan disclosed names of other commanders. Matching Admiral Oldendorf's cruiser force was another cruiser group, northeast of the main battle. This included an Australian cruiser (identified by Australian sources as the damaged Australia), commanded by Rear Admiral R. S. Borkey.

Rear Admiral G. L. Weyler was identified by Heffernan as being aboard the MISSISSIPPI, Rear Admiral T. D. Ruddock, aboard the WEST VIRGINIA, and Rear Admiral T. E. Chandler aboard the TENNESSEE.

END OF MEMORANDUM

OUR GLOBAL MAIL BAG

As Reviewed by William T. A. Durand ~~~~~

JUDSON H. SCOTT, Holland (3-3-45) -- I finally got over the Channel and am now commanding a battalion in Holland. Advance Section Communication Zone. Spent a couple of weeks in France but didn't like the country at all. Belgium was better and Holland still better - modern, neat and clean and the people very friendly. At best life is rugged over here and we're constantly on the move. The 9th Army is doing very well right now.

Just received a Christmas parcel from the bank with lots of good things to eat - needless to say they're gone - and very tasty too. The mail situation here and in England is very bad so I only got about one third of my Christmas packages and no mail for over a month now.

I will write more if and when I get time but keep pretty busy.

ROBERT VANAS, France (2-28-45) -- Seems like an odd time to be writing a thank you for the fine Xmas packages from the Servicemen's Fund, and the always useful check, but we have been busy of late. I did receive all three packages in fine condition and each of the gifts was a very useful and thoughtful one, thank you all!

Winter here has changed to a sticky mud, we did have some real snow but not , I'm glad to say, like you have had in Rochester, however, it didn't last long. The days at present are quite warm but we are always expecting the real winter back again.

Marilou wrote me that she received a box of chocolates as a gift from me via the Rochester Trust, again I say thank you as my only available valentine from here was a V-Mail.

Haven't seen Roy since we have been to France, however, I have ran into quite a number of Rochester boys here. Must say good-bye now. Thank you all again and I still look forward to my copy of the R.T.News.

JOHN P. BAUMER, Pacific Area (2-23-45) - I've been meaning to write to you for some time now but we have been very busy and I just now got time enough to catch up on my back correspondence.

It was wonderful to get that 30 day leave and be able to see all my old friends around home again. I didn't get in the Bank as often as I would have liked to, and I know I missed seeing several of you for which I am truly sorry. But as some of you know, I had a little business in New York which required my presence there for several days. Consequently I missed doing several other things that I would have liked to have done. 30 days is pretty short when you try to make up for 2 years absence.

I returned to the ship to find many nice presents from you at Rochester Trust waiting for me. Thanks loads, gang, every present has been put to good use, or will be next time the boys get together and need a little snack. It's a good feeling to know that people back home are thinking about you enough to spend their time and effort making your Christmas a happy one.

That's about all I have to offer for now. Thanks again for my lovely Christmas gifts and thanks, also, to the many of you who remembered me with a card at Christmas time and who have written long, newsy letters

GLOBAL MAIL BAG, (Continued)

to me. I'd appreciate very much hearing from any of you if you ever get the time and the urge to drop me a line.

ROGER EBERT, France (2-21-45) -- Just a short line to let you know what part of the world I am in. Had a very uneventful trip. Good sailing all the way except for one or two days of little rough weather. Won't be able to mention our route of travel, but you will probably be able to figure that out knowing where I left from. We landed here a few days ago, and I might add that sunny France is none too warm this time of the year.

They got us living in our pup tents at present, but they issued us enough blankets that it's pretty warm sleeping. One thing I didn't expect to find here was a place like I'm writing this letter in. Quite a nice service club. It has writing room, game room, and snack bar which serves coffee, cake and cookies. Been to the P.X. and bought my rations and they, too, are much better than I expected. Had my first "Milky Way" since I have been overseas. The chow has been good so far so all in all I have no complaints.

From the little I have seen of France so far I believe I am going to like it a lot better than my last stop-over. That seems to be all the news for now so will sign off.

THEODORE BATSFORD, Texas (2-6-45) -- They say three times are out and this is the third time I have started a letter and hope this time I can complete it instead of having to crumble it up and wait to write later because work or I should say duty called.

I sent you under separate cover some clippings from an El Paso newspaper giving some of the highlights of the Sun Carnival which took place here the last days of December and which may be of interest to you all. In my last letter I mentioned that I would tell you what a Sun Carnival was like but I was not able to attend it at any time; as much as I should have liked to. It would have been very interesting and they really make a lot of it here.

Under the same cover, I enclosed a copy of the Fort Bliss News which gives an account of the old frontiersman that resides here which may interest some of you.

I want to thank you all for the many nice birthday cards I received and also the nice gift from the Serviceman's Fund. You people are most thoughtful and with all the extra work you are doing I do not see how you can think of so many other things. Three days after my birthday I received a nice present from the Adjutant General's office in Washington in the form of a promotion to 1st Lieutenant. It was a real surprise as I had been told three times before that promotions would be made only to have them frozen again as far as the R.T.C. branch of the A.A. was concerned.

With Fort Bliss the only A.A. installation in the United States I have met many I have known at other stations and some of the boys from the 209th back from overseas.

The other side of the story about the boys back from overseas is written in pain and suffering at William Beaumont General Hospital at Fort Bliss. This hospital is known for its plastic surgery work.

Due to the extreme shortage of nurses here because they are being sent overseas, they have started to send WACS to be trained as technicians in this work. Like all hospitals, this one is overcrowded and the amount of work to be done is tremendous.

They have very nice and spacious grounds surrounding this hospital and with ideal climate practically all year, it makes it ideal for

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those who can get out and get fresh air and exercise. Even at this time of the year they stroll through the grounds with only a bathrobe over their pajamas or sit on a bench absorbing some of the health giving sun.

It has been some time since I have been anywhere or done anything except be on duty which does not make reading of interest. Things that go on at this time that might be of interest I cannot write about.

I did go out on the prairie for a few hours Sunday morning with a couple of other fellows and we did a bit of target practicing with the carbine which is a mighty fine little rifle. Our best targets were jack rabbits which can really travel both far and fast. On foot they are a little hard to get as the prairie is so level except for little knolls here and there and an unlimited amount of clumps of sagebrush. You have to see them the minute they flush or you will not see them again. It really keeps you on your toes and is good practice for quick shooting. The ideal way to hunt them would be on horse back in this kind of country.

Yes, I have still to go riding on the Texas plains but I shall make it yet.

Again I want to thank you all for your birthday remembrances. Best regards to you all.

ROBERT TAYLOR, Franco (2-4-45) -- That doesn't appear to be a misnomer from the way you have all been showering me with gifts and packages, though as to why you should I have no idea. I certainly hope that you do not keep any file on the letters that you receive from everyone overseas or in the service because I am sure that you would find mine few and far between. I know that it was quite some time ago that I last wrote. I am thoroughly ashamed at myself and I sincerely hope that you are as lavish with your forgiveness as you are with your cards, packages, and gifts of other sorts. I really appreciate them more than would appear, so much so that I hardly know how to thank you. It is always pleasant to know that you have not been forgotten.

I couldn't possibly start back at the time when I first arrived in France, so I shall have to confine myself to giving you just an idea of what I am doing now and what I was doing before. We didn't leave England until quite a long time after D-Day because it was our job to get most of the other boys over here and see that it was done with as little difficulty as possible. Whenever large groups of personnel are moving as they did from England there are a great many details to attend to so that the troops are as comfortable as they can be made. Even though we were late in leaving England I wouldn't say that we missed all that was going on over here at that time. To begin with most of us felt the punch of the roboms in England, and when we did come over we moved into a spot which had been taken only a day or two before. I won't say that it was as rough as some of the other boys have had it, but again it wasn't like the life that you would lead in good old USA. I have since remained in this one place without moving except to take a short trip from here to surrounding towns. We have to do quite a bit of traveling, but it is confined to the immediate area.

At times recently I have wondered if I was not back in the States. For some strange reason I had thought that when I came overseas, I would have more work to do and I would be bothered less with the small details and intricacies of Army life. That is not the case. We have an inspection every Saturday and we lead the same sort of life only the people we see outside of the Army don't speak our language. Pretty rough! We do work harder, but even that is coming in spurts now and so I wouldn't be at all surprised if we were to move on soon.

Most of our time has been occupied with operating a railroad

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connected with a depot. This has meant close cooperation with the French through the whole six months but we managed to work it out and have things running smoothly now. I was rather amazed to find that the little French I had when I was in school would come to the fore, but never having spoken it before I had a lot to learn. I have improved no end but I have also discovered that it is strictly a railroad French which does little good outside, I can parlez with the people we work with from day to day and understand anything that they have to say providing that it concerns the railroad.

At this time we are rather busy since we have been cut in our personnel. It may not last too long. I hope not since I have been trying to get out of this spot for about three months. I've stayed here longer than I have any other place in the Army and I am now getting restless.

Once again I want to thank you all for your thoughtfulness and for all the attention that you have shown me. I don't deserve any of it for the way I have neglected writing.

GERALD BLIEK, Italy (2-3-45) -- I have received the two Christmas packages that you so thoughtfully sent me, yesterday afternoon. The gifts were very appropriate indeed, especially the food! I imagine some of you people remember how much I enjoy eating, well the army hasn't changed me a bit. In fact being in the open ten or twelve hours a day has whetted my appetite if anything.

I also received an edition of the Rochester Trust News the other day. It is still as interesting as ever, in fact I would say that this issue is about the best. Some of the articles were very interesting, but from my point of view, the pictures were what "made" this issue.

EDWARD BATES, Atlantic Area (1-31-45) -- Just another of those annual letters of mine, and although I am easily distracted as you may have discovered by now, I really do mean well.

And even now after such a lapse of time between my letters, I still haven't much to offer you. I had made up my mind to tell you about myself and just what I have been doing. But now I find that there is really not very much to tell you about that would interest you. So the best thing I can do is talk about the bank and employees. Much to my surprise I received a copy of the R.T. News yesterday, the November copy to be exact. It was sent to an Escort Carrier in the Pacific by mistake. The names always do get mixed up, it's name is Chenango. We get more of their mail by mistake than we do our own. And there is a fellow named Edward Bates aboard who always opens my mail by mistake, of course. He and I apologize to each other by writing notes on the back of the envelopes. It gets kind of boring at times and speaking of time, we have plenty of it. I just can't help liking a paper like that. It really does keep us up with the activities of the many employees it now has. My compliments again to those that make it possible for us. And that new added attraction of the pictures of all of you is really the tops. We not only know that there are now members of the organization but can see them and it isn't a bad way to spend the evening just looking either. I assure all you girls that you surely have received your share of gazing from the fellows here and even though I have only had it just a few hours, Now they believe what I have been trying to tell them about the Rochester women. Of course, I have a nerve putting all the blame on the fellows, I certainly have taken more than one look myself. Sure wouldn't mind cruising around among that array of lovely faces when I get back. Don't keep your paint and powder on girls, you're more fun with your hair down and the boys aren't home

yet anyway.

I was just wondering if Howard Hilliker has that drawer full of cigarettes or not? Or is that a thing of the past, Howie? When are you going to make them break out their ration points?

As for myself I am still getting up early, going to bed early and wishing that I was home when it comes chow time.

Thanks again for the pleasant evening that the magazine supplied it was great. And please see that it comes again soon.

I want to take time out here to thank all of you for the swell Christmas packages that I received, also the many cards and last but far from least the money order. That is something that really comes in handy. It was all greatly appreciated and put to very good use. Thanks to all of you again. I know all of you had a hand in it.

So long for now. I will write a little sooner next time.

LAWRENCE LUESCHER, Camp Upton (1-24-45) -- Right now, as I sit here at my desk writing to you, I feel as if I'm back in the Trust Department on the last day of the year - or I might say in the Income Tax Department, a week before the tax deadline. In other words, my desk is piled high with papers in wire baskets, papers under paper weights, papers with rubber bands around them and just loose papers.

Since the first of the year, this office has been delayed with work, but we are finally beginning to make some headway against the accumulated work. It seems that night duty follows me wherever I go, for we have been here every evening for a couple of weeks, as well as Sundays. However, I can truthfully say that even at that, there is something about this work that I like, Try to figure that out!

Since the first of the year, I have been doing officer's pay and so far I found it the best and most interesting job in the office. A WAC is supposed to be helping me, but she smashed her foot a week ago and has been in the hospital ever since. So officer's pay has been a one-man department these days, everyone else being too busy with his own work to be of much help.

Many of the officers have recently returned from combat areas, and the tales that they tell would make good material for any writer.

From all reports, Rochester, along with the rest of Upstate New York is having about five winters rolled into one this year. Here, on the Island, we have been more fortunate for we have been without snow much of the time, and have only four or five inches now. However, last night it turned bitter cold, with a high wind off the ocean which whistled through every crack of every building in camp. I don't ever remember it being so cold before. One officer who stopped at the office this morning had just returned from a long assignment at some post in the tropics. He said that he didn't realize it could get this cold anywhere in the world and I imagine how he felt, after years under a boiling sun.

I have applied for officers candidate school in Finance, and managed to have my application approved by this post and forwarded "through channels". But there is many a slip 'twixt Washington and O.C.S. and I am not too optimistic. My eyesight is under par, for one thing.

Congratulations to all for what sounds like a very successful New Business Contest. The end-of-the-year bank statement looks very promising and reflects, I'm sure, plenty of hard work on everyone's part.

NORMAN STEINMILLER, Memphis, Tenn. (2-2-45) -- How is everything back at the bank? I see the contest has ended. Boy, that was some contest.

Well, we have five more weeks of school left. We have to check

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out in code and radio gear. We have three weeks of radio school and two weeks of radaar. When I leave here I will probably be sent to Purcoll, Oklahoma, for gunnery. If I go there I will probably be a helldiver.

We have two periods of code, four periods of plane phase, one period of athletics and one period of watch standing. If I pass my code check out Thursday, I will probably be a S 1/c. We have graduation dance Monday the 19th and graduation exercises on Saturday the 24th. We don't have to go to school that Saturday. When we leave here we will have the toughest part of our training done. All we'll have left is five weeks of gunnery and three or four months of operational.

Well, I have to knock it off now as I have to clean up the barracks. We moved to a different barracks Wednesday. We have to change barracks in three more weeks when we start radaar school. They are calling me now so I have to get busy.

FRANK SCHMIDT, Italy (1-8-45) -- I was so pleasantly surprised when I received the \$25. Money Order. I would greatly appreciate it if you would extend my deepest thanks to all responsible, for such a generous gift. I have received so many wonderful gifts from the Officers and Employees and now this money order from the bank. I feel very fortunate to be attached to such a wonderful organization. You have been doing a swell job of keeping up my morale. I'm looking forward to the day that I can return and settle into the good old routine.

We are now getting more than our share of rain and cold weather. We don't mind it too much because we have a good dry building to work in and our tents are warm and comfortable. I can't complain about this set-up and feel very fortunate to have been assigned here.

I'm slowly, but surely, getting on to the work and I can honestly say that I like it. It has been rather difficult getting used to clerical work again. Front-line duty seemed to have dulled my capacity for learning. Thank goodness it wasn't permanent. I was afraid at first I'd never learn but the cobwebs are clearing out of my head and I'm getting to be my old self again.

May the New Year bring Victory for the "Allies" and peace and happiness to the world. Please give my best wishes to all.

WALLACE SALE, Pacific Area (1-21-45) -- Indeed, your kindness completely stops me, for when I returned I found your cards and thoughtful birthday remembrance waiting for me. Let me say though I do wish I had known about it while I visited you so that I might have thanked you personally, however, I do appreciate the kindness you've shown me and may I sincerely extend to you all my heartfelt thanks.

Naturally in my absence, short as it was, much has happened and since I really haven't too much definite information I won't say much except that as I mentioned before we expect to leave sometime during the last part of this month. Let me assure you though I'll let you know the "results" just as soon as I can. I've a million things to do, and by comparison the time I spent in Rochester appears infinitely short.

For those of you who may be interested I will mention how good it seemed to be greeted by warm sunshine, green grass, and miles and miles of wonderfully smooth highways. While I was home I lost count of how many times I found myself entrenched in a snow bank or rut which probably can only be found on the streets of Rochester. However, I'm certain that by the first of February you and collective Rochester will also be thinking of spring and new hats too.

Until soon again, goodbye, and thank you again.

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HELEN VENEMA, Mitchell Field, N.Y. (1-7-45) -- It was unforgivable of me not to write you about a photograph, I know. However, am sure you will understand that the first few months of army life are pretty unsettled and hectic.

Tried to have one made while at Oglethorpe but everyone else had the same idea, of course, so gave up finally. Am just getting settled now and found this morning that our barracks is to move to another location on the field. We are not too happy about it, though the location is more select, we will be miles away from our respective offices. By miles, I mean across the field, and we walk always. It takes too much of one's precious time.

The old-timers tell us we were lucky in coming to Mitchell. It is a lovely field and quite convenient to New York, It seems like a paradise in comparison to basic training, which reminded me of a camp I went to as a child. We were treated like children, but I dare say, some deserved it.

Strangely enough, I find it less difficult to arise at the early hour of 6:15 here than 7:15 at home. However, I'm just as mog-eyed in spite of 15 minutes of P.T. The later, of course, is supposed to make us strong and beautiful, but the kettles in the mess hall look and feel as heavy to me now as the day I came in. You get K.P. on this Field up to Buck Sergeant so that should be an incentive, yes?

Remember Major Gilbert (WAC) one of the first Rochester women to enlist? She is here, Headquarters, First Air Force. They all say she is a grand person.

Will try to get you a picture soon. Hope you are surviving the old-fashioned winter in good style.

DWIGHT SAGE, Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y. (1-3-45) -- You have no idea how welcome were your Christmas gifts even to those of us who are fortunate enough to reside in comparative ease. I can picture the wide eyes of those opening the same bundles in far off lands. I wonder if even those who made up the bundles are aware of the breadth of their imagination in collecting the vast array of goodies and other nifties which I accordingly take this occasion to list: Canned lobster, sardines, herrings, chicken, ham spread, triscuits, shortbreads, figs candied fruit, cookies, nuts, yum yums, lemon snaps, dates, raisins, fig bars, socks, and game kit. Let me say that all items are most welcome and being rapidly consumed. Many many thanks to you all and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

GEORGE A. POINTON, California (12-27-44) -- Your present made it a real Christmas. The thought behind it doubled the pleasure. Thanks.

ROLAND H. HILFIKER, Philippine Islands (12-14-44) -- I received a couple of packages from the Servicemen's Fund (Christmas pkgs.). They arrived in good condition, and they sure were tasty. I want to thank you people for remembering us men so bounteously.

I received your last edition of the News and you sure have changed your furniture and improved the appearance of the different departments immensely. I'm sure I would almost lose myself if I were to walk in and make the rounds myself.

Nevertheless I'm going to make a statement that may not be permissible for me to make but I just can't let it go by and that is - to compliment the efforts and good taste of employment staff for picking so many charming young ladies to fill our vacancies. They surely should help increase the volume of business with their attractive well

dressed appearance and pleasing personalities.

I see that you had another one of your well planned and successful parties at Brook-Lea. I wish that I could have been there also, but, of course, that's an impossible wish. I hope that I may enjoy the life routine of a civilian soon. This is a life of real sacrifice - no going where you want to when you want to. But I have one satisfactory belief that the war will not last forever. So we will see each other some day.

Perhaps you haven't heard the news, but I'm sure that by now you must have, for all reports will be left up to you to answer. I have an opinion but I can't express it in words. I would like to give you a good picture but when I return there will be no one to censor or proof read the talk.

When I read the articles which Frankie, Herbie and some of the others write, I feel ashamed about my little note which doesn't say anything about what I'm doing. It seems as though censorship might be more strict in some areas than in others. But as I said before, I will try to give you people a word picture of what I have seen when I return.

Keep up your good work back there and I will try to do my best over here to keep things moving so that we may be happy civilians again.

Well it's time for me to say finis and I hope you all have the Merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROY LOUDEN, France, (12-10-44) -- I received the birthday card you sent me with the money order in today. It was nearly timed perfectly. I want to thank you for it and all the grand Christmas presents you sent. They came just far enough apart to make everything perfect for me. Christmas lasted nearly a month on your packages alone.

Outside of the packages we have been receiving life has been rather monotonous at least for me. We don't get much of a chance to roam around although I have covered a great many miles in France. The only time we get to see anything of the country is when we are moving from one place to another. Even then all we see is where we have been, its very seldom that we see where we are going when riding in the rear of a G.I. truck.

As far as living conditions are concerned we probably live as well as if not better than any other combat outfit. I'm living in a pyramidal tent; we have a stove, electric lights and a radio. Right at this moment we are listening to Goy Lombardo's band, George Burns and Gracie Allen's program just went off the air. Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald were also with George & Gracie. The radio is an Italian one that the boys bought in Naples. It has a nice tone but isn't too powerful. It is working better tonight than it has in quite some time.

I have a folding cot to sleep on and I found an air mattress a couple of months ago. It had a few holes in it (shrapnel) but I managed to get it patched up through the kindness of a Frenchman and am now making good use of it.

The little bit of French that I speak has come in very handy at times but I don't expect to get much more use of it from now on. I have trouble now understanding the civilians on the few occasions that I do get to speak to them.

I am enclosing some money that we are paid over here. It isn't real French money. it's the money issued by the Military Gov't but it buys us what we want if and when we can find anything to buy. I'm enclosing a 10 Franc note, a 5 Franc note and two 2 Franc notes. It is supposed to be equivalent to 38 cents. Actually one cent ought to be worth

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about 10 Francs. The Jerries valued the mark at 20 Francs. At that rate the German soldier is paid nearly as much or more than the American soldier. Figuring on the basis of 20 Francs to a Mark then a Mark is worth 40 cents. I don't know what a German soldier receives a day but if he is paid 4 or 5 Marks, he has as much as an American at least while he was in France.

I'll have to be signing off. It is getting late and I am tired. Thanks again for the packages and money order. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROLAND HILFIKER, Philippine Islands, (3-2-45) -- I'm quite dissatisfied with my unforgetable and non-apologetical attitude for not writing, it really is unfair to you people who have been so fair and faithful in your appreciative acts, as shown by your many packages and papers, which prove to be of great necessity.

I can't think of any one fact that I could enlarge upon so as to make a well rounded paragraph, but I could mention the fact that the new faces are attractive enough to bring in some of the increased business of course, this is passed on to you people as a real compliment. Individual names might cause some slight bit of embarrassment so I will not mention but it sure would be no great crime. I hope that I might be able to make the necessary introductions some day.

How is Bill Martin, Bill Underwood, Eugene DeWitt, Charlie Hyland, Emma Jane Vayo, and numerous others I could mention? But I would have to take hours to put them down, and then too, I don't know the new ones.

I know the older employees and I like to show my interest by finding out how they are. These old employees, I know, sure have a lot of wit and good sense; and I'm acquainted with some of the new employees but Arline Korth and Marian Schaefer look to me like they're lots of fun. I hope that I haven't caused any ill feelings among you folks. I guess it would have been better if I would have never mentioned any such thing.

If you people have an idea you want to send me something, well, here is the answer - razor blades - double edged.

Here's my parting words until as such time permits me to write again. I hope that you are all well and happy and keep the home front hot while we try keep the fighting front hot for Tojo.

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thank you"
Pfc. Roland Hilfiker, you gave
us a good idea ~ Your mention of various members of home
office force in foregoing letter, brought to mind the fact that the memory of
some of our boys, who are also thousands of miles away, at home or abroad, may
not be as good as yours, as to names, initials and departments, often hard to
recall after so long an absence.

Just as a helpful reminder of those at home we shall print in the very
next issue, department by department, the names of all home office folks. You
can then run down the list and easily recall persons and scenes. Sort of a
wartime directory of Old Home Office friends, to aid you in your correspondence.

Broadway Gossip

Tips on Theatres and Restaurants ~ Plus
News of Camp Upton Now Booming ~

By Pfc. Lawrence Luescher

AFTER going through a period last fall when it was almost deserted, Camp Upton has begun to boom again and is once more alive with activity. It is now a Convalescent Hospital for returning overseas men, who have been pouring in in large numbers since the first of the year.

Not since the early days of the war, when thousands of new inductees each week began their Army career here, has the camp been so busy. The post theatre, which a few months ago showed movies nightly to audiences of a dozen or two, now has to close the doors and turn customers away often, because there is no more room. The lines at mess halls, and the poor old post bus, which used to creak and groan its way along with a lone occupant or two, now runs in sections, with the riders bulging out the doors like a noon bus on the State Street to Clinton Avenue run.

This office of ours has suffered growing pains along with the rest of the camp, and we have increased our organization by the extent of several new Finance men, one Coca-cola machine, and four new "No Admittance" signs. The carpenters also visited us recently and changed the office around to give us more room. They also moved the partition which separates us from the Camp Upton branch of the local bank with the result that we now have additional floor space at the expense of the poor bankers.

Twice recently I have been able to get into New York, and have seen two of the newer musical comedies. "Up in Central Park" offers nothing too exciting in the way of songs or dancing, but its settings and costuming are beautiful, and it is playing to full houses. "Bloomer Girl", which I saw last Saturday, is much the better show, and makes for an excellent evening. Its score is fine, plus some gorgeous costumes, clever dancing by Joan McCracken, and a good performance by Celeste Holm. (There must have been men in it, too, but I don't seem to remember them!)

For those of you who are especially fond of good food, I can recommend heartily a little place on West 51st Street, the Golden Horn, which is really out of the ordinary. The cooking is Armenian, and any of you have eaten "shish kebab" will know the reason for my enthusiasm. For those of you who haven't, I'll explain that it consists of filets of lamb, mushrooms, onions, and tomatoes, broiled on a spit over a charcoal fire. If any of you are interested, you can tuck the address away in your memory until some time when you visit New York.

The midnight curfew was in effect in New York last week-end of course, and it seemed very queer to hear the waiter admonishing the customers that there would be no more drinks sold after 11:25. By a few minutes past midnight, the place was deserted. Of course, since then Mayor LaGuardia has granted the extra hour in New York City, be it for better or for worse.

It seems that this letter has degenerated into a Broadway gossip column,
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Los Angeles RED CROSS PUBLICITY

handled by office of former Rochester Trustee

BY MARY DAVIS BATES

EVER since receiving the February issue of the Rochester Trust News I have been trying to set aside a few minutes to write and thank you, but some unexpected matter always pops up. Today I am taking time regardless of floods, hurricanes, or volcanic eruptions (but you understand, of course, that California never has any such misfortunes) because I did enjoy so much reading about the old Rochester Trust gang, whether they were still there in the office, or now in the service. It is almost like a trip home to pick up the Rochester Trust News and read its many interesting pages.

I am enclosing a program we used here at a Prisoner of War Meeting, because it contains a very good map of all the German Camps and Hospitals. You may have seen one of these before, but just in case you haven't I thought it would be interested to you and the other members of the Bank because you can locate the Camp where Orr Fraser is. This I have circled in pencil.

Did I tell you before that I am now Office Manager of this advertising agency, and that we handle all the Red Cross Publicity and Advertising for this area? That is why we have been so terrifically busy the past three months, preparing for the present campaign. It is now going over with a bang and I think will be the best we have ever had, going way over our quota, in spite of the fact that the Motion Picture Industry strike will cut us down perhaps a half million dollars. This Prisoner of War Meeting was just one of many things we planned and it was a huge success. Wish you could have been here to listen to the hundreds of interesting stories the men told (outside of this formal meeting).

Went to the Bank this noon and on the way out picked up the enclosed literature, thinking you might be interested in seeing what the Banks out here were doing in the way of advertising material. Don't know how old this is, but it was out on the counter for present distribution.

My husband and his ship have been doing their bit at Iwo Jima and I know you will all be happy to know, as I was, that his first letter arrived just two days ago, along with one from a Marine in the 4th Division that landed on Iwo first, and both came through with flying colors.

My best to everyone at the bank.

FOR OUR BOYS *in Service*

Coming IN NEXT ISSUE:- *More interesting articles, more home office news to surprise and delight our members who are thousands of miles away.*

Welcome TO THE NEWCOMERS

BY MARION E. JACKSON

It is rather difficult to keep up with the newcomers, there have been so many changes in the personnel of the Bank recently, but we have two new young ladies in the Statement System with whom you should become acquainted. The first is Kathleen F. Smyth whose home is in East Rochester. Last summer Kathleen worked at the Rochester Manufacturing Company where she soldered tips on thermometers to be used on planes. In the Fall she gave up her job to go to Nazareth College. After completing one term, she had the urge to go back to work, so, two weeks ago, she joined the Rochester Trust family.

Mrs. Mary S. Birch is the second of this pair I should like you to know. Mary is the wife of Pvt. Hugh C. Birch, who is stationed somewhere in the Philippines with a Harbor Craft outfit. Before her marriage to Pvt. Birch she was a time clerk at the Taylor Instrument Company. When I inquired if she could think of anything interesting to tell about her, she looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and said, "You might tell them about Buzz." Buzz (Hugh C. Birch, Jr.) is Mary's ten months old son of whom she is just terribly proud. He stays at home with his grandmother in Scottsville, while Daddy is fighting the war and Mother goes to business. I asked Mary if she had any special hobby besides Buzz and she replied, "I am very fond of dancing, but right now all I think about is getting this war over in a hurry so my husband and the rest of the boys can come home."

Eddie Wisler has a new assistant these days also. Richard C. Gardner, a tall (6 foot 3 inches), dark and handsome young chap can be seen hurrying about the Bank on errands every afternoon after school and on Saturdays. Dick, who is a Junior at West High School, is quite an athlete. He has won his letter for Football playing left tackle on the regular team and he has hopes of earning his letter for Track during the current season. His specialty in track is the shot put. Dick plans to go on to College after graduation if he does not have to go into service. He has a brother, Joseph H. Gardner at the University of Rochester now in the V-12.

Once again we are happy to say to our newcomers, "Welcome, it is nice to have you with us and we hope your stay will be a long and pleasant one."

EAST SIDE OFFICE NEWS

Mrs. Nina M. Dembs, of our Branch office, has been away from work for six weeks recuperating from an emergency operation for appendicitis. We are very happy to be able to report, however, that she had made splendid progress and returned to work for a portion of each day beginning March 19th.

Mrs. Mary C. Nally, also from the Branch, has gone to San Diego, California to be with her husband who is in the Navy there, waiting to be shipped out. The folks at the branch had a card from her saying, "It is perfectly beautiful out here. Everything is just fine so far, but I don't know how long it will last."

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THE HONOR ROLL

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47 ROCHESTER TRUSTERS ATTEND *the 40th Annual Banquet of Rochester Chapter American Institute of Banking* By Marion E. Jackson

THE 40th Annual Banquet of the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, was held February 20th in the Ballroom of the Seneca Hotel. There was a splendid turnout this year in view of the fact that so many of the oldtimers are now serving with the armed forces, and most of the young ladies had to come minus an escort. Between 425 and 450 guests filled the hall to capacity, 47 of whom represented the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company. The Chapter Officers and guests of honor were seated at the usual speakers' table, while the other guests were seated at round tables set for ten each. Scarlet and white was the color scheme this year and the decorations were most effective. The food was very good, there being just one complaint to make; the service was so fast that unless you held your plate with one hand while you switched from the entree to your salad, you were apt to have it snatched from under your nose with your meal but half finished. That is most unusual in this day and age when the usual objection is that service is so poor.

Bruce Percy, President of the Chapter, acted as Toastmaster, and Reverend Alfred L. Bock of the Church of Reformation, gave the Invocation. William C. Way, National President of the American Institute of Banking, was with us again this year. This is the second year in succession that he has attended our banquet. He outlined for us the plans the Institute is making to assist the servicemen when they return after the war, and he also told in what ways some of the chapters are doing their part in the war effort and carrying on in the absence of so many of their members.

The speaker of the evening was Charles Milton Newcomb, M.A., who had selected as his topic "How to be Happy Though Educated". Mr. Newcomb was a humorist and proved to be very entertaining. He won the undying gratitude of everyone present in the first few seconds of his talk when he informed them he was looking for people to join a new movement he was sponsoring; namely, "The S S S F I D", meaning "The Society for Softer Seats for Institute Dinners", and asked everyone who was interested in joining his movement to rise. Everyone was on his feet in an instant; you see they had been sitting there for about two hours up to this point, and I am sure they would have stood for anything that gave them an opportunity to stretch.

It was nearly eleven o'clock before the introductions and speeches were finished and the room cleared for dancing. Red McIntyre and his orchestra provided music and dancing continued until one.

As a special feature this year, Mabel Smith was present to conduct her "Merry Musical Mixers". These are a combination of dance figures and musical games including everything from the stately Grand March to that familiar old child's game, Drop the Handkerchief.

All in all, the 40th Annual Banquet will go down in the records as another Chapter success with but one criticism, there were about ten young ladies to each gentleman present. Did I hear someone say, "What makes you think that is anything to criticize?" All right, I suppose it all depends on whether you were one of the "tens" or the "ones".

More HOME OFFICE news

JOHN DAY PICTURED IN "ROCHESTER COMMERCE"

PAGE 99 of the annual report number of "Rochester Commerce" - a big husky 160 page issue dated Feb. 25, 1945 - was of particular interest to Rochester Trust readers, for on that page appeared the picture of our own Assistant Secretary John P. Day, the 1945 Commerce Club president, receiving the gavel from retiring president Kenneth G. Stuart.

The accompanying article told how the club was organized nine years ago with a mere handful of members, how the members have met on Friday noon from October to June and how the club has grown bigger and bigger year by year.

To quote: "An average of 120 men gather for the fun and fellowship of this senior Chamber's popular Luncheon Club".

Glad so see you, John, as the presiding officer; we know your wit and wisdom will make your year an outstanding one.

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OLIVER GIVES TWO TALKS ON FEDERAL INCOME TAX

UP in the large directors room on the fourth floor on the afternoons of February 7 and 9, Assistant trust officer Ralph J. Oliver gave two talks on the Federal Income Tax, the first concerning changes in the act and the second the actual making out of a sample return.

Rochester Trust members attending both talks included: John Craig Powers,

Willard I. Luescher, Harry L. Edgerton, Harry W. Sage, Willis P. Martin, Russell D. Harder, Thomas J. Sercu, Joseph B. Marts, Claire A. Breese, Burch W. Munderback, while Edward L. Williams, Ellsworth H. Rosser, Albert D. Stewart, Jr., Charles H. Goodenough, John E. Bond, George J. Schwab, David K. Wright, Charles H. Jardine, all got in on the first talk only and Grove B. Brewer on the second.

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GLORIA GANGROSS LEAVES FOR PROVIDENCE, R.I.

ON February 14 the trust department lost another of its valued members when Gloria Gangross departed for Providence, Rhode Island, to be with her husband Q.M. 2/c Edward H. Gangross, Jr., who is an instructor at the P.T. Boat Center at Melville, R.I.

We shall all miss Gloria greatly and our good wishes go with her in her new home.

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LUESCHER AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON

HOME office folks were delighted to read in the Democrat & Chronicle of February 11 that our own Pfc. Lawrence F. Luescher had been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon at Camp Upton, N.Y. Congratulations, Lawrence.

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DON VANAS GETS DUPONT FELLOWSHIP

GOOD news came to Mrs. Orra Vanas on March fifth when her son "Don" studying for his doctors degree in Chemistry at U of R, was awarded a fellowship by the DuPont Company for one year's research work, the first award of its kind at the U of R.

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DAY PRESIDES AT BIG CHAMBER MEETING

AS newly elected president of the Commerce Club of the Chamber of Commerce, our own Assistant Secretary John P. Day, presided at one of the largest of the club's winter

meeting, held at the Chamber, Friday noon, February 23, 1945, when there was shown on the screen, Major Clark Gable's great picture in technicolor, entitled "Combat America".

Devoted to a single unit, the 351st Bombardment Squadron which flies B-17 Flying Fortresses, the picture followed its career from the hour it hopped off for England, where it became part of the Eighth Air Force, through its final operational training abroad, and through the real thing until their missions were numbered by dozens. The picture portrayed how it became part of a great armada that penetrated Germany.

A big overflow gathering was on hand to see the picture. Dave Harvard led the singing.

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GEORGE KLINE RETURNS TO AUDITING DEPARTMENT

GEORGE E. KLINE returned to his desk in the Auditing Department early in March, following his visit to the office as related on page 26, and proceeded to dig into the office detail which he skipped during his illness.

"To all who sent me cards, letters and fruit during my absence, I want to express my heart felt thanks", said George.

Glad to have you back, George!

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MRS. KINGSLEY RETURNS FROM FLORIDA

MRS. ARTHUR R. KINGSLEY, President Hawks' secretary, returned to the office Monday, March 12, after a brief sojourn in Lake Worth, Florida, where she enjoyed the tropical sunshine in contrast to the icy blasts of our northern winter.

Aside from being airsick, flying both ways, she was most enthusiastic about the attractions and benefits of life in Lake Worth where she has visited

before.

Said Mrs. Kingsley:—"After our winter in Rochester, Florida summer is wonderful! It was in the 80s every day and ideal weather all the time. Flying any distance was a new experience for me and I must admit it was a thrill to leave winter in the morning and be in summer in the afternoon, but airsickness sure is something and long distance flying is out as far as I am concerned in the future."

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SIX ADDRESS RECENT OFFICERS MEETINGS

SPEAKERS at regular Tuesday morning officers meetings during February and March have been: February 13, Real Estate Report for 1944 by Russell D. Harder; February 20, Trust Report for 1944 by Elliott W. Gumaer; February 27, Miscellaneous Services and Revenues by Eugene N. DeWitt; March 6, Qualities of Salesmanship by Harry L. Edgerton; March 13, Casualty Insurance by Roy A. Duffus; March 30, Provisions in Wills and Trusts for use of Principal, by Fay E. Wright.

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BROADWAY GOSSIP

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but at least it is one subject on which the Army will let us write without restriction.

I guess I forgot to mention before that I finally became Pfc the first of the year. The Army must have figured that if I'm fated to remain a private the rest of my career, I might as well be a first class one.

Thanks to all of you, through the Service men's fund for the fine little address book which came several days ago. I am putting it to good use, for I am always jotting down people's addresses with the intention of writing to them even though I never do get around to the letters.

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Visitors AT THE

HOME OFFICE during

February and March

Feb. 13,1945,LUCILLE M. SHULL and her husband Cpl. Clair R. Shull,home on 22-day furlough from Turlock, California. After visiting their old home town Dansville,N.Y.,they came to Rochester to see all their Rochester Trust friends.

Turlock, Lucille says, is in the San Joaquin Valley of California and is a great district for growing melons.

Lucille was her gracious and charming self and Cpl. Shull was indeed the picture of health. Glad to see you Lucille and Clair.

Feb. 21,1945, CHARLES WINKELHOLZ,SK 1/c of the Genesee Valley Trust Company, home from Hawaii, on 30-day leave. He came to home office to meet his banking friends and,incidentally, to tell us how much he enjoyed reading the letters written by his old Rochester Trust friends in service in all parts of the world, through the pages of the Rochester Trust News which our own Arline Korth has been mailing to him.

While in Hawaii Charles paid a visit to Lt.(jg)Jack Baumer on board the Tennessee. With Jim Cullen,also of Genesee Valley,he also located our own George Pointon in Hawaii with whom they had a delightful visit talking over their pre-war experiences in the Rochester banking field.

One of the high spots of his home office visit was his

look in on G.Austin Christa amid his charming assistants,visiting the very scenes he had seen pictured in pages of R.T.News. Glad to see you Charles.

Feb. 27,1945,MARJORIE A. KOHL who spent last summer with us in the Voucher department,returned to Main office for visit while home from Spring Vacation at Bucknell University , Lewisburg,Pa., where she is taking a biology course.

Marjorie was her charming self; expressed her delight with life at college. Her brother Lt.Walter A. Kohl of the Army Air Corps. was about to go overseas,she said.Glad to see you,Marjorie.

March 10,1945,GEORGE E. KLINE whose illness has kept him from the Auditing Department recently,visited home office Saturday morning,following up a letter which he wrote us saying he was "on the way". George was looking much better after his trying illness, and the last we saw of him was tipping back in a big swivel chair while the gals and fellows formed a circle around him and extended their greetings. Glad to see you about George ! Keep up the good work !

March 12,1945,PFC. HELEN VENEMA,WAC,home on three-day pass from Mitchell Field,N.Y. paid home office a visit on Monday morning,to see all her old friends and rather proudly,to show her chevron,indicating her promotion to private first class.

On March 15, Helen said she would celebrate her six months service in the WACS, which she is enjoying immensely, as she explained, "after struggling through basic training".Glad to see you,Helen. You looked good to us ! Come in again when you get your coming furlough.

VISITORS CONTINUED

March 20, 1945, ENS. RICHARD C. MESSNER, USNR, who spent the summer of '42 in our Addressograph Department, returned to home office on Tuesday, March 20, resplendent in his great Navy coat and looking every inch of his 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " height. After leaving Home Office Dick spent some time at U of R, completed his midshipman course at Notre Dame, and then went to the Great Lakes Training Station at Chicago. Home on 10-day leave he was bound for Line Officer's School at Miami, Fla.

While at home office he was the center of attention, particularly among the feminine members who thought him quite handsome. While visiting in the modernized bookkeeping department which surprised him, he told of receiving the Rochester Times-Union of January 2, 1945 (on which his father is staff cartoonist) and of cutting out the photos of all the Rochester Trust members in the service, appearing in our Annual Statement. Glad to see you, Dick. Come again!

March 24, 1945, JOYCE C. WHITE, who left our New Business Department last fall to return to Briarcliffe Jr. college paid us a flying visit on Saturday morning. Smilingly vivacious as ever, Joyce was bubbling over with good cheer and excitement in anticipation of spending Easter in Washington, before returning to college to complete her course. Incidentally she stole a couple of looks over ye editor's shoulder as some of the pages of this issue of the News were being whipped into form. Glad to see you Joyce! Best wishes for your June Graduation!

March 24, 1945, PVT. WILLIAM J. PAULUS, accompanied by sister, Dorothy, of Trust Department, visited home office on Saturday morning, after his medical discharge from U.S.

Army. Bill joined the Anti-Air Craft division in 1943, trained at Camp Stewart, Georgia; Camp Haan, California, and other camps as well as the Marine Base at San Diego. He spent 8 months in active service in New Guinea, and was hospitalized for six months before his discharge. He returned home last month. Glad to see you, Bill. Come in often!

MORE HOME OFFICE NEWS

BACK TO GOOD HEALTH

ONE of the best pieces of news that Rochester Trusters have had in recent weeks is the word that Mrs. Hawks is well on the road to recovery from a severe attack of pneumonia. President Hawks had many anxious hours and the entire organization shares his relief that Mrs. Hawks is coming along so splendidly.

S/SGT. LILLICH PRISONER OF WAR

STAFF SGT. JOHN E. LILLICH, (Mark's brother) who was reported in our last issue as missing in France, is a prisoner of war in Germany according to a card received March 26.

MISSING IN ACTION

HOME office folks are hopefully awaiting better news as to the safety of Lt. John J. Miner, brother of our own Dortha Miner, of the auditing department, reported on March 18 as missing in action over Italy since February 28. He has been overseas since last August and holds the Air Medal, Presidential Citation and the Purple Heart.

FOUR KINDS OF PAPER

THIS issue of Rochester Trust News is probably the last to appear on heavy opaque paper since the War Production Board has reduced the weights of all papers to save sulphite for wartime purposes, as you may have noticed by thinner paper used in present day magazines and books. Incidentally, there are four different kinds of paper in this one issue of the news (which a close examination may reveal) - the last of present stocks on hand in our stockrooms.

All stencils were cut by Marian E. Schaefer and the pages were run by Shirley E. Ross on the office Mimeograph machine.

REVIEWS

THE Fort Ord PANORAMA

THE mails of February 2 brought to home office direct from our own Cpl. Wallace F. Sale, the January 26th issue (Vol.V-No.20) of Fort Ord "Panorama", that lively 8-page weekly, size 10"x 17", filled with news and photo reproductions of Fort Ord activities.

Thank you, Bud, for sending this issue which was displayed on our Bulletin Board, and then placed in safe keeping for your return.

THE PHILIPPINES Wing-ding

THE mails of February 5, brought to home office from our old Union Trust friend and A.I.B. officer, Pfc. Meyer Goldstein, the January first issue (Vol.1-No.20) of The Philippines WING-DING, issued by the 91st Photo Reconnaissance Wing, a most attractive 8-page enameled paper job, size 6 3/4" x 9 7/8", typewritten with photos inserted and reproduced by the 960th engineers, with photo finishing by the Photo Tech. Unit.

The center page spread showed pictures of Christmas in the Philippines with titles telling about the turkey dinner, "all the boys agree-those Filipino girls are smooth dancers", the

all Filipino orchestra, passing out Christmas fruit and candy, and other interesting scenes.

"It's the custom" presented an interesting page telling the origin of cock fighting and its importance to the Filipino in the field of sport, and then directly opposite a page devoted to American sports.

Cartoons and comic strips are pulled down to reproduce in the papers small area also and the ever present Pin-Up girl labeled, "All this and heaven, too." "Jean Parker of Universal Pictures gives us an idea of one of the things we are fighting for".

Thanks, Meyer, this will be placed on our Bulletin Board and then kept in safe-keeping for your return.

THE FORT BLISS News

THE mails of February 17 brought to home office, direct from our own Lt. Theodore H. Batsford, the February first issue of the Fort Bliss News (Vol.II-No.48) a 16-page tabloid, size 11" x 17", published weekly by the Army Service forces stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Among the interesting news features is a page headed, "What's doing at Your Fort Bliss Service Club Next Week"; "Hollywood Furlough", written and illustrated by Sydney Landi; a page devoted to the weekly Religious Program, called "Your Chaplain's Corner"; a full page of lively cartoons, news of Fort Bliss Theatres; The Army Air Forces Exhibit at the Coliseum, starting February 9; two pages of sports; and all the other attributes of a real newspaper. Thank you Ted, for sending this to us. It was displayed on our Bulletin Board and will be held for your return.

Looking over THE EDITOR'S SHOULDER

Fort Bliss, Texas
2-6-45

Dear Editor:

I am looking forward to your next issue of the Rochester Trust News which I hope will be here soon. That publication should be awarded the Army-Navy "E" and everyone of you should receive a commendation for all your hard work that makes such a publication possible. It is Rochester's March of Time in words and pictures, and even though some are far away it brings us all together under one cover. How the boys overseas must appreciate such a publication.

---Lt. Theodore H. Batsford

A.I.B. HOLDS FORUM ON G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS ~

BY DONALD P. UMPLEBY

ROCHESTER Chapter, American Institute of Banking, conducted a forum on "The G.I. Bill of Rights" at the Rochester Business Institute Auditorium, the evening of March 15. Educational Director Alfred T. Hall announced the panel of speakers: Charles W. Carson, executive vice-president of Community Savings Bank, and chairman of the Clearing House Association Committee on G.I. loans, served as moderator. Arthur H. Crapsey, director of Monroe County Veterans Information Bureau, C. Everett Woodman, director of United Educational Service, F. Stanley DeVoy, assistant treasurer of Rochester Savings Bank.

Bruce Percy, President of Rochester Chapter A.I.B. invited all interested persons to attend. Among the sixty in attendance were Rochester Trusters Howard R. Chamberlain, National A.I.B. Executive Councilman and John W. Schenck.

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IT'S ALL FOR YOU, BOYS!

Rochester Trust's Military Service Council
Jean Rector, Chairman
Betty Shannon, Co-Chairman

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WON'T you please help two poor hard working girls who have had the Chairmanship of the Servicemen's Fund wished on them?

We would like some monthly ideas of things you boys and gals would like - surely, there must be something you want and can't get - or something you long for that is AMERICAN.

Nothing would please us more than to fulfill your wishes - if it is at all humanly possible. They tell us we are going to have to pull in our belts - as food is going to be scarcer, but who are we to complain - - just think what streamlined figures we will have when you return home OOH! La! La! - no bulges - here and there! - so if it is the food line you want - (we'll shake our fellow employees down for the red points).

On the enclosed V-MAIL - please list at least four things you would like and return it to us - please don't let us two girls down.

Mary Wilson Overseas ~

MARY A. WILSON of the Bond Department, who left us in January to join the American Red Cross as Staff Assistant with the Armed Forces in Recreational and Club work, is now overseas; and as soon as her address is received it will be placed on our Bulletin Board and printed in these pages so that her many home office friends can write to her. Goodluck, Mary!

Easter Greetings from France

THE first Easter Greeting to reach Home office came in the mails of March 26 from our own Pfc. Robert Hooek and was an illustrated V-Mail letter labeled "somewhere in France." Thanks, Bob, your message goes on the Bulletin Board at once.

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HOME TOWN

Highlights as selected from the newspaper headlines of February and March

Feb.1 - Rochester's dim-out also known as "Brown-out" began under orders of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, eliminating the use of electricity for outdoor advertising, show windows, marquees and other promotional purposes....Playing at Rochester's downtown theatres:-"Meet Me In St.Louis" - at Loews; Hedy LaMarr, George Brent, Paul Lukas in "Experiment Perilous" at R.K.O. Palace; Joan Fontaine, Arturo de Cordova in "Frenchman's Creek" at Regent; Gail Russell, Diana Lynn in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay"; Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews, Clifton Webb in "Laura" at Capital....Woolworth takes 40-year lease with Odenback Company for property on Main Street and Clinton Avenue South, extending from McFarlin Clothing Company to Liggetts Drug Store on the corner..Occupancy will not be taken until the post war period. Changes will not affect continuance of Hayward Hotel and Odenback's Coffee Shop....Simon N.Stein, leading industrialist, philanthropist and art patron, passes at 76. He was head of Stein-Block Company and Vice-President of Fashion Park, Inc. two nationally famous clothing firms.

Feb.2 - One hundred State Guardsmen shovel snow in three railroad yards to speed delivery of fuel, under emergency proclamation by Governor Dewey....More snow sighted;drifts still block highways.

Feb.3 - Army canned milk freed to meet local emergency caused by storm conditions.

Feb.4 - German prisoners of war from the Hamlin stockade began an assault on the frozen bituminous coal piles in a Rochester coal yard in the first use here of Hitler's Reich in the fuel crisis....Dr. Arthur M.Johnson, Rochester health officer since 1932 to retire March 31, Public Safety Commissioner Thomas C. Woods announced. Dr. Johnson had reached the statutory retirement age of 70 last November 4....One thousand Rochesterians flocked to New York Central station to buy tickets to Buffalo to see the Ice Follies despite all warnings against unnecessary civilian travel.

Feb.5 - Public schools of Rochester and Monroe County and Parochial schools closed today;further fuel ban looms. ...City plows tackle new snowfall; forecast threatens new rail tieup. ...Italian folk music,dancing and gay costumes opened the Italian craftsmanchip exhibit in Memorial Art Gallery....Aquinas Memorial Stadium campaign for \$100,000 opens with special program over WHAM...Lucille Earls, member of the Manning five of the Buonomo and Genesee Leagues, was crowned 1945 Times-Union Classic Champion,after edging her teammate Ruth Legler, by one pin in the final round of the rollofs.

Feb.6 - Schools reopen today as Stores continue closed in almost 100% compliance to the coal-conserving closing order...Popular cartoon comics appearing daily in the Democrat & Chronicle: They'll Do it Every Time,Blondie, Terry and the Pirates, Little Orphan Annie,Gasoline Alley, Dixie Dugan,Lil Abner,Moon Mullens, Mickey Finn,Grin & Bear It,Candy....Crowds go downtown to see "nothing" as city's theatres,department stores and bars close in compliance with fuel saving order. Drug stores,open, did rushing business....Milk released by W.F.A. arrives to feed babies.

Feb.7 - Smokers refuse to "give up", wait in lines just hoping for cigarettes.Dealers say "when the cigarettes are gone,they're gone."

Irondequoit High School. Cagers defeat Brockport 38-24...Engagement of our own Doris E. Reuss to Aviation Cadet George R. Hasselberg announced in Social Columns...West High subs upset Madison 41-33 in stiff basketball contest.

Feb.8 - Mrs. Emily Sibley Watson, wife of James Sibley Watson, banker and philanthropist, dies in her 90th year after three years invalidism. Mrs. Watson presented the first wing of the Memorial Art Gallery to people of Rochester with University of Rochester as its custodian, in 1913 and with her husband erected the wing which doubled the size of the original building in 1926...Norbert W. Wittman was elected assistant secretary in charge of the Union Trust Company's new Time Loan Department. He began his banking career as messenger of former Traders National Bank which was merged with the National Bank of Commerce into the National Bank of Rochester (second) which was later merged with Union Trust.

Feb.9 - Lifting of fuel ban fills stores and theaters in pre-holiday rush. ...Max Lowenthal & Sons, Clinton Avenue South, awarded Army-Navy E flag for achievement in production efforts, in making knitted clothes for servicemen, at exercises held at Monroe High School with Dr. Dexter Perkins, U of R history department head, as Master of Ceremonies with Army and Navy officials, representatives of the firm and the employees participating. ...Monroe High Cagers marched to their tenth straight victory by outclassing West 42-25 on Red-Jackets court.

Feb.11 - Democrat & Chronicle in front page editorial sends out emergency call for patriotic citizens to "get the snow-covered sewer laterals open" to avoid possible flood damage, aggravated by rain... Public urged to "cut strain" in Bus Crisis, as seven governmental

suggestions to improve local transportation service are advanced... Boy Scouts Sunday observed in city churches...First Junior "Town Hall" meeting to be held in a Rochester school, planned for Wednesday at Monroe High School with three pupils participating...Army tramples U of R for tenth straight 79-42 at West Point basketball game...Guardsmen return to civilian jobs after emergency storm service...Storm cuts bus trips, streets icy...Governor Dewey gets new rules on migrants in farm camps, as changes tighten state sanitary code... A. Albert Hill, rail veteran, with N.Y.C. 55 years, passes at 79.

Feb.13 - Two State Legislature bills seek new span over Irondequoit Bay, at Ridge Road in N.Y. State post-war \$1,500,000 highway plan... \$30,816 (102 percent of goal) raised by United Campaign of the Federation of Churches and the Council of church women, in final report meeting held in Brick Presbyterian Church. Augustus S. Mertz and Mrs. Walter W. Post, Co-Chairman.

Feb.14 - Bond Clothes plan post-war factory covering 650,000 square feet in North Goodman street, on 5½ acre tract. New plant to employ between five and six thousand persons. With completion of new plant Bond Clothes will employ 10,000 persons in its two Rochester plants. Barney Ruben is President...Mrs. Adole H. Clark wills estate of \$605,197 net. Three sons inherited \$190,874 each. Rochester Institute of Technology \$25,000 and Rochester Friendly Home \$5,000. With her husband, George H. Clark, industrialist and capitalist, she had contributed since 1890 a total of approximately \$500,000 to Mechanics Institute, now known as Rochester Institute of Technology.

Feb.15 - Democrat & Chronicle shows photo of top of automobile protruding out of snow bank scene in lower state street in "1 hour parking zone" locked in since night of December 10, where it will probably remain until

Spring....O.P.A. launches city check-up on rent rates as 8 investigators seek evidence of violations as to whether over-ceiling rents are being charged, whether landlords failed to register their properties; whether landlords have failed to report changes in tenants as required by O.P.A. regulations....Monroe High Cagers trample Marshall 43-26.

Feb.16 - Zero weather sighted in wake of rain, mild thawing....U. of R. expands courses in engineering.... Historic Powers Building at Four Corners passed from hands of Powers family to group of local investors headed by Isaac Gordon, Rochester businessman. John Craig Powers, Rochester Trust Chairman of Board, and last of the immediate family of Daniel W. Powers who built the nine-story structure in 1870 was one of the stockholders....Aquinas Stadium Drive tops \$100,000 goal by \$36,770.

Feb.17 - 300 workers open Music Fund Drive for \$34,000 in 16th annual Rochester Civic Music Association Campaign....Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, nationally known specialist in treatment of children's diseases, quits lucrative practice March 31st to take post of City health officer succeeding Dr. Arthur M. Johnson.... F.H.A. officials open clinic on Home building, explain priorities on materials in interviews at Chamber of Commerce....Army-Navy E awarded Culver Road plant of Commercial Controls Corporation where 1,500 workers assembled in colorful ceremony....Rochester ties with Kansas City, Mo. for fifth place in no-fatal-accident derby completing its 85th consecutive day since last fatal accident.

Feb.18 - Capt. F.S. Withington of Navy Ordnance at Washington received the 60 millionth wartime part manufactured by Bausch & Lomb Optical Company from Henry Krause, worker at the factory for 60 years, as M. Herbert Eisenhart, firm president looks on....Ex-Comedian Billy B. Van talks to employees of Stromberg-

Carlson Company as director of human relations of the Gear Shaper Company, Springfield, Vermont, using Stromberg-Carlson Sound equipment....Daw Drug stores take large display space in local paper headed "Sorry, NO CIGARETTES", explaining their policy in the cigarette situation....Curb on sports assumed unlikely according to opinion advanced by deputy director of war program, Lucius D. Clay, under war mobilizer James F. Byrnes....Bausch and Lomb Flying Club being organized among a group of 50 members of city's first industrial, business air group. ...Benny Goodman, plays his "hot clarinet" before packed house at Eastman Theatre Sunday evening Concert, as soloist with Rochester Civic Orchestra.

Feb.20 - Midnight curfew clamped on entertainment places by war mobilizer James F. Byrnes, effective Monday.... Congressional representative, George F. Rogers, came home from Washington to be feted by Monroe County Food Merchants Association before 400 friends at Hotel Seneca. "Washington" he declared to be the biggest maze ever a man got into....Lake yachtsmen announce international racing program for summer (suspended since 1941) as Rochester Yacht Club delegates return from Hamilton, Ontario, meet.... National A.I.B. President William C. Way of Cleveland, speaks at Rochester Chapter's annual banquet at Hotel Seneca. (See story elsewhere in this issue)

Feb.21 - Rochester Hospital Service Corporation announces higher premiums and increased benefits for 253,000 members....City's churches arrange midweek Lenten services.

Feb.22 - Weekly Bus pass hinted "out" by Rochester Transit Corporation president, in latest fare reduction of 4 tokens for a quarter in offer filed with Public Service Commission.... Thomas J. Craig, Manager of repair and film processing service, observes 50th anniversary with Eastman Kodak Company and compares 50-year old Pocket Kodak with its older and larger brother

made in 1888....O.P.A. reduces sugar quota for canning....McFarlin Clothing Company holds its 82nd Semi-Annual Oddment Clearance Sale, in spite of wartime difficulties.... Final returns counted in drive of Jewish Home for Aged for \$250,000 with but \$25,000 to be raised.... Playing at downtown theatres: Margaret O'Brien, Joe Iturbi, Jimmy Durante in "Music for Millions" at Loews, Walt Disney's "The Three Caballeros" at R.K.O. Palace; A.J. Cronin's "The Keys of the Kingdom" at Regent; Deanna Durbin in "Can't Help Singing" at Capital; Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Sonny Tufts in "Here Come the Waves" at Century.Frank O. Newell elected assistant Vice-President of Union Trust Company, in charge of Palmyra office. Newell began his banking career as messenger at Merchants Bank in 1923, served as teller at East Avenue office of Union Trust Company and was transferred to Palmyra office on January 1, 1938. He is Vice-Chairman of Wayne County War Finance Committee and treasurer of Wayne County Committee for National War Fund.

Feb.23 - Certificates awarded to 73 in Navy V-12 class at U of R.... Bruce Percy, president of Rochester Chapter, American Institute of Banking, elected assistant Trust officer of Genesee Valley Trust Company and receives congratulations of his many friends. Percy is adjutant of Yerkes - Couchman Post of American Legion, Member of Seneca Lodge, F & A M, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He joined Genesee Valley in 1929....J. Robert Murray elected Assistant Trust officer of Security Trust Company, having joined Security in 1935; as trust department auditor. Murray is a graduate of Niagara University. He received the congratulations of his many friends in the banking field.

Feb.24 - Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kenyon of Conrad Drive, Greece, named by Democrat & Chronicle as Man & Woman of the week, for having contributed

19 pints each to the Red Cross Blood Plasma Bank. Both are Kodak Park war workers. Their record is exceeded only by that of 2 men who have reached the 20 mark. The husband drove an ambulance in France for a year in World War I....Rabbi Henry Fisher of Temple Beth El to leave Rochester in September to become Rabbi of B' Nai Zion in Chicago. One of the largest and oldest of the Conservative Congregations of that city. He came to Rochester in 1939 to head Rochester's largest conservative Jewish Church at Park Avenue and Meigs Street..... Irondequoit High Basketball team subdues Brighton High, 53-40 in Brighton gymnasium before 1500 spectators. SRO sign posted at 7:30 o'clock.

Feb.25 - George H. Hawks, Chairman of Rochester Chapter of American Red Cross announced program for relief in case of flood here, under the direction of Elliot W. Gumaer, Chairman of the chapter's disaster preparedness and relief committee....2,000 spectators at Edgerton Park Sports Arena see Monroe High quint defeat Franklin High 56-41; and Hornoll's Red Raiders spanked Aquinas 49-38.

Feb.26 - Dynamiting crews watch ice packs in Genesee River opposite U of R River Campus in possible efforts to avert spring flood.... 100 tons of clothing and shoes pile high in Salvation Army warehouse as the fruits of all-day collection to bring succor to the stricken people of Poland....Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company begin a new series of illustrated historical display advertisements, highlighting Sibley's services of 77 years ago and that of the present day, Sibley's new slogan: "A great store with a greater future."

Feb.28 - Frank Niger, A.F.L. Union official elected city's Councilman-at-large succeeding Charles Lambiase, recently appointed judge of the State Court of Claims....Civic Music Association Campaign for \$84,000 goes over the top with \$4,140 to spare....Cost of snow removal tops million for this year. City Council appropriated \$600,000 last

night, on top of original appropriation of \$450,000 for snow work last fall....New York State Bowling Tournament scheduled to begin April 12 in Buonomo and Webber halls, cancelled in compliance with office of Defense Transportation request to ease strain on railroad, bus and hotel facilities.

March 1 - Upper Genesee River blasted to free ice jam....Leon DuBois, 43 years with Central Trust Company in charge of stockroom, celebrated 80th birthday at the bank with President Elmer Milliman, other officers and employees honoring him at surprise celebration. DuBois was presented with a gift of \$80....City headed for a decline and must get to work reversing that trend, says Robert E. Frederickson, new chairman of Chamber of Commerce Civic Improvement Committee in address at the Chamber.Monroe High eked out a 37-36 decision over East High; Madison wins over Jefferson 48-25.... Women's New York State Bowling tournament set for April 12, cancelled following an office of Defense Transportation request. ...Rouben Mamoulian, former stage director at Eastman Theatre in late '20's, now Hollywood film and New York Stage director and Azadia Newman, portrait painter, are married at ceremony at Peekskill, N.Y.

March 2 - Red Cross drive opens with dinner at Chamber of Commerce attended by 500 key workers of a total of 6,000 who will begin 17 day canvass of homes, offices, factories. This year's Rochester goal \$1,232,000. ...Beef, Pork ration points boosted sharply for March by O.P.A....New City Hall study begins by City planning commission who question department heads as to space requirements.

March 3 - Red Cross Clubmobile demonstrated in Main Street East, one of its activities to service men as pictured in Democrat & Chronicle.... City received new mechanical snow

loader "better late than never", first of city's newly ordered snow fighters. Cost \$5,000. Another machine, "Sno-Go" ordered some time ago was traveling to the city under its own power from Dubuque, IowaEast Rochester basketball team earns title in second half championship by defeating Brighton High before 2,500 howling spectators on the Edgerton Park Sports Arena floor to achieve their 11th victory in 13 games this season....Monroe High Cagers captured their third successive Interscholastic League Championship, a feat never before accomplished. They conquered Charlotte 45-24 at Charlotte.East High crushes Madison 41-34, on Main Street East Armory floor.

March 4 - U.S. Veterans Administration announces a new contact office in Rochester where discharged ex-service men may file applications for benefits under existing federal laws, first of seven such offices in up-state New York....Army outclasses Navy in Cage thriller, 50-48 winning the mythical eastern collegiate basketball championship at Annapolis... "Buffalo Bill rides again in Rochester man's memory - Cody resided here two years, children buried in Mt. Hope" headlines Arch Merrill in Sunday Democrat & Chronicle feature, in telling of memories of Robert J. Hicks of 221 Alexander Street who retired three years ago after long service with Rochester Savings Bank.

March 5 - Flood sends Genesee River over five roads reaching 19,500 foot flow a second over Court Street dam.... Dominic Guli, entered from Charlotte Halls Lighthouse League, put together a 669 total at Franklin Hall, to pace the first-round roll off at the Times-Union Classic as 67 bettered 600.

March 6 - Red Cross fund exceeds \$439,681 at first report meeting in Chamber of Commerce....Genesee River rises to season peak; floods highways, Families flee rising waters....Irondequoit High wins County Basketball title conquering East Rochester 31-24 in Sports Arena.

March 7 - 35 area women get sendoff to

to WAC medical contingent.... Red Cross shelters family periled by Genesee Flood.

March 8 - Red Cross Drive passes \$500,000 in the fifth day....Barge Canal repaired for April 2 opening.

March 9 - War Manpower Commission orders job control for women; plants holding top priority to benefit....O.P.A. officials plan probe of Taxi fare rise....Arthur M'Nall, pioneer automobile dealer who displayed the first Peerless limousine in the city and more recently engaged in Real Estate business, passes at 78.

March 10 - Internal Revenue office in Federal Building remains open until 8 p.m. beginning Monday, March 12 and until midnight on Thursday March 15, last day to file Income Tax Returns.Employees and officials of Lincoln-Alliance Bank & Trust Co. sponsored a dinner dance at Rochester USO Center Saturday night. Visiting service men and women vied for prizes of phone calls to their homes and guest dinner tickets for two at downtown hotels and restaurants.... James W. Gray, secretary of Rochester Savings Bank and former member of the board of Education was one of three leaders to address the City Club on Rochester's Future in planning, Education, Finance. Gray presented "Rochester's Number one Problem - Where do we Get the Money?" advocating that the city hold the line on expenditures until 1949 when the debt limit is automatically reduced by the State Constitution from $9\frac{1}{2}$ percent to 9 percent of assessed valuation. Second speaker was Dr. Mark Ellingson, president of Rochester Institute of Technology, who called for planning, for education that becomes a continuing process for all individuals regardless of age, and that provides the background an individual needs to do his work and insures for the country "the kind of citizens we want and the skills we need." Third speaker was Robert E. Ginna, vice-president of

Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce works program committee, who emphasized the interdependence of one part of the Community upon the other in the welfare of the whole. "Our fate as a city is definitely bound and tied with that of Monroe County and Monroe County in turn must deeply concern itself with measures which will affect the city."

March 12 - Times-Union presents following daily strip funnies: Our Boarding House, Out our Way, Joe Palooka, Popeye, Henry, Boots, Bringing Up Father, Abbie an' Slats, Red Ryder, Alley Oop, Barney Google and Snuffy Smith, Freckles and his Friends, Wash Tubbs.

March 13 Red Cross gets \$967,034, 78% of aim....Release of 100 workers to aid war work planned by Rochester's 4 breweries, making them available to the 13 critical Rochester war plants.

March 14 - Today was wage dividend day at Kodak, 31,015 employees in Rochester participating (up 4,300 from last year.)...23 million profit earned by Kodak in 1944, report shows....Rochester Bus Company profits for 1944 past half million mark....William T. Piper, president of Piper Aircraft Corporation, Lock Haven, Pa. talking before Rotary Club, said mass production of post-war planes will put price of cub around \$1500. , but expense of upkeep will be considerably more than that of automobile; an estimated 10,000 miles travel a year will be necessary to make post-war plane ownership economically worthwhile.

March 15 - Mercury climbs to 71 as Rochester gets real touch of Spring - 8 degrees above the previous reading for the date....West Ave. Methodist Church buys the 22 room Charles Everest home-stead at 56 West Avenue from the Community Chest, for a Community recreational center. Supreme Court Justice H. Douglass Van Duser approved the sale.

TRUST DEPARTMENT HOLDS BOWLING PARTY

to mark departure of Terence S. Riley
By Marion E. Jackson

WHILE the rest of the Rochesterians sat at home because of the "Four Day Amusement Holiday" brought on by the fuel crisis, Lady Luck beamed on the Trust Department, and, in spite of the fact practically all other social gatherings in the city had been cancelled, Terry Riley's Farewell Party was permitted to go on. Don't misunderstand, Mr. Riley is not a privileged character, nor was the committee in charge of arrangements unpatriotic, but it just so happened that in selecting a place for the affair the Brick Church Institute had been chosen, and since the Institute houses about eighty men, the building had to be heated anyway, so we were allowed to go ahead with our plans.

At five o'clock on the afternoon of February 8, fifteen would-be-champions gathered in the bowling hall to vie for the Trust Department Bowling Crown. Captains Stewart, Munderback and Riley led forth their teams, four young ladies apiece, and the battle was on. When the smoke of competition had cleared away about two hours later, the score sheets indicated that Fran Powers had run off with high honors with her 189 game and our guest of honor, Mr. Riley, was runner-up and high man with a 157. The Riley team, composed of Fran Powers, Dottie Paulus, Leona Roth, and Arline Korth, had copped high team honors. Mr. Stewart's group made up of Betty Mae Van Houte, Sllie Dunn, Marjorie Pultz, and Ginnie Wiley, and the Munderback outfit consisting of Gloria Gangross, Irone Hotzler, Flossie Schmidt and your reporter had been pretty evenly matched and ended in a very near tie.

By that time the other twelve guests, there were twenty seven present in all, had arrived and the party moved to the second floor where a delicious home cooked dinner was waiting. The committee had set the tables before bowling and they promptly donned aprons and did the serving. The whole atmosphere was much more informal than at most of our previous parties, but everyone seemed to enjoy the change.

After the dishes had been cleared away, additional lighted tapers were produced so that the room was lit solely by candlelight. Then Arline's trusty victrola was brought forth and Terry produced his Philco, which he had brought from home and then ensued a battle royal between the victrola and the radio, with folks dancing whenever they heard any music to their liking.

Marjorie Pultz had been in charge of arrangements and had done a grand job, ably assisted by Gloria Gangross, Dottie Paulus, Flossie Schmidt, Leona Roth, and yours truly. Everyone thought the Institute provided a splendid setting for such a gathering and we are looking forward to another bowling party there some time in near future.

A glance at the smiling faces of the bowlers in the pictures appearing on page facing this story is ample proof that everyone had fun even if they were not all champs. For the moment everyone had forgotten the real purposes of the party, but beneath all the gaiety was a deep feeling of regret at the necessity of saying farewell to Terry. We shall all miss him, but we are sure he will enjoy his new work and our very best wishes go with him.

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